

REVIEW

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of the materials submitted regarding 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,
scientific specialty: Administration and Management.

In the competition for "Professor", announced in SG issue 43/21.05.2021 and on the UARD website, as a candidate participates Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Pašová from the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra.

1. Brief Curriculum Vitae

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Pašová was born on June 13th, 1982 in Czechoslovakia. She graduates from the Comenius University Bratislava, Slovakia in 2005 where she received her Master degree in Law.

After her graduation she used to work as an assistant in a Law firm and later, in the period 2003 – 2004, she was appointed as an assistant of Slovak Government's speaker.

In 2007, she acquired a PhD degree the Law Faculty of the University of Tarnava, Slovak Republic. Since 2008 she has a PhD in Economic from the University of Economics - Bratislava.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Pašová started her academic carrier in the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra and from the year 2016 she has been holding the academic position "Associated Professor".

On the basis of the copies of the diploma for acquisition of PhD degree, presented by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Pašová and of the Certificate for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" I can assert that the candidate in the

competition meets the requirements of Art. 29 item 1 and 2 of the LDASRB for holding the academic position of “Professor”.

2. General description of the presented materials.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšová participates in the competition with:

- Monograph – 1 issue;
- Studies and articles – 18 issues, 5 of them in foreign magazines, 1 in referenced and indexed editions of SCOPUS and WEB OF SCIENCE;
- Scientific reports – 13 issues;
- Coursebooks – 3 issues;
- Chapters in collective monographs – 5 issues.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšová participates in the competition with the total of 40 publications, prepared after the acquisition of the PhD degree and the academic position “Associated Professor”, which means that the candidate meets the requirements of Art. 29 item 3 of the LDASRB.

3. Reflection of candidate’s scientific publications in the literature (famous quotations)

According to the reference submitted by the candidate in the competition, there are 46 citations of her publications. 14 of them are referenced and indexed editions of SCOPUS and WEB OF SCIENCE and 32 in non-referenced editions with scientific review. In view of this, I consider that Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšová meets the requirements of Art. 2b of the LDASRB for holding the academic position of “Professor”.

4. General characteristic of candidate's activity.

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

The quantitative and qualitative requirements for Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšová teaching activity can be presented in the following directions.

From the documents submitted by the candidate in the competition it becomes clear that in quantitative terms the candidate has teaching activity at the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, Slovakia. In addition, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšová has taught in the program "Role of Agriculture in the Territorial Identity of the Regions" at the University of Vilnius, Lithuania, at the University of Lubin, Poland and at the University of Agriculture in Nitra. In qualitative aspect the study load can be assessed on the basis of the taught disciplines. In particular, she was assigned lectures and seminars in the following disciplines: "Fundamentals of Law", "Agro-Environmental Law" and "European Legislation".

The CV of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšová demonstrates her professional commitments outside the teaching work. Since 2016 she has been a member of the governing body of the Law Department of the Faculty of European Studies and Regional Developments at the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra. In the period 2019 – 2022 she has been a member of the Academic senate of the same university, where she has been serving as a chairman of the Legislative committee. Since 2020 she has been elected as a Vice-president of the Senate.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšová has been participating in a number of scientific and innovative national and European projects. The European partnerships and networks that she has developed and coordinated are a proof for initiative, leadership and organizational skills that she possesses outside of her scientific contributions.

The above-listed activities are a proof that Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšová possesses the necessary managerial and professional qualities, which significantly contribute to the possibility to hold the academic position of "Professor".

4.2. Scientific and scientifically applied activity.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšová participates in the competition with the total of 40 scientific publications that highlight her scientific achievements with the nature of contributions with theoretical-methodological and with practical-applied character.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšová publishes her monographic work “Agricultural Lands – fields of conflicts” in 2020. The volume of the work is 111 pages.

In the above-mentioned monographic work the candidate studies a significant for Slovakia and the other EU member-states problem, related to the protection of the agricultural land in the conditions of conflict of interests in the variety of needs and requirements of individuals, professional communities and companies. The problems studied in the monograph are a subject also of other scientific articles of the author.

The aim of the scientific research in the monograph is to evaluate the legal, economic, and environmental aspects of anthropogenic conflicts arising in the definition, access and use of agricultural land by competing entities in Slovakia.

