I have the pleasure and honour to announce the competition for the President of the National Bank of Poland award for the best article published in the *Bank i Kredyt* scientific journal.

Last year the journal featured both empirical and theoretical articles, which concerned diverse problems of economy and finance, though for obvious reasons they focused on the functioning of economic mechanisms and monetary processes, as well as financial markets and institutions and their impact on economic processes. They also dealt with current issues related to the financial crisis.

The Management of the National Bank of Poland and the Editorial Board of *Bank i Kredyt* aim at constant improvement of the scientific standing of the journal. This goal is served by the competition whose regulations have been given below as well as at the www.bankandcredit.nbp.pl website.

The competition has been conceived as a regular event. Its first edition will cover all the articles published in *Bank i Kredyt* in 2010. According to the regulations the competition shall have been decided until 30 April 2011.

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