

# REVIEW

by **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ekaterina Dimitrova Kyuskieva-Arabska**, UARD - Plovdiv  
of the materials submitted for participation in the competition  
for holding the academic position "Professor"  
in the field of higher education: 3. Social, economic and legal sciences,  
professional field: 3.7. Administration and management,  
specialty: Administration and Management

In the competition for the academic position of "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 Regional Development, Agribusiness and Tourism at the Faculty of Economics and Management, with a candidate **Lucia Palšova** from Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, Slovakia.

## 1. Brief biographical data

The candidate for the academic position of "Professor" in this competition, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšova, is currently working at the Faculty of European Science and Regional Development of the Slovak Agrarian University - Nitra.

Lucia Palšova holds a Master's degree in Law from Comenius University - Bratislava (2005): Master's thesis on "Peaceful Resolution of International Conflicts". In 2008 she gained a doctorate at the University of Economics - Bratislava with a dissertation on "Agricultural policy and its influence on rural development in selected rural areas in terms of employment".

Lucia Palšova has extensive professional experience in the field of education and science, in which the numerous participations in national and international projects (27, mentioned in the presented materials), incl. in the role of coordinator (5 pcs.) and local coordinator (3 pcs.).

She is a member of branch associations working in the field of legal regulation in agriculture and environmental protection - European Congress of Rural Law (CEDR), World Congress of Agricultural Law (UMAU), and Association of Agrarian and Environmental Lawyers. Member of the academic governing bodies of the Slovak Agrarian University.

Author of over 80 scientific publications, with over 45 references, incl. in editions, referenced and indexed the world-famous databases with scientific information Scopus and Web of science. Participant in author groups of collective monographs, textbooks and teaching materials. Member of the editorial boards of 2 university scientific publications.

## 2. General description of the presented materials

I accept that the candidate Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšova participates in the competition with:

- Monograph, presented for main habilitation work - 1 pc.

1. *Agricultural lands - fields of conflicts. 1st ed. Warsaw: Warsaw University of life sciences, 2020. 111 p. ISBN 978-83-7583-980-7.*

• Articles and reports published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information - **5** pcs. (4 co-authored and 1 individual)

1. Palšova, L., Bandlerova, A., Machnikova, Z. 2021. *Land Concentration and Land Grabbing Processes-Evidence from Slovakia*. LAND Volume10, Issue 8, DOI10.3390 / land10080873

2. Palšová, L. - Melichová, K. - Melišková, I. 2019. *Modeling Development, Territorial and Legislative Factors Impacting the Changes in Use of Agricultural Land in Slovakia*. In: *Sustainability*. ISSN 2071-1050. - Vol. 11, no. 14, article number 3893 (2019), 10.3390 / su11143893.

3. Melichová, K. Melišková, I. Palšová, L. 2018. *Land withdrawal vs. regional development: does withdrawal of agricultural land lead to increase in entrepreneurial activity and generate positive spatial spillovers? (Slovak Republic)*. In: *European Countryside*. ISSN 1803-8417. Vol. 10, no. 4, pp. 590-613, online. 10.1515 / euco-2016-0008.

4. Capcarova, M., et al. *Essential and xenobiotic elements in cottage cheese from the Slovak market with a consumer risk assessment*. In: *Journal of environmental science and health. Part B*. - ISSN 0360-1234. Vol. 55, no. 7, (2020), pp. 677-686. 10.1080 / 03601234.2020.1762420.

5. Palšová, L. 2019. *Organic farming versus interest of the state for its support*. In: *Polish Journal of Environmental Studies*. ISSN 1230-1485. Vol. 28, no. 4, p. 2773-2784.

• Articles and reports published in non-referenced editions but with scientific peer review or published in edited collective volumes - **26** pcs. (8 solo and 18 co-authored)

1. Palšová, L. 2015. *Application of non-project measure of the Rural Development Program 2014-2020 - Multifunctional Field Margins (Biostrips on Arable Land) in 2015*. In: *EU Agrarian Law*. ISSN 1339-9276. Vol. 4, no. 2, pp. 19-23, online. 10.1515 / eual-2015-0010.

2. Palšová, L. 2018. *Incorrect methodology for agri-environmental measure - multifunctional field margins - as limitation for environmental enhancement in Slovakia*. In: *EU Agrarian Law*. ISSN 1339-9276. Vol. 7, iss., Pp. 12-16, online. 10.2478 / eual-2018-0003

3. Palšová, L. 2019. *The sublease contract as a tool for the solution of the land ownership fragmentation in Slovakia* In: *CEDR Journal of Rural Law*. ISSN 2414-3456. Vol. 5, no. 1, pp. 72-76.

4. Palšová, L. 2015 *Legal facilities for soil protection in Slovenia in the programming period 2014-2020*. In: *Forward - Posúvame hranice vidieckeho i regionálneho rozvoja*. 1st ed .. Nitra: Slovak University of Agriculture, pp. 144-151, ISBN 978-80-552-1309-5.