For this reason, the aim of the presented monograph is to evaluate three key conflicts arising in connection with agricultural land in Slovakia:

1. Conflict of private and public interest in the definition and implementation of land legislation. Here the author comes to conclusion that if the state perceives to treat agricultural land as private good, it must significantly limit the public interest in it. With the importance of scientific contribution, I can appreciate Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšová thesis that the favoring of private over public interests should not be at the expense of hindering socio-economic development. To this end, it proposes to adopt a number of legislative initiatives through the application of Principles of Government Soil Policy in the following areas:
 - Defining in long-term strategic perspective of the land as a public good, the use of which must be brought within certain limits. This must ensure that agricultural land protection measures are properly targeted;
 - Observance of the legislative norms in this area;

- Development and implementation of economic and other incentives for soil protection, through which in practice the state will share the economic benefits with owners and users of agricultural land.
2. Access to the use of agricultural land. The author sees a potential solution to the conflict in the removal of obstacles in the field of property rights.
 3. Use of agricultural land for agricultural purpose. In her decision, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšová proposes that the state should introduce adequate legal norms which to a large extent set and regulate the use of agricultural land.

The great number of citations from different authors represents a validation for the high quality and the significance of the studied problem and the proposed solutions.

With the value of achievements of scientifically applied nature could be considered also the participation in the development and implementation of a number of research projects. In the period from 2008 until now Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšová participates in the following institutional, national and international research projects:

- International project “INclusive Health And wellBeing In small and medium sized ciTies’ — ‘IN-HABIT’, granted by Horizont 2020, No. 869227 (2020 – 2025) – team member
- International project “Quality Soil as a Pathway to Healthy Food in the EU – FOODIE”, granted by Jean granted by Jean Monnet Programme, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), No. 621119-EPP-1-2020-1-SK EPPJMO-PROJECT (2020 – 2021) – team member
- Research project “Centre of Excellence for European Agri-Food Chain – CEEAG”, granted by Jean granted by Jean Monnet Programme, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (No. 611446-EPP-1-2019-1-SK-EPPJMO-CoE) – team member
- International project “Centre of Excellence for European Agri Food Chain – CEEAG”, granted by Jean granted by Jean Monnet Programme, EACEA, No. 611446-EPP-1-2019-1-SK-EPPJMO-CoE (2019 – 2020) – team member
- 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) - coordinator

- National project “Institutional environment as a vehicle of development policies in least developed districts“, 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. 1/0789/18 (2018 – 2021) – team member

- International project “Central European Initiative on Agricultural Land Protection (CEILAND)“, granted by Jean granted by Jean Monnet Programme, EACEA, No. 600441-EPP-1-2018-1-SK-EPPJMO-PROJECT (2018 –2019) - coordinator

- National project „Revitalization of small Agricultural Farms through Energy Crops Cultivation and Biomass Production“ (RE-BIO), granted by The Slovak Research and Development Agency, No. SK-SRB-2013-0031 (2015 – 2016) – team member

- International project „EU Land Policy - the Pathway Towards Sustainable Europe“, granted by Jean granted by Jean Monnet Programme, EACEA, No. 542600-LLP-1-2013-1SK-AJM-PO (2013 – 2016) – team member

- National project “Effectiveness of administrative action of state administration bodies in the field of trade business“, 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. 730/06110 (2011 – 2012) – team member

- National research project “Supporting the innovation of technologies of special organic food products for healthy human nutrition“, granted by Operational Program Research and Innovation (2010 – 2014) – monitoring manager

- Institutional project “Slovak agricultural policy and its implementation in the conditions of the Slovak Republic“, granted by the Grant Agency of the Slovak University of Agriculture (2009 – 2010) - coordinator

In addition to research projects, the candidate has experience in the implementation and management of educational projects. The documentation presented by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšová lists 16 different projects for the period from 2009 to the present.

The above-mentioned is a proof that Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšová could be defined as a researcher with serious and active scientifically applied activity and experience.

From the materials submitted by the candidate is evident that she meets the minimum requirements of Art. 2b, item 2 and 3 of LDASRB.

5. Assessment of candidate's personal contribution

I know personally the candidate and I have an idea about her development as a researcher, lecturer and manager of European scientific projects. She has demonstrated her personal and professional strengths during our collaboration on different European projects, participation in Summer schools for PhD students and preparation of collective scientific monographs. My impressions of the candidate reflect her professionalism, ethical behavior, responsibility and leadership skills. The scientific production of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšová is the evidence for significant scientific achievements and contributions.

6. Critical remarks

I would recommend Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšová to continue her development in the scientific field of interest.

7. Conclusion

Taking into consideration the above-mentioned, I propose Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lucia Palšová to be selected for the academic position of "Professor" in professional field 3.7 "Administration and Management", scientific specialty "Administration and Management".

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Member of the Scientific Jury:

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