



## REVIEW

By

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**On application documents and scientific papers for the opened position for Associate Professor in Economics and Management, announced in State Gazette # 97 / 21.11.2023.**

**This review covers the application of Head Asst. Prof. Rositza Petrova Beluhova-Uzunova.**

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### **1. Introduction of the candidate**

Head Asst. Prof. Rositsa Petrova Beluhova-Uzunova, PhD, graduated in "Macroeconomics" at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" (bachelor's degree), followed by a master's degree in "Accounting and Analysis" at the same university. She defended his doctorate degree at the University of Agriculture in 2014, with the topic of her dissertation being "Agricultural Specialization and Concentration".

Since 2014 Dr. Beluhova-Uzunova works at the Agricultural University - Plovdiv, as an assistant professor (until 2017) and head assistant professor (from 2017 to the present).

### **2. General review of applicant's research papers**

Rositsa Petrova Beluhova-Uzunova has provided 34 research papers as part of her application of the opened position. They can be summarized as follows:

- ❖ *Total number of research papers – 34, of which:*
  - *Research paper relevant to the PhD thesis – 5. These papers are not covered by this review;*
  - *Papers published in journals with IF/SJR – 2 (Q1 and Q2, indexed in Scopus);*
  - *Other research papers indexed in primary scientific databases – 16 (indexed in WoS);*

- *Research papers indexed in other scientific databases – 10;*
- *Monograph study „Potential and prerequisites for the development of the bio-economy in Bulgaria“ – 1.*

Personal contributions of Rositsa Beluhova-Uzunova are highlighted by the fact that out of 29 reviewed papers, she is the first author in 17 of them, second author in 6 and third or subsequent author in the last 6 of them.

*This review has been based on all **29** of the submitted research papers.*

### **3. Teaching activities**

#### *Teaching and student-related activities*

For the last five academic years, the candidate has an impressive history of 4401 academic study hours (of which 3440 active teaching activities). Dr. Beluhova-Uzunova participation in the educational process can also be extended in her future work with graduates and doctoral students.

### **4. Research activities**

#### *Research area summary*

The candidate's publications can be summarized in the following general categories – focusing on bio-innovations (e.g. 2, 20, 22, 23, 27 and the monographic study), focusing on restructuring and development of the agriculture sector (e.g. 3,5,6,7, 15,16,18,19), as well as focusing on precision agriculture and innovation (eg 4,11,24).

#### *Citations and mentions*

The application provides information on 11 citations, mostly in papers that are indexed and referred to in major scientific databases.

#### *Scientific and research projects*

Dr. Beluhova-Uzunova has participated in two national (funded by the Ministry of Education and National Scientific Research Fund) and one international (under the Erasmus+ program) scientific projects.

The application includes the the full texts of the research papers, accompanied by the necessary declarations of originality. I have no reason to doubt the personal contribution of Dr. Beluhova-Uzunova in the mentioned scientific developments.

#### **5. Remarks and recommendations**

I would recommend head assistant professor Beluhova-Uzunova, PhD to publish the results of his scientific studies into a bigger number of independent papers and monographic studies.

#### **6. Conclusion**

Based on the analysis of the educational, scientific and research activity of the candidate, I believe that Head Assistant Professor Rositsa Petrova Beluhova–Uzunova fully complies with the national legal requirements as well as with internal regulations of The Agricultural University of Plovdiv for the position of Associate Professor. Her publications, citations, and teaching activity attest to the candidate's consistent and focused efforts in research and student engagement.

Based on all the evidence and submitted papers I would like to state my **POSITIVE** opinion on candidate's research and teaching activities.

I would suggest to the scientific committee to support the application and to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Economics at the Agricultural University - Plovdiv to approve and select Head Assistant Professor Rositsa Petrova Beluhova-Uzunova, as an Associate professor in Economics and Management.

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