

## STATEMENT

by Prof. Dr. Nadka Stefanova Kostadinova, Thracian University - St. Zagora  
of the materials submitted for participation in the competition  
for the academic position "Associate Professor"  
in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences,  
professional field 3.8 Economics,  
specialty Economics and Management (agribusiness).

In the competition for associate professor, announced in the State Gazette, issue 43 / 21.05.2021 and on the website of UARD - Plovdiv for the needs of the Department of Economics and Management, as a candidate Angel Stankov Sarov from the Institute of Agrarian Economics, SA, Sofia.

### **1. Brief biographical data**

The candidate Angel Sarov has consecutively graduated with bachelor's and master's degree in Economics, specialty "Agricultural Economics" at UNWE - Sofia. From 2000 to 2007 he was a sales representative and sales director at SVS-98 EOOD - Sofia, from 2008 to 2016 he was a business development expert at Orgachim AD - Ruse. From 2013 to 2017 he was a part-time study doctoral student in the field of 3.8 Economics, scientific specialty "Economics and Management (by industry)" at the Institute of Agricultural Economics, SA - Sofia. During this period, every year he conducts scientific work and training under the Erasmus + program at Humboldt University - Berlin, Germany, Division "Agricultural Cooperatives and Cooperation". In March 2017 he defended his dissertation on "Management of agricultural cooperatives - challenges and prospects" at the Institute of Agricultural Economics and was awarded the ONS Doctor of Economics with a degree in "Economics and Management (by industry)". For the same period he was an assistant at this institute, and since October 2017 he has been a chief assistant. From January 2019 to March 2021 he was also Head of the Department of Economics and Management of Agriculture, Food and Agricultural Policy at the same institute.

## **2. General description of the submitted materials**

The candidate Angel Stankov Sarov participates in the competition with:

- Monographs - 1 issue;
- Studies - 4 issues, of which 2 published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information;
- Articles - 19 issues, of which 3 published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information;
- Chapters from collective monographs - 4 pieces;
- Books - 1 issue;

## **3. Reflection of the candidate's scientific publications in the literature (known citations)**

The candidate Angel Stankov Sarov presented two citations in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information and 7 citations in non-refereed journals with scientific review.

## **4. General characteristics of the candidate's activity**

### **4.1. Educational and pedagogical activity (work with students and doctoral students)**

Dr. Angel Stankov Sarov coordinates and supports the activities and training of doctoral students at the Institute of Agrarian Economics.

### **4.2. Scientific and scientifically applied activity**

The scientific and scientific-applied activity of the candidate is concentrated both in his publications and in the participation in many scientific projects. He is a participant in two projects funded by external sources for Bulgaria - Horizon 2020 and the European Fund; six projects funded by Bulgarian sources, thirteen projects at the Agricultural Academy and two contractual scientific and applied tasks.

The candidate meets the minimum national requirements for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of ZRASRB. Covers the scientometric indicators as follows: Indicator A - of the required 50 points, the candidate submits evidence for 50 points; Indicator B - out of the required 100 points, the candidate submits evidence for 100 points; Indicator D - out of the required 200 points, the candidate submits evidence for 315.3 points; Indicator E - out of the required 50 points, the candidate

submits evidence for 65 points or exceeds the minimum national requirements by more than 130 points.

#### **4.3. Implementation activity**

No evidence of implementation activity was presented by the candidate Angel Stankov Sarov.

#### **4.4. Contributions (scientific, scientifically applied, applied)**

The scientific contributions of the candidate for associate professor are divided into three areas - agricultural management, management of agricultural cooperatives and sustainable development of agriculture and rural areas.

In the field of agricultural management through a systematic approach are derived and argued key determinants that govern the driving forces in management; Internal and external management problems have been identified, which pose a risk to the sustainability of agricultural structures and their integration into the European market. An econometric model for optimization of the production structure of agricultural holdings in the common European market is proposed.

Regarding the management of agricultural cooperatives, a methodological toolkit is proposed for studying the effect (in socio-economic aspect) of the management and the types of management structures in the Bulgarian agricultural cooperatives. Discrepancies have been identified in the model of the management structure, leading to convergence with that in the corporate structures in agriculture. it, presenting guidelines for overcoming them.

In the field of sustainable development in agriculture and rural areas, a fourth pillar (managerial) has been developed to assess the sustainability of agricultural holdings, and measures to improve it have been proposed. the context of the circular and bioeconomy. The opportunities and prospects for the development of CRM in agriculture and rural areas are revealed, justifying the reasons for including this tool in practice, in terms of their sustainable development.

#### **5. Assessment of the personal contribution of the candidate**

The positive assessment of the personal contribution of the candidate Dr. Angel Stankov Sarov can be summarized in two directions:

The first direction is related to the research interest, presented in the activity of the candidate and its scientific applicability, by creating up-to-date and necessary thematic research concerning the agrarian economy and the agrarian business.

The second direction is related to the indisputable and proven skills of the candidate in the field of sustainable development of agriculture and agricultural cooperatives in Bulgaria.

#### **6. Critical remarks**

I have no critical remarks. I recommend the candidate to focus his future efforts on improving his teaching activities.

#### **7. Conclusion:**

**Given the above, I propose that Dr. Angel Stankov Sarov be elected "Associate Professor" in the professional field 3.8 Economics, scientific specialty Economics and Management (Agribusiness) for the needs of the Department of Economics and Management, UARD - Plovdiv.**

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**Member of the jury: .....**

**/ prof. Dr. N. Kostadinova /**