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Prof. Hana Machková Was Elected a New President of the University of Economics, Prague

On 24th February 2014, at the University of Economics, Prague, Prof. Hana Machková was elected as the university's new president. In a secret ballot, she received from VŠE's Academic Senate 23 votes in the third round.

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There were three candidates in the elections including Prof. Josef Arlt, Vice-Dean for Pedagogical Activities at the Faculty of Informatics and Statistics, Prof. Hana Machková, University Vice-President for International and Public Relations, and Prof. Jaromír Veber, Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration.

All the candidates publicly introduced their program goals on 13th February 2014 in the Vencovský Lecture Hall at VŠE. Academic representatives from the Faculty of Management in Jindřichův Hradec were able to join the presentations through remote broadcasting to their faculty.

The university president is elected by VŠE's Academic Senate via secret ballot; a maximum of three rounds occurs. A candidate is elected president when obtaining an absolute majority of votes from all of the members of the Academic Senate. The president is elected for a four-year period, and the same person is allowed to be in office only for two consecutive terms. The president appoints vice presidents to represent her in certain areas.

The Academic Senate has 32 voting members. Prof. Machková was elected by an absolute majority of 23 votes in the third round.

„My key objective for the period 2014 – 2018 will be the inter-faculty cooperation. Only strong and successful faculties enable to VSE strengthen its leading position in the field of economics and management education in the Czech Republic,” Prof. Machková stated. “I will support qualification development of young academics in particular, continue in internationalization development and promote a sustainability of high level employment of VSE graduates thanks to the university quality education programs,” a new elected VSE president added.

The VŠE president should be appointed by the president of the Czech Republic based on the proposal of the Academic Senate of VŠE.

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The University of Economics, Prague (Vysoká škola ekonomická v Praze) is the leading university in the field of management and economics in the Czech Republic. The University of Economics, Prague is composed of more than 20,000 students and has six faculties – five in Prague and one in Jindřichův Hradec in South Bohemia. These include: the Faculty of Finance and Accounting, the Faculty of International Relations, the Faculty of Business Administration, the Faculty of Statistics and Informatics and the Faculty of Economics and Public Administration. The faculty based in Jindřichův Hradec is specialized in management. Graduates of the University of Economics, Prague occupy responsible positions in the private as well as in the public sector. Most of them are employed in the sectors of industry and services, trade, marketing, banking, public administration, accounting, audit, tourism and the field of information technology. Many significant Czech and foreign economists have obtained the University's honoris causa title; for example, the Nobel Prize winner Prof. Robert A. Mundell, Prof. Milton Friedman and Prof. Gary S. Becker. More information at <http://www.vse.cz/index-en.php>.

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