



EVALUATION REPORT

**Regarding the Competition for an Associate Professor in Scientific Major of Viticulture,
announced in SG No. 6 of 22.01.2021**

Candidate: Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev Stalev

**Evaluation report prepared by: Prof. Dr. Argir Todorov Zhivondov, appointed by
Order No. RD-16-414 of 05.04.2021 of the Rector of the Agricultural University of
Plovdiv for Chairman/Member of the Scientific Board of Examiners**

1. Brief presentation of the candidate

Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev Stalev was born on August 2nd, 1982 in the city of Burgas. In 2005 he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Viticulture and Horticulture at the Agricultural University of Plovdiv and in 2006 he acquired a Master's degree in Production of Sowing and Planting Material. In 2008 he received a Certificate of professional qualification of a teacher and five years later successfully defended a Thesis for acquiring the educational-and-scientific degree 'Doctor'. From 2008 to 2012 he was an Assistant Professor and since 2013 until now he is a Chief Assist. Prof. in the Department of Viticulture at the Agricultural University of Plovdiv. From 2012 to 2019 he was a member of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Viticulture and Horticulture and in the period 2016 – 2019 he was a member of the Academic Council of AU – Plovdiv. He has excellent computer literacy. He speaks English and Polish languages at a basic level.

2. General Description of the Scientific Production

Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev participates in the competition for an Associate Professor with a total production of 47 publications, grouped as follows:

❖ *Scientific publications in the nomenclature major – 31 publications, of which:*

- Publications related to the PhD thesis – 3, which are not subject to review;
- Publications with an impact factor – 4;
- Publications in peer-reviewed and indexed scientific journals – 24;
- Publications in conference proceedings – 8.

The personal contribution of Chief Assis. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev in those 31 papers is illustrated by the fact that he is the only author of 5 publications, he is the first author of 3, the second of 9 and he is the third and next author of the rest 13 papers.

- ❖ Textbooks – ... in number;
- ❖ Student Manuals – 1;
- ❖ Books – 2.

35 publications are subject to analysis for the preparation of the present Evaluation Report.

3. Teaching Activity

The teaching activity of Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev is related to the disciplines of Viticulture, Ampelography, Organic Viticulture and Production of Grapevine Planting Material. In the period 2015 – 2020 he delivered a total of 2447 hours recalculated to seminars.

He is a co-author of one student manual, two books and four study programmes were developed and published.

4. Research Activity

The research activity of the candidate for the current competition covers the period from 2009 to 2021 and is in the following four areas:

1. Study of the possibilities for organic production of dessert and wine grapes in Bulgaria, as well as the agrotechnology of the grapevine, chemical composition of the grapes and its effect on the production and wine quality
2. Different ways to maintain the soil surface and the effect of microorganisms on leaf gas exchange, yield and quality
3. Study on the production costs necessary for the design and establishment of new vineyards
4. Cultivar studies and production of grapevine planting material.

The candidate has participated in the preparation and implementation of five research projects funded by the Research Centre at the Agricultural University of Plovdiv, as well as in a project funded by an external organization 'Agro Prom' Ltd. Karavelovo, Plovdiv region.

Eight of the candidate's scientific publications have been cited 16 times, as four of the citations are in Bulgarian editions and 12 are in foreign and Bulgarian editions with an impact factor.

5. Remarks and Recommendations

I would recommend to the candidate in future participation in competitions for an academic position to better systematize the submitted materials and to present them more clearly.

6. Conclusion

Based on the analysis of the teaching, research and scientific-and-applied activity of the candidate, I think that Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev fully meets the requirements of the Act on Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for the Application of the Act, as well as the Regulations of the Agricultural University of Plovdiv for its application. The candidate in the current competition for an Associate Professor fully covers the national criteria for the academic position of an Associate Professor and can reasonably take the position.

All that gives me the reason to evaluate POSITIVELY his overall activity. I allow myself to propose to the esteemed Scientific Board of Examiners also to vote positively and the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Viticulture and Horticulture at the Agricultural University of Plovdiv to elect Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Boyan Stalev as an 'Associate Professor' in the Scientific Major of Viticulture.

Evaluation Report prepared by:

Date: June 2nd, 2021
Plovdiv

.....
Prof. Dr. A. Zhivondov