



OPINION

regarding the competition for "associate professor" in the scientific specialty Agrochemistry, announced in SG no. 98 of 17.11.2020 with candidate Assist. Prof. Dr. Nikolai Momchilov Minev by Prof. Dr. Hristofor Kirchev Kirchev, Agricultural University - Plovdiv appointed according to Order № RD-16-51 / 22.01.2021 of the Rector of the Agricultural University - Plovdiv as a member of the scientific jury

1. Brief introduction of the candidate.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Nikolay Minev was born on August 13, 1976 in the town of Veliko Tarnovo. In 1999 he graduated as a medical assistant, and in 2005 as a bachelor of the Agricultural University with a degree in Agronomy - Agriculture. In 2007 he graduated with a master's degree from the same university with a degree in Agrotechnical Technologies and Biotechnology. During the period 2007-2010 he was a full-time PhD student in the Department of Crop Science, after which in 2013 he successfully defended his dissertation in the field of grassland, fodder production, and obtained the educational and scientific degree "Doctor". After successfully passing a competition in 2009 he was appointed as an assistant, followed by a chief assistant in Agrochemistry in the Department of Soil Science and Agrochemistry at the Faculty of Agriculture, Agricultural University - Plovdiv.

2. General description of the scientific production.

In the competition for "Associate Professor" Assist. Prof. Dr. Nikolay Minev participates with a total production of 20 works, grouped as follows::

Scientific publications in the nomenclature specialty - 20 issues, of them:

- Monograph - 1 pc.
- Articles and reports published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information - 13 pieces;
- Articles and reports published in non-refereed journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes - 6 pieces

The personal participation of Assist. Prof. Dr. Nikolay Minev in these 20 works is illustrated by the fact that 6 are independent, in 5 - is the first, in 5 - is the second, and in the remaining 4 - is the third and next author.

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3. Teaching activity.

Training employment of the candidate.

In the last 5 years (2015-2020) the candidate has completed a total of 2064.8 hours of direct classroom employment in the Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree and in English under the Erasmus program.

The teaching activity is complemented by the management of 7 successfully defended graduates.

4. Research activity.

Areas of publication.

The main scientific directions in the majority of publications are related to research work in the field of soil and foliar fertilization of field crops and specifically its impact on their growth, development, some physiological and biochemical parameters, yields and product quality..

Citing and abstracting scientific research.

The candidate has presented 9 citations, all in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information.

Participation in research projects.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Nikolay Minev presents a certificate according to which he has participated in one National project, and as a manager - in 12 implementation projects.

5. Remarks and recommendations.

I have no remarks, as Ch. Dr. Nikolay Minev fully covers the minimum national scientometric requirements specified in the Regulations of the Agrarian University for implementation of the Law for the development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, as of the required 400 points, the sum of the presented materials are 486,48.

6. Conclusion.

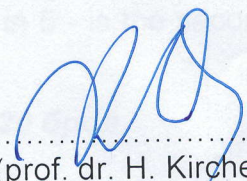
Based on the analysis of the pedagogical, scientific and scientific-applied activity of the candidate, I consider that Assist. Prof. Dr. Nikolay Minev meets the requirements of Law for the development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, Regulations for implementation of the Law for the development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations of the Agrarian University for its application. This is illustrated by the fact that of the 400 points required by the Regulations, the sum of the points from the materials submitted by the applicant is 486,48.

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 Agricultural University - Plovdiv to elect Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Nikolay Minev for "**Associate Professor**" in the scientific specialty "Agrochemistry".

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