

## **REVIEW**

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**Subject:** Competition for the academic position of "professor" in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional field 3.7. Administration and management, scientific specialty "Administration and management" and the materials submitted for participation in it.

### **1. General information about the competition and the status of the documentation**

The competition for the academic position "Professor" in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional field 3.7. Administration and management, scientific specialty "Administration and management" was announced in the State Gazette, issue 43 / 21.05.2021, p. 206 and on the website of UARD - Plovdiv, for the needs of University of Agribusiness and Rural Development, Department of Economics and Management.

The procedure and the documentation for the announced competition meet all the requirements of the normative base, namely: Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria - promulgated in SG, issue 38 of 21.05.2010, last add. SG, issue 21 of 12.03.2021, Rules for Implementation of the Law on the development of academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria approved with the Decree of the Council of Ministers № 202 of 10.09.2010, promulgated in SG, issue 75 of 24.09.2010, last amended and ext. SG, issue 15 of 19.02.2019, and the Regulations for application of the Law on the development of the academic staff in UARD, approved on 15.02.2021.

In the announced competition as the only candidate participates Associate Professor Dr. Lucia Palsova from Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, Slovak Republic .

### **2. Grounds for preparing the review in the competition**

The basis for the preparation of the review on the announced competition is the Order № 204 / 29.07.2021 of the Rector of the University of Agribusiness and Rural Development - Plovdiv for inclusion of Prof. Dr. Plamen Marinov Lakov in the composition of the scientific jury (Art. 37 of Regulations for application of the Law on the development of the academic staff in UARD) and the requirements of Art. 29a, para. 1 of Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria. The author meets the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and was entered in the Register of the academic staff of the Republic of Bulgaria maintained by the National Center for Information and Documentation (NACID), which fulfills the provision of Art. 4, para. 4 of Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria.

The author, in preparing the review, was guided by the requirements set out in Art. 29, para. 1 of Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria with respect to Art. 60 , para. 1 of Rules for Implementation of the Law on the development of academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and Art. 38 of the Regulations for application of the Law on the development of the academic staff in UARD: the candidate has acquired the educational and scientific degree "Doctor", has held the academic position "associate professor",

has original scientific publications, research results reflected in scientific works, scientific and metric indicators, presence or absence of plagiarism, papers related to the direction of the competition, etc. The scientific contributions of the candidate for the academic position of "Professor" in the professional field were taken into account. The indicators related to the educational activity, the research activity and others, regulated in Art. 29b, para. 3 in connection with Art. 2b, para. 2, item 2 of Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and found a specific expression in Art. 39 of the Regulations for application of the Law on the development of the academic staff in UARD.

The information used to assess the candidate was the **original reference on the implementation of the minimum national requirements, own reference for scientific works and original scientific contributions** in accordance with Art. 29, para. 3 of Law on the development of the academic staff in connection with Art. 60, para. 3 and art. 61, para. 1 of Rules for Implementation of the Law on the development of academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and information according to Art. 35, para . 1 of 2-7 and 10-11 of the Regulations for application of the Law on the development of the academic staff in UARD.

### **3. Brief biographical data**

Associate Professor Dr. Lucia Palsova was born on 13.06.1982 in the former Czechoslovakia. Now she is a citizen of the Slovak Republic, residing city: Nitra. In the period 2000-2005 she completed her higher education with a master's degree in law from Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia. In the period 2005-2008 she completed a doctoral program at the Faculty of National Economy of the University of Economics in Bratislava, successfully defending her doctoral dissertation on "Measures of the Common Agricultural Policy and its Impact in Slovakia". At the same time she received, in 2007 the qualification degree JUDr. (Juris Utrisque Doctor ) from the Faculty of Law in the University of Trnava, Slovakia with the development of the thesis "Land ownership", and later in 2012-13 she received a pedagogical qualification at the Slovak University of Agriculture, the so-called pedagogical minimum for higher education.

In 2015, at the University of Agribusiness and Rural Development - Plovdiv, Bulgaria, she successfully participated in a competition for associate professor with the main thesis "Law and the environment". The Council of the Department of agribusiness and general sciences elected Dr. Lucia Palsova for the academic position of "Professor" in Law (conservation and environmental law) - Certificate № 27 / 18.09.2015.

The candidate Assoc. Prof. Palsova has extensive work experience. In the period 2004-2016 she held various positions as: assistant in a law company, teacher, facilitator, lecturer at the Slovak University of Agriculture.

