

## OPINION

**by Assoc. Prof. Petar Borisov Borisov - Agricultural University - Plovdiv**

(academic position, scientific degree, full name, higher school, scientific organization)

of the materials submitted for participation in the competition

for the academic position of "professor"

in the field of higher education 3.0 "Social, economic and legal sciences"

Professional field 3.8 "Administration and management",

scientific specialty "Administration and Management"

In the competition for professor, announced in the State Gazette, issue 43 / 21.05.2021 and on the website of UARD - Plovdiv for the needs of the university, as a candidate participates Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palshova from "Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra", Poland.

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

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palshova was born on February 13, 1982. In 2005 she obtained a master's degree in "Peaceful Resolution of International Conflicts" from Comenius University - Bratislava, Slovakia. In the period 2005 - 2007 she continued her education by studying in the doctoral program "Juris Utrisque" at Trnava University, Slovakia and acquired the educational-scientific degree "Doctor" with a dissertation "Land ownership". In the period 2005 - 2008 she obtained a second doctorate from the University of Economics in Bratislava - Slovakia with a dissertation - "CAP measures and their impact on Slovakia." In 2015 she was hired as an associate professor at UARD. In 2016 she held the academic position of "Associate Professor" at the Agricultural University - Nitra, Slovakia and currently teaches at this university.

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

The candidate Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palshova participated in the competition with 40 publications as follows:

- Monographs - 4 issues;
- Textbooks - 6 pieces;
- Articles and participations in collective monographs - 30 issues

The materials submitted for the preparation of an opinion do not include those that the candidate has submitted for the academic position of "associate professor" and they are not subject to consideration by me. Out of all 40 published materials, only 1 publication is referenced in the SCOPUS database. The published materials are sufficient to meet the national scientometric requirements mentioned in Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of ZRASRB.

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

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palshova presented a reference for 45 citations of her publications. The citations are sufficient to cover the national scientometric requirements mentioned in Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of ZRASRB.

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

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

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palshova is an assistant from 2008 to 2016 at the Agricultural University - Nitra, Slovakia. Since 2016 she has been an associate professor at the same university. These academic positions give her the opportunity to develop teaching and pedagogical activities as a lecturer in a number of disciplines included in the curricula of the university.

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

Assoc. Dr. Lucia Palshova has participated in a total of 11 applied research and 16 educational projects in the last 12 years. The most significant projects are the following:

- "INclusive Health And wellBeing In small and medium sized ciTies' - 'IN-HABIT', granted by Horizont 2020, No. 869227;
- "Quality Soil as a Pathway to Healthy Food in the EU - FOODIE", granted by Jean Monnet Program, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (No. 621119-EPP-1-2020-1-SK-EPPJMO-PROJECT);
- "Center of Excellence for European Agri-Food Chain - CEEAG", granted by Jean Monnet Program, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (No. 611446-EPP-1-2019-1-SK-EPPJMO-CoE);
- "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 Slovak Republic and the Slovak Academy of Sciences (No. 1/0220/18);
- Central European Initiative on Agricultural Land Protection (CEILAND) ", granted by Jean Monnet Program, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (No. 600441-EPP-1-2018-1-SK-EPPJMO-PROJECT);

In most of the presented projects Assoc. Prof. Dr. Palshova is a leader or coordinator, which determines a good level of project management, a quality that is valued among the academic and research community.

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

A total of 10 contributions can be defined from the submitted materials of the candidate for the academic position of "professor". It can be said that 6 of them have a theoretical and methodological nature (scientific) and 4 of them have a scientific and practical nature (applied). I accept the contributions formulated in this way as a personal file of the candidate for the academic position of "professor".

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

From the materials presented for the preparation of an opinion it can be seen that Lucia Palshova has participated in numerous projects, scientific symposia and has taught classes - from various bachelor's and master's programs at the Agricultural University - Nitra, Slovakia and UARD - Plovdiv. Based on this information, I can point out the following:

1. The candidate has potential and has acquired skills that give her the basis for conducting in-depth, reasoned and completed research in the field of agricultural sector management and regulation of agricultural policy for the impact of agriculture, the principles of law, etc .;
2. The candidate has acquired skills for organizing and leading interdisciplinary teams that can solve complex problems in the field of environmental protection and land management;
3. The candidate has gained solid experience in the management of research and application projects funded by the EU and national funds;
4. The candidate has a solid foundation for knowledge transfer in the field of land management, environmental legislation and to train students in these areas.

#### **6. Critical notes**

I do not know personally Assoc. Prof. Dr. Palshova, who is a candidate for the academic position of "professor" at UARD - Plovdiv. From the submitted documents for participation in the announced competition, it is clear to me that Assoc. Prof. Dr. Palshova is a motivated

researcher and lecturer, and works in depth on issues of legislation applied in the management of environmental policies. I have no critical remarks about her work!

**7. Conclusion:**

**Having in mind the above, as well as the fact that the applicant meets the relevant minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of ZRASRB I propose Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palshova to be elected for "Professor" in professional field 3.7 "Administration and management, specialty - "Administration and Management".**

13.09.2021

Jury member:

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