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OPINION

on the competition for „Associate Professor'' in scientific specialty 6. Agrarian Science and Veterinary Medicine, professional direction 6.1. Plant Science, scientific specialty ''Plant Science'', announced in the State Gazette № 65/ 17.07.2026 with candidate chief assistant professor Rumyana Georgieva Georgieva.

from Associate prof. Zhivko Mihailov Todorov, PhD, appointed as chairperson of the scientific jury, Order №RD 16-902/17.09.2026 of the Rector of the Agricultural University of Plovdiv.

1. Brief presentation of the candidate.

Chief assistant prof. Rumyana Georgieva Georgieva was born in February 1988. In 2007, she completed her secondary education at Geo Milev Foreign Language High School in Dobrich, Bulgaria, where she studied German and English intensively. She continued her studies at the Agricultural University of Plovdiv, Bulgaria, graduating successfully in 2011 with a Bachelor's degree in Agronomy, specializing in Field Crop Production. She subsequently pursued a Master's degree in Plant Protection at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) in Vienna, Austria. To further enhance her professional qualifications, Chief Assis. prof. Rumyana Georgieva Georgieva has participated in training seminars and practical workshops. She began her professional career as an agronomist at SGS Bulgaria in Varna, Bulgaria. From 2016 to 2019, she was a PhD student in the Department of Plant Science. In 2020, she was appointed to the academic position of Assistant Professor, and in 2022, she was promoted to Chief Assistant Professor in the same department. Following a training course at Trakia University in 2023, she obtained a pedagogical qualification. She is a member of ENOAT and, in 2022, was elected to the Board of Directors of ENTER, where she serves as General Secretary.

She is fluent in German, English, and Spanish, has advanced computer skills, and is experienced in using a wide range of software products.

2. General description of the scientific publication.

In the competition for the academic position of " Associate Professor, " **Chief assis. prof. Rumyana Georgieva Georgieva** participated with a total of 25 scientific publications, classified as follows:

-Scientific publications in the nomenclature specialty – 24 pieces

-Scientific publications outside the nomenclature specialty – 1 piece (not object of consideration)

- Scientific publications related to the doctoral dissertation – 4 pieces (not object of consideration)

- Publications with Impact Factor/Impact Rank – 12 pieces

- Publications in peer-reviewed and refereed scientific journals – 8 pieces.

20 items are the subject of analysis for the preparation of the opinion.

Minimum number of points required in the scientific specialty: 6. Agrarian Science and Veterinary Medicine, professional direction 6.1. Plant Science, scientific specialty ''Plant Science'' for the appointment of the academic position ''Associate Professor'':

Category A – minimum requirements - **50 points**, presented materials for **50 points.**

Category B4 – minimum requirements - **100 points**, presented materials for **206 points.**

Category Г6 – Book published based on a defended dissertation for awarding the educational and scientific degree ''Doctor'' - **40 points;**

Category Г7 – by minimum requirements - **200 points**, presented materials for **230 points**.

Category Д13 – by minimum requirements - **50 points**, presented materials for **90 points**.

According to the minimum national requirements of ZRASRB, the regulations for its implementation, as well as the Regulation of the Agricultural University of Plovdiv, by required minimum of **400 points** the candidate has **616 points** and exceeds the minimum national scientometric requirements for obtaining the academic position of **,,Associate Professor''** with **216 points**.

- *Textbooks – not presented.*
- *Study guides – not presented.*

In the 20 scientific works, which are objects of analysis for preparation of the opinion, 7 (35%) are individual, in 8 she (40%) is first, in 3 (15%) is second, and in the remaining 2 (10%) is third and following author.

3. Teaching activity.

Chief assis. prof. Rumyana Georgieva has more than 6 years of teaching experience in her work with Bulgarian and foreign students, as well as with young researchers.

Chief assis. prof. Georgieva's teaching load for the period 2021–2026 is 2,366.6 hours, equivalent to exercises. Of these, under the Erasmus program, Asst. Prof. Georgieva taught 514.4 hours in English, equivalent to exercises.

Chief assis. prof. Rumyana Georgieva participated in a significant number of educational courses and seminars held in Bulgarian and foreign universities, such as Aeres University of Applied Sciences Wageningen, Netherlands, Leibniz University Hannover, Humboldt University of Berlin, PECO Institute, Germany, the University of Ruse ,, Angel Kanchev"; University ,,Professor Asen Zlatarov", Bourgas, and the Agricultural University of Plovdiv, connected with the development and quality of education in Bulgaria and abroad.

Under her supervision, 9 graduates have defended their theses, seven in the Bachelor's program and two in the Master's program, and she is currently supervising 4 graduates.

The candidate currently has no published textbooks or study guides.

Developed curricula.

1. „Biological and conventional production of industrial crops"
2. ,,Climate-smart agriculture''.

4. Scientific and research activity.

Areas of publication.

The candidate's research focuses on the adaptability and plasticity of several Bulgarian and foreign varieties and hybrids of cereal and essential oil crops. She has explored ways to improve productivity and the quality of the produced crops by adjusting the amount of mineral fertilizers and using products that stimulate and modulate crop growth under changing environmental conditions. Growing field crops organically contributes to environmental protection, biodiversity, and the strengthening of agroecosystems. The candidate's work clearly shows a strong focus on research activities.

Citing and referencing scientific production.

Chief Assis. prof. Georgieva has been cited in 6 scientific publications that are peer-reviewed and indexed in world-renowned scientific databases. The citations come from foreign authors and are in journals with a high impact factor, which shows that her scientific work has gained recognition within the international scientific community.

Participation in scientific projects.

For the professional growth of the Chief. Assis. prof. Georgieva as a researcher, contributed her involvement in 4 research projects, which speaks to her capacity to lead, work in a team, and help bring in additional external funding.

5. Comments and recommendations.

I don't have any major comments on the candidate's documents and scientific work.

6. Conclusion.

Based on the analysis of the candidate's pedagogical, scientific, and scientific-applied activity, I consider that **Chief assis. prof. Rumyana Georgieva Georgieva** meets the requirements of the ZRASRB, PPZRASRB, and the Regulations of the Agricultural University of Plovdiv for its application, as well as the minimum requirements for obtaining the academic position of ,,Associate Professor".

All this gives me a reason to evaluate her overall activity **POSITIVELY**.

I would like to propose that the esteemed Scientific Jury also vote positively, and the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Agronomy at the Agricultural University of Plovdiv elect **Chief assis. prof. Rumyana Georgieva Georgieva** as **,,Associate Professor"** in the scientific specialty **,,Plant Science"**.

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