Since 2016 she has held the academic position of associate professor at the Slovak University of Agriculture, Nitra, which fulfills one of the conditions of the Law about the academic position of "Professor".

She is a member of a number of organizations in the field of agriculture and law.

She speaks several languages - English, German, Italian, Czech.

### **4. General description of the presented materials**

The candidate Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palsova participates in the current competition with 40 publications. After a critical evaluation and reduction made under Bulgarian requirements and

minimum scientific and metric indicators for the academic position of “Professor”, they are as follows:

- Monographs - **1** piece;
- Studies - **X** pieces;
- Articles - **31** pieces;
- Textbooks - **3** pieces;
- Teaching aids - **X** pieces;
- Books - **X** issues;
- Other publications - **X** issue.

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

There are 10 citations, 9 of which are in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases, mainly in SCOPUS.

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

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

The candidate actively works with students and was involved in the preparation of educational materials, plans and programs, conducts training of bachelors and masters, lectures courses: Fundamentals of law, Agri-environmental law, Legislation of the European Union. She provides consulting for bachelor's and master's theses.

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

The research interests of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Palsova are in the sphere of law, land use, agroecology and agri-environment legislation.

She has participated in 19 projects as of five of them she was a manager or a coordinator, such as:

1. The coordinator of the national project "The protection of preserving agricultural land in Slovakia" granted by the Scientific Grant Agency of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the SR and the Slovak Academy of Sciences, No. 1/0220/18 (2018 - 2021)
2. The coordinator of the international project "Central European Initiative on Agricultural Land Protection (CEILAND)", granted by Jean Monnet Programme, EACEA, No. 600441-EPP-1-2018-1-SK-EPPJMO-PROJECT (2018 - 2019) and others.

### **6.3. Implementation activity**

No information provided.

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

In her research, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Palsova focuses on the legal aspects of environmental and climatic issues related to agricultural land and agriculture. Within the theme, it assesses the legal and institutional framework and contributes to the formulation of new proposals and improvements in the legislation in this area.

## 7. Assessment of the candidate's personal contribution

In the competition for acquiring the academic position of "Professor" the candidate, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Palsova, participates with a sufficient volume and quality of scientific production. The topic on which the candidate works is relevant and important in scientific and scientific-applied terms.

The scientific creativity of the candidate corresponds to the announced competition and professional field.

The publications and citations cover the minimum required points by groups of indicators for the academic position "Professor" in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional field 3.7. Administration and management, scientific specialty "Administration and management", according to the reference as follows:

Group of indicators	Contents	professor	<b>The result</b>
A	Indicator 1	50	<b>50</b>
B	Indicator 2	-	<b>-</b>
IN	Indicator 3	100	<b>100</b>
G	Sum of indicators from 4 to 10	200	<b>208.72</b>
D	Sum of indicators from 11 to 13	100	<b>145</b>
E	Sum of indicators from 14 to the end	100	<b>460</b>

The candidate, with the submitted materials for the competition, meets the requirements for the academic position of "Professor" according to Art. 24. Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria: she has acquired the educational and scientific degree "Doctor", has the habilitation theses: Pašová, Lucia. 2020. Agricultural lands - fields of conflicts. 1st ed. Warsaw: Warsaw University of life sciences, 2020. 111 p. ISBN 978-83-7583-980-7. meets the minimum required points for the academic position of "professor " in all groups with a total score of 963.72 points in a minimum of 550 points and have no legally proven plagiarism in scientific papers.

## 8. Critical notes

I allow myself to make some critical remarks and recommendations to the candidate Assoc. Prof. Dr. Palsova. The reference to the scientific contributions should be more detailed. In her future work, to prepare textbooks and teaching materials for the lecture courses she leads. These critical remarks and recommendations do not diminish the main merits in the research of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Palsova.

## 9. Conclusion:

Having in mind the above and the analysis made of the scientific production, citations, contributions, scientific and metric indicators presented by the candidate and according to the provision of Art. 26, para. 3 of Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, as well as the fact that the candidate meets the relevant minimum national

requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, I propose to the scientific jury Associate Professor Dr. Lucia Palsova **to be elected** for the academic position of "Professor" in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional field 3.7. Administration and management, scientific specialty "Administration and management" in the announced competition.

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Jury member:

/ Prof. Dr. Plamen Lakov /