

CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

The British newspaper Emerging Markets (EM) has named Ivan Šramko, the Governor of the National Bank of Slovakia, as its Central Bank Governor of the Year for Central and Eastern Europe. He received the award during the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank in Singapore on 18 September 2006.

EM's editor-in-chief, Taimur Ahmad, said at the presentation of the award that Mr Šramko had won it for his work in monetary policy, in preparation for the introduction of the euro in Slovakia, as well as in improving the quality of financial market supervision.

"Mr Šramko's nomination resulted from the wide

inquiry that Emerging Markets made among investors, bankers, economic analysts, ratings agencies, and other experts," Ahmad added.



Emerging Markets is part of the Euromoney publishing group and has for the past 20 years been the newspaper of record for the annual meetings of IMF, WB, and several other international financial institutions, including the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Governor Šramko has now received two foreign awards this year. In January, he was named European Central Ban-

ker of the Year by The Banker, a British monthly magazine.

THANKS EXPRESSED FOR COOPERATION



NBS Governor Ivan Šramko received Dušan Paulík, the board chairman and general director of ČSOB stavebná sporiteľňa, on 29 September 2006 to mark the end of Mr Paulík's more than forty-year career in the banking sector.

Governor Šramko thanked Mr Paulík for the proper and professional manner in which he had cooperated with the central bank and reserved high praise for his contribution to building and developing the banking sector in Slovakia.

In a career dating bank to 1965, Mr Paulík has held director positions at the State Bank of Czechoslovakia (ŠBČS), Všeobecná úverová banka, Istrobanka, Stavebná sporiteľňa VÚB Wüstenrot, and ČSOB stavebná sporiteľňa, as well as writing numerous professional articles and lecturing.



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