



## Open Day in the NBS



For the third time in its 15-years history, the National Bank of Slovakia (NBS) opened up the rooms of its building to the public. This year, the open day in the NBS took place symbolically on Saturday 27 September 2008, the Euro Day. More than 3000 visitors, for which a rich program had been prepared, passed the gates of the National Bank of Slovakia on that day. In addition to visiting the 111 m high building with a unique view over the capital and its surroundings, the visitors could see three exhibitions: an exhibition of the European Central Bank on the euro, an exhibition on the history and

present of the Slovak currency and an exhibition of the works of students from the nationwide competition Euro in My Eyes.

The NBS has made accessible the meeting room of the Bank Board of the NBS, the office and conference room of the governor and the library. During the whole day, the visitors could discuss with experts assessing the authenticity of banknotes and their counterfeits and to view the exposition of the NBS Archives and of the Museum of Coins and Medals at Kremnica. In the atrium of the building, the visitors could see the historical manual coinage of



*The meeting rooms of the Bank Board in the 30<sup>th</sup> floor*



*The visitors was attracted by a beautiful view over Bratislava*



*The office of the NBS governor with the eurostar*



*The tour of the building continued in the library*



*The exposition of the Department of banknotes and coins of the NBS and of the NBS Archives*



*The visitors showed large interest in information materials*



*Mainly children could realize themselves in the atrium*



*Manual coinage of a counter in the presence of professionals*

counters, and in front of the bank building they could see a presentation of special technology used to transport cash along with an example of cash transportation. A unique opportunity was the possibility to see a gold bar. Within accompanying events, the citizens have had the opportunity to meet Ivan Šramko, the governor of the NBS, and Viliam Ostrožlík and Martin Barto, the vice-governors of the NBS at an informal meeting with the topic Introduction of the Euro in Slovakia. Another interesting event was the solemn awarding of awards to the winners of the competition Euro in My Eyes. Many information and promotion materials related to the introduction of the euro and the National Bank of Slovakia, as well as a little present in the form of a eurocalculator, have been prepared for the visitors.



*This is how I see the euro!*



*The informal meeting with the governor and vice-governors of the NBS met with great interest of the visitors*



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