5. Palšová, L. 2016. *Legal regulation of right to build in Slovak Republic and in Czech Republic*. In: *Selected aspects of EU agricultural law VIII*. 1st ed .. Nitra: Slovak University of Agriculture, pp. 71-76. ISBN 978-80-552-1471-9

6. Palšová, L. 2021. *Negative phenomenon of the land grabbing? Assumptions, causes and possible impacts of its existence, literature review*. In: *EU Intellectual Property (Innovations and Intellectual Property in various fields of human life)*. 1st ed. (159 p.). *EU Intellectual Property*. Nitra: Slovak University of Agriculture, 2021. pp. 129-140. ISBN 978-80-552-2339-1

7. Palšova, L. 2020. *Basic legal concepts*. In: *Legal and socio-ethical aspects of agribusiness*. 1. iss. Nitra: Slovak University of Agriculture, 114 p. ISBN: 978-80-552-2189-2, 7-18

8. Palšova, L. 2020. *Trž s poľnohospodárskou pôdou*. In: *Legal and socio-ethical aspects of agribusiness*. 1. iss. Nitra: Slovak University of Agriculture, 114 p. ISBN: 978-80-552-2189-2, 41 - 44

9. Machnicova, Z., Palšova, L. 2021. *Influence of internal migration of inhabitants on the quality of agricultural land within the selected regions of Slovenia*. *Geographical information* 24/2020/2

10. Machnicova, Z., Palšova, L. 2020. *Influence of internal migration of inhabitants on the quality of agricultural land within the selected regions of Slovenia*. *Geographic Information* 24 (1): 173-185, DOI: 10.17846 / GI.2020.24.1.173-185

11. Bohatova, Z., Palšova, L., Floris, N. 2021. *Quality Soil and Healthy Food in the Jean Monnet Project*. *EU Agrarian law*, DOI: 10.2478 / eual-2021-0003

12. Varga, E., et al. 2016. *The examination of students' relevant personal competencies in higher education in Hungary*. In: *Economics of Agriculture*. ISSN 1338 -6336. Vol. 15, no. 2, pp. 78-87 .

13. Marišová, E. , et al. 2015. *Legislation, support and development of renewable energy resources and business*. In: *Economics of Agriculture*. ISSN 1338 -6336. Vol. 15, no. 3, pp. 42-57 .

14. Laziková, J. Bandlerová, A. Palšová, L. 2017. *The ownership and the right of use of agricultural land in Slovakia*. In: *CEDR Journal of Rural Law*. ISSN 2414-3456. Vol. 3, no. 1, pp. 98-103.

15. Palšová, L. Beňuš, O. 2020. *Enforceability of decisions of the Agricultural Paying Agency in matters of direct payments*. In: *Ecocycles*. - ISSN 2416-2140. Vol. 6, no. 2, pp. 13-18, online. 10.19040 / ecocycles.v6i.

16. Palšová, L. Schwarcz , P. 2015. *Legal regulation of direct payments in the EU and Slovak Republic in the programming period 2014-2020*. In: *EU Agrarian Law*. - ISSN 1339-9276. - Vol. 4, no. 1 (2015), pp. 33-38 .

17. Marišová, E. , et al. 2015. *Legislation of renewable energy sources in Slovakia*. In: *EU agrarian Law*. ISSN 1339-9276. Vol. 4, no. 2, pp. 24-29, online. 10.1515 / eual-2015-0011.

18. Palšová, L. Melišková, I. Bandlerová, A. 2017. *Legal aspects of agricultural land protection in Slovakia*. In: *EU Agrarian Law*. ISSN 1339-9276. Vol. 6, no. 1, pp. 29-36, online. 10.1515 / eual-2017-0004.

19. Jurík, L. Palšová, L. Kopčová , L. 2018. *Sediments as a part of the soil protection legislation*. In: *EU Agrarian Law*. ISSN 1339-9276. Vol. 7, no. 1 (2018), pp. 1-5, online.

20. Palšová, L. Bohátová, Z. Flóriš, N. 2019. *Effectiveness of Common Agricultural Policy Implementation in Slovakia - European Project Implemented by the Association of Agrarian and Environmental Lawyers*. In: *EU Agrarian Law*. ISSN 1339-9276. Vol. 8, iss. 2, pp. 1-5, online. 10.2478 / eual-2019-0006.

21. Machničová, Z. Palšová , L. 2020. *Influence of agricultural soil quality on internal migration of population within selected regions of Slovakia*. In: *Geographic information*. - ISSN 1337-9453. Vol. 24, no. 1, pp. 173-185.

22. Černáková, E. Palšová, L. 2015. *Problems of writing off and plagiarism in university*. In: *Development of competence of manufacturers in the context of modern concept of manufacturing*. 1st ed. 304 p. 978-80-7509-256-4. pp. 129-138.

