



GOVERNOR OF THE YEAR award for the NBS governor Ivan Šramko

On 10 October 2008, during the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in Washington, the British magazine Emerging Markets awarded the Central Bank Governor of the Year award for Central and Eastern Europe to Ivan Šramko, the governor of the National Bank of Slovakia.



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According to Taimur Ahmad, the editor-in-chief of the Emerging Markets magazine, Ivan Šramko, the governor of the National Bank of Slovakia, received the important award for a successfully managed process of preparation for the introduction of the euro in Slovakia, particularly in the field of the corresponding Maastricht criteria – the exchange rate stability within the ERM II, as well as the maintaining of price stability under complicated conditions characterized by a fast growth of world raw material prices. According to Emerging Markets representatives, the credit for the fact that – thanks to good communication with the National Bank of Slovakia – European institutions have evaluated the macroeconomic develop-

ment in Slovakia, especially the relatively low inflation, as stable and sustainable, also goes to the governor of the National Bank of Slovakia.

Ivan Šramko, the governor of the National Bank of Slovakia, received a similar award two times already – in January 2006, the British monthly the Banker declared him the central banker of the year and in the same year he also received an award from Emerging Markets.

Last year, the Emerging Markets magazine awarded the award to Durmus Yilmaz, the governor of the Turkish Central Bank. Nominations for the awards are submitted by investors, bankers, economists, analysts and other experts.

Jana Kováčová, spokesperson of the NBS