



Opinion

concerning the competition for "associate professor" in the scientific specialty "Viticulture", announced in SG no. 6 from 22.01.2021 with candidate Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev Stalev from Assoc. Prof. Dr. Denitsa Dimitrova Serbezova, University of Forestry - Sofia, field of higher education 6. Agricultural sciences and veterinary medicine, professional field 6.1. Plant growing, scientific specialty "Fruit growing" appointed according to Order No RD 16-414/05.04.2021 of the Rector of the Agricultural University - Plovdiv as a member of the Scientific Jury.

1. Brief introduction of the candidate.

Ch. Assist. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev Stalev was born in August 2, 1982 in the city of Burgas. He graduated from the Agricultural University - Plovdiv, Bachelor's degree, specialty "Agronomy (Viticulture and Horticulture)" in 2005 and Master's degree, specialty "Production of sowing and planting material" in 2006. During the period 2004-2008 obtain an additional professional qualification for a teacher.

Defends doctoral dissertation at the Agricultural University - Plovdiv in 2013 on the topic: "Comparative investigation of organic and conventional production of table grapes in the area of the village of Nayden Gerovo, Plovdiv region."

In 2008 starts working at the Agricultural University - Plovdiv as an assistant professor, and since 2013 he has been a chief assistant professor.

Uses English and Polish language, as well as Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Internet.

2. General description of the scientific production.

In the competition for "Associate Professor" Ch. Assist. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev participates with a total production of 35 works, grouped as follows:

❖ *Scientific publications in the nomenclature specialty – 31 of them:*

- *Publications related to the doctoral dissertation - 3 pieces that are not subject to review;*

- *Publications with impact factor - 4 pieces;*

- *Publications in world databases without impact factor - 7 pieces;*

- *Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals - 17 pieces.*

❖ *Scientific publications out of the nomenclature specialty – 1 piece.*

❖ *Monographic work - 1 piece.*

❖ *Book based on dissertation work - 1 piece.*

❖ *Study guides - 1 piece.*

For the preparation of the opinion, **27** pieces are subject to analysis, presented as follows:

❖ *Publications with impact factor - 3 pieces;*

❖ *Publications in world databases without impact factor - 5 pieces;*

❖ *Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals - 9 pieces;*

❖ *Publications in conference proceedings - 7 issues;*

❖ *Monographic work - 1 piece.*

- ❖ *Book based on dissertation work - 1 piece.*
- ❖ *Study guides - 1 piece.*

The following scientific publications are not subject to consideration - No 1, 5 and 29, which are out of the nomenclature specialty, No 18 in content is duplicated by No 17, and No 25 is presented again as No 7.

The personal participation of Ch. Assist. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev in these 27 pieces is illustrated by the fact that 5 are independent, in 3 - is the first, in 9 - is the second, and in the remaining 10 - is a third and subsequent author, of which 17 in English, 8 in Bulgarian and 2 in Polish language.

Ch. Assist. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev participates with 2 oral presentations and 1 poster in world European congresses abroad and with 4 oral presentations and 1 poster at scientific forums with international participation in Bulgaria.

3. Teaching activity.

Working experience of Ch. Assist. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev as a teacher amounts to 13 years. He conducts classes in the disciplines "Viticulture", "Ampelography", "Biological Viticulture" and "Production of vine planting material".

Dr. Stalev has participated in 6 outgoing Erasmus mobility as a lecturer. The first was implemented in 2009 at the Agricultural University - Krakow, and the other 5 were during the period 2011-2017 at the West Pomeranian University - Szczecin, Poland

From 20.08. until 21.09.2012 the applicant has participated as a lecturer in a project under measure 111 "Professional training, information activities and dissemination of scientific knowledge" of the Rural Development Program for the period 2007-2013 /RDP/, supported by European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development /EAFRD/.

Ch. Assist. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev was a lecturer at 8 joint information and training seminars of the National Agricultural Advisory Service (NAAS) and the Agricultural University - Plovdiv with farmers in the period 2014-2020 with 32 hours in total.

Educational workload of the candidate.

His direct academic auditorium of exercises and non-auditorium occupation for the period 2015-2020 was 2446.8 hours, an average of 489 hours per academic year.

Published teaching materials.

Ch. Assist. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev is a co-author of 1 "Guidance for Viticulture and Enology" published by the Academic Publishing House of the West Pomeranian University of Technology - Szczecin, Poland in 2016.

Developed course syllabus.

Ch. Assist. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev participates in the development of 4 course syllabus - 3 in the bachelor's degree and 1 in the master's degree.

4. Research activity.

The scientific production with which Ch. Assist. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev participates in

this competition exceeds the minimum scientometric indicators for holding AD "Associate Professor" in the professional field 6.1. Plant growing.

Areas of publication.

The scientific works with which Ch. Assist. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev participates in this competition related to organic grape production, agrotechnics of the vine, production of vine planting material, economic evaluation in the creation and cultivation of vineyards, the received results and conclusions enrich viticulture science and practice.

Citing and referring scientific research.

In the list of noticed citations Dr. Stalev has indicated 16 citations, of which 4 in Bulgarian editions and 12 in Bulgarian journals with impact factor and in foreign editions.

Participation in research projects.

From 2008 until now Dr. Stalev is a leader of 1 project and has participated in 4 national scientific and 4 educational projects, as well as 1 scientific project out of the nomenclature specialty.

5. Remarks and recommendations.

I would like to recommend to Ch. Assist. Prof. Dr. Stalev to deepen his research in the field of organic grape production.

6. Conclusion.

Based on the analysis of the pedagogical, scientific and scientific-applied activity of the candidate, I consider that Ch. Assist. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev meets the requirements of Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, Regulations for Application of the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations of the Agricultural University for its application for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty "Viticulture". Dr. Stalev is the only candidate, hold an academic position of "chief assistant professor", with the necessary auditorium and non-auditorium occupation. His scientific output exceeds the minimum scientometric requirements. He is an enthusiastic and energetic young lecturer and researcher, recognizable in viticulture science and practice.

All of this gives me a 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 Viticulture and Horticulture at the Agricultural University - Plovdiv to elect **Ch. Assist. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev** for "**Associate Professor**" in the scientific specialty "**Viticulture**".

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