23. Palšová, L., et al. 2017. *Agricultural land protection - the case of Slovakia*. In: *Management, enterprise and benchmarking in the 21st century*. 1st ed .. 509 p. 978-963-449-027-2. Budapest: udabuda University, pp. 298-311.

24. Černáková, E. Palšová , L. 2016. *Povedomie vysokoškolských študentov v oblasti odpisovania a plagiátorstva na SPU v Nitre*. In: *The Embassy of John Paul II. 1. Vol.* - Ruzomberok: VERBUM. pp. 1005 - 1015. ISBN 978-80-561-0369-2.

25. Palšová, L. Reziapová , N. 2016. *Financial support system of agriculture in Slovakia and Russia*. 1st issue. *Sustainability of rural areas in practice*. 567 s. Nitra: Slovak University of Agriculture, pp. 533 - 542. ISBN 978-80-552-1575-4.

26. Palšová, L. Čechmánek , K. *Environmental sprôdlivosť vo vzťahu k ochrane poľnohospodárskej pôdy*. In: *Bratislava Legal Forum 2020*. 1st ed. 101 p. In *Bratislava Legal Forum 2020*. Bratislava Komenského University, 2020. pp. 54-63. ISBN 978-80-7160-565-2

These publications do not repeat those described in the procedure for the academic position of "Associate professor", comply with minimum national requirements in art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of Law for development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for application of that law and the internal regulations of UARD - Plovdiv, covering the required number of points according to the Minimum required points by groups of indicators for holding the academic position of "professor".

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

For this competition I accept that the candidate notes citations in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information - 9 pieces, and citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review - 1 piece, which are sufficient according to the Minimum required points by groups of indicators for holding the academic position of "professor".

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

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

The educational and pedagogical activity of the candidate is characterized by a focus on legal aspects in agriculture, environment and regional development at the Slovak University of Agriculture - Nitra. Together with colleagues from the university Lucia Palšova prepares teaching materials - described 5 pcs. for the period 2017-2020, as well as professional collective monographs - 3 pcs. She provides advice to students in bachelor's and master's programs for the development of diploma theses. Participates in conferences, specialized seminars, project trainings, etc.

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

The applicant's research interests are in the field of legal aspects of issues related to environmental protection and climate change in the context of agriculture and agricultural land. In the overall research work a number of developments could be pointed out (especially in the monograph "The agricultural land - fields of conflict") which assess the legal and institutional framework of the above mentioned areas, but also provides new proposals to improve existing legislation, take adequate measures at different levels, conflict resolution, etc., focusing on achieving sustainable regional development.

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

I accept the implementation activity as mainly related to the work and the results obtained on national and international projects, incl. developed products for use in the scientific and educational field, such as those in the field of healthy food, protection of the components of the environment and climate, incl. soils, sustainable development and management of agricultural land, creation of new farming models and development of entrepreneurship in rural areas, application of modern educational technologies, etc.

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

Based on the materials provided in the competition, I would formulate and summarize the contribution points in the following two groups:

*Scientific nature:* (1) enrichment of the theory and modern understandings of conflict management through the prism of sustainable use and management of agricultural lands; (2) conceptual development of the main ideas of the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) with a focus on achieving sustainability and competitiveness of the EU agricultural sector, incl. using green technologies and renewable energy sources; (3) scientific analysis of legal norms and institutional framework in the field of protection of the components of the environment and sustainable management of agricultural lands.

*Scientific nature:* (1) formulation of proposals for the development of new tools for sustainable regional development aimed at protecting the components of the environment through the prism of agricultural land management; (2) identification of strengths and weaknesses in the development of sustainable agriculture in the EU, incl. the effects of the CAP, and making recommendations for future improvements in existing policies and implementing new governance models at various levels; (3) innovations in the educational process with an emphasis on the work with legal framework and the sustainable development of the modern society, the ethical and social aspects in the agro-food chain, acquisition of business and entrepreneurial skills.

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

I believe that the candidate in this competition, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšova, has the necessary experience and qualities to hold the academic position of "professor". I accept the above contributions as original and personal work of Assoc. Prof. Palšova. From our joint work on projects I can express the best views on the high professionalism in the work on the tasks and a sense of responsibility for the commitments. I would also like to share my personal impressions of the highly positive personality of Lucia Palšova, exceptional communication and presentation skills, leadership skills and teamwork, striving for precision and mutual understanding .

#### **6. Critical notes and recommendations**

For the future work of Assoc. Prof. Palšova I would recommend more and more active involvement in the activities of UARD, especially in the training of students and PhD students, working with them on research projects, promoting mobility and participation in scientific forums.

#### **7. Conclusion**

**Given the above, I propose ASSOC. PROF.. DR. LUCIA PALŠOVA TO BE ELECTED A "PROFESSOR" in a professional field 3.7. Administration and management, specialty "ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT".**

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Member of the jury:

/ Assoc. Prof. Dr. E. Arabska /