



STANDPOINT

regarding the competition for "associate professor" in the scientific specialty Sheep and Goat breeding, announced in SG № 98 of 17.11.2020 with candidate Assistant Professor Atanas Spasov Vuchkov Ph.D.

from the Agrarian University, Plovdiv, appointed according to Order № RD - 16 - 49/22.01.2021 of the Rector of the Agrarian University - Plovdiv for chairman/member of the Scientific Jury

1. Briefly introduction of the candidate.

Assistant Professor Atanas Vuchkov Ph.D. was born in 1976 in the town of Pazardzhik. In 2000 graduated from higher education at the Thracian University - Stara Zagora, specialty "Veterinary Medicine".

In 2002-2009 was a doctoral student in the scientific specialty - Sheep and Goat Breeding, in 2005-2007 was an assistant in animal husbandry, in 2007-2009 was a senior assistant in animal husbandry, and since 2009 was a chief assistant in animal husbandry at the Agricultural University-Plovdiv, Department of Animal Sciences.

He defended his dissertation on the topic: "Study on the maternal ability of white and weaned Marish Sheep and some characteristics of meat productivity" and received a diploma in 2010 for the scientific and educational degree "Doctor".

The main activities and responsibilities of the candidate consist of lectures and practical exercises in the disciplines: Sheep and Goat breeding, animal husbandry, mountain animal husbandry, application of shepherd and shepherd Dogs and cynology.

2. General description of the scientific production.

In the competition for "Associate Professor" Assistant Professor Atanas Vuchkov Ph.D., participates with a total production of 28 works, grouped as follows:

Scientific publications in the nomenclature specialty - 28 issues, of which:

- Publications related to the doctoral dissertation - 1 issue, which are not subject to review;

- *Publications with impact factor* - - Issues;

- *Publications in peer-reviewed and peer-reviewed scientific journals* - 17 issues;

- *Publications in conference proceedings* - 10 issues;

The personal participation of Assistant Professor Atanas Vuchkov Ph.D. in these 27 works is illustrated by the fact that 4 are independent, in the 8th the first, in the 13th the second, and in the remaining 2 the third and subsequent author.

Textbooks -... -.... number.

Study guides - 1 piece.

27 issues are subject to analysis for the preparation of the standpoint.

3. Teaching activity.

Assistant Professor Atanas Vuchkov Ph.D. for the period 2015-2020 has performed 2808.8 total hours. For the period there are 800 lectures, 1475 exercises and 533.8 hours of extracurricular employment.

Training employment of the candidate.

The candidate has 15 years and 7 months teaching experience.

The teaching activity is complemented by the management of 11 successfully defended graduates, and is currently the head of 4 other graduates.

Published teaching materials.

Assistant Professor Atanas Vuchkov Ph.D. is a co-author of a textbook.

Developed school programs.

The candidate participates in the development of three school programs in cynology, pastoralism and organic animal husbandry.

4. Research activity.

Areas of publication.

The candidate conducts research on the exterior and typing of Bulgarian indigenous breeds of goats, studies on the size of the productive traits and characteristics of Bulgarian local breeds of Sheep and Goats, makes a description of the production systems in Goat breeding. Breeding strategies for conservation of Kalofer and Bulgarian long-haired Goats have been implemented in practice.

Citing and abstracting scientific research.

Four citations are presented: two in the Bulgarian Journal of Agricultural Science, 21 (N6), pp. 1262-1271, ISSN: 1310-0351; one in Ecologia Balkanica, Vol.11, Issue1, pp. 155-159, ISSN: 1313-9940 and one in Bulgarian Journal of Animal Sciences, 2009, N5, pp. 3-10, ISSN: 2534-9856.

Participation in research projects.

During his research career Assistant Professor Atanas Vuchkov Ph.D. participates in a total of 8 research projects, of which 2 international and 6 national.

The active participation of Assistant Professor Vuchkov Ph.D. in the implementation of these research projects shows his high scientific competence, erudition for the realization of large-scale, collective research programs.

5. Remarks and recommendations.

I know Assistant Professor Vuchkov Ph.D., as a valuable and respected scientist. This is due to his high professionalism, creative perseverance, innovation and good teamwork skills.

6. Conclusion.

Based on the analysis of the pedagogical, scientific and scientific-applied activity, expert and publication activities of the candidate, I believe that Assistant Professor Atanas Vuchkov, Ph.D. meets the requirements of ZRASRB, PPZRASRB and the Regulations of the Agrarian University for its application regarding the competition for "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty Sheep and Goat breeding. I believe that he is a built scientist, with rich teaching and research experience, with high creative activity and professionalism.

All this gives me reason to evaluate POSITIVELY his overall activity.

I allow myself to suggest to the esteemed Scientific Jury also to vote positively, and the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Agronomy at the Agrarian University - Plovdiv to elect Assistant Professor Atanas Vuchkov Ph.D. for "**Associate Professor**" in the scientific specialty Sheep and Goat Breeding.

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