



OPINION

regarding the competition for "associate professor" in the scientific specialty Plant Protection /Herbology/, announced in SG no. 98/17.11.2020 with candidate chief assistant Dr. **Anyo Yordanov Mitkov** from the Agricultural University - Plovdiv, cat. Agriculture and herbology.

Prepared the opinion: Prof. Dr. Ivan Stoyanov Zhalnov, Agricultural University - Plovdiv - retired, field of Higher Education 6. Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Professional field 6.2 Plant Protection, scientific specialty Plant Protection /Herbology/, appointed a member of the scientific jury according to Order № RD - 16-50/22.01.2021 of the Rector of the Agricultural University - Plovdiv

1. Brief introduction of the candidate.

In the announced competition for the academic position of Associate Professor of Plant Protection /Herbology/ Chief Assistant Dr. Anyo Yordanov Mitkov is the only candidate who has submitted all necessary documents required under the Law on Agricultural Protection - Plovdiv University of Plovdiv.

Chief Assistant Dr. Anyo Mitkov graduated from the Agricultural University - Plovdiv, obtaining bachelor's (2003), master's (2004) and doctoral (2012) degrees in Herbology. In 2007, after a successful competition, he entered the Department of Agriculture and Herbology as an assistant. Since 2010 he has been a senior assistant, and since 2011 he has held the academic position of chief assistant. In 2012 he defended his dissertation and acquired ONS "Doctor" in the scientific specialty Plant Protection /Herbology/.

In the last 13 years, Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Anyo Mitkov is established as a promising lecturer and researcher who is highly valued by colleagues and students. He speaks English at a good level and has the necessary computer skills for a teacher level.

2. General description of the scientific production.

In the competition for "Associate Professor" Chief Assistant Dr. Anyo Yordanov Mitkov participated with a total production of **39 papers**, grouped as follows:

Scientific publications in the nomenclature specialty - **35 issues**, of which:

- Publications related to the doctoral dissertation - **6 issues** that are not subject to review;
- Publications with impact factor - **2 issues**
- Publications in peer-reviewed and peer-reviewed scientific journals - **20 issues**;
- Publications in non-peer-reviewed journals with scientific review or in edited collective volumes - **7 issues**;

The personal participation of **Chief Assistant Dr. Anyo Yordanov Mitkov** in these **29 works** is illustrated by the fact that **2 are independent**, in **14** - is the first, in **5** - is the second, and in the remaining **8** - is the third and next author.

Textbooks and books - **2 pieces**.

Study guides - **2 pieces**.

33 pieces are subject to analysis for the preparation of the opinion.

3. Teaching activity.

The teaching activity of **Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Anyo Mitkov** is involved in conducting exercises and lectures with students in the Bachelor's and Master's degrees in the disciplines of the Department of Agriculture and Herbiology.

Educational employment of the candidate.

From the report presented by the educational department it can be seen that for the last 5 years, it performs the necessary study load, as for this period the total number of hours of lectures and exercises is **2271** hours.

Ch. Assoc. specialties at the Agricultural University. As an assistant at the Department of Agriculture and Herbiology, he teaches the disciplines General Agriculture, Herbiology, Ecological Crop Circulation, etc., in almost all specialties at the university. In recent years, he has been lecturing courses at the Bachelor's Degree in General Agriculture for students majoring in Plant Protection, distance learning. He also participates in the course "Phytosanitary Monitoring and Expertise" in the Master's Degree, with courses in Plant Protection, Plant Protection Management and Plant medicine.

The teaching activity of the candidate is complemented by the management of **21** successfully defended graduates (bachelors and masters).

Published teaching materials.

Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Anyo Mitkov participates in the publication of two teaching materials for the education of foreign students in English: textbook - "GENERAL AGRICULTURE" and guide - "A GUIDEBOOK FOR EXERCISES ON GENERAL AGRICULTURE AND HERBOLOGY". He is also the co-author of the textbook "Innovative products for plant protection and fertilization". He is the author of a **book based on a defended dissertation** for the award of educational and scientific degree "Doctor".

4. Research activity.

Areas of publication.

The research activity of Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Anyo Mitkov is concentrated mainly in the field of plant protection and in particular in the study of weeds and their control. The studies are in-depth and cover the main field crops.

Of the presented list of 29 publications, 9 - for wheat and barley, 7 - for sunflower, 6 - for corn, 5 - for rapeseed and one for pumpkin and chickpeas. *Citing and abstracting scientific research.*

The number of noticed citations is **6**, as **4** of them are in editions abroad and **2** in Bulgarian editions in English.

Participation in research projects.

Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Anyo Mitkov is the head of an implementation project at the SIC of the Agricultural University - Plovdiv and has participated in 3 other projects as a member.

5. Remarks and recommendations.

I don't have one.

Conclusion

Based on the analysis of the pedagogical, scientific and scientific-applied activity of the candidate, I consider that the chief assistant Dr. Anyo Yordanov Mitkov meets the requirements of ZRASRB, PPZRASRB and the Regulations of the Agrarian University for its application, for the academic position "Associate Professor" in Plant Protection /Herbology/.

All this gives me reason to evaluate **POSITIVELY** his overall activity. I allow myself to propose to the esteemed Scientific Jury also to vote positively, and the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Agronomy, at the Agricultural University - Plovdiv to elect a **chief assistant Dr. Anyo Yordanov Mitkov** for "**Associate Professor**" in **Plant Protection /Herbology/**.

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