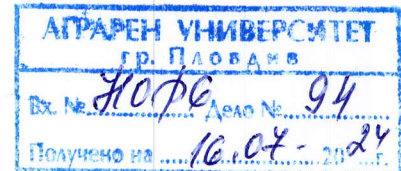


OPINION



on the competition for "Associate Professor" in the professional field 3.9 Tourism, scientific specialty "Cultural and Historical Heritage", announced in State Gazette No. 23 of 19.03.2024, with candidate chief assistant Dr. Vidin Stoyanov Sukarev, by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ivan Petrov Kilimperov, Agricultural University – Plovdiv, professional field 3.9 Tourism, appointed according to the Order № RD - 16 - 581 / 15.05.2024 of the Rector of the Agricultural University – Plovdiv, as a member of the scientific jury.

1. Brief introduction of the candidate.

Chief assistant Dr. Vidin Stoyanov Sukarev is the only candidate for the announced competition.

He graduated as a Master in History at "St. Cyril and St. Methodius" University of Veliko Tarnovo in 2000. In April 2010 he obtained his PhD in History and Archaeology. In September 2003 he was appointed Curator at RHM Plovdiv, and from 2021 to March 2023 as Head of the Scientific Group. From 1 March 2023 to the present he has been appointed as "chief assistant".

Since September 2009 he has been appointed as a lecturer at the Agricultural University – Plovdiv, and since March 2013 he has held the academic position of "chief assistant" (½ time) at the Department of Tourism at the Agricultural University – Plovdiv.

He is fluent in English, French, Russian and Italian and has basic knowledge of Turkish. Communicative, positive, with teamwork skills.

2. General description of the scientific output.

In the competition for the academic position "Associate Professor", the candidate chief assistant Dr. Sukarev participated with a total output of 21 works, grouped as follows:

- ❖ *Scientific publications on the nomenclatural specialty – 21 pieces, of them:*
 - *Publications with impact factor - 2*
 - *Publications in peer-reviewed and refereed scientific journals - 16 issues, of which:*
 - *Publications from conferences and other scientific forums - 10;*
 - *Habilitation thesis/monograph - 1 issue;*
 - *Independent monograph - 1 issue;*
 - *Monograph in co-authorship - 1 issue.*

Personal participation of chief as. Dr. Vidin Sukarev in the above 21 works is illustrated by the fact that 17 are self-authored, in 3 is the second author, and 1 is a collective work.

For the preparation of the opinion **21 pieces** are subject to analysis.

3. Teaching.

The documents submitted for the competition certify the candidate's teaching experience of more than 15 years. His teaching activity covers a wide range of

disciplines, the main ones of which are in direct relation and/or in the context of the students' training in professional field 3.9 Tourism: "National Psychology", "Philosophy", "Cultural and Historical Heritage of Bulgaria", "Bulgarian Foreign Routes", "Local Studies", etc.

The candidate's total teaching load since 2018 is more than 2900 hours, which covers the minimum required according to the regulations of the Agricultural University – Plovdiv for the academic position of Associate Professor.

The teaching activity is complemented by the supervision of over 10 successfully defended graduates.

At the present moment, the candidate – chief assistant Dr. Vidin Sukarev, has developed the curricula of the following disciplines:

- ✓ "Civilization and Values";
- ✓ "National Psychology";
- ✓ "Philosophy";
- ✓ "Cultural and Historical Heritage of Bulgaria";
- ✓ "Ethnology";
- ✓ "Political Science";
- ✓ "Bulgarian Foreign Routes";
- ✓ "Local Studies"
- ✓ "Museum Work".

4. Research.

The publication activity of the candidate is focused in the field of history and tourism. The documents submitted for the competition certify a total of 8 citations of the candidate, 5 of which are in publications with impact factor/impact rank.

Chief assistant Dr. Vidin Sukarev is the scientific supervisor of the project "11-20 Establishment of a Center for Research and Preservation of Agrarian Traditions at the Museum Collection of the Agricultural University – Plovdiv" and a member of the research team of the project "07-23 Interactive Map of the Tourist Region "Thrace" (Agrarian Tourism, Local Culture and Traditions)".

5. Remarks and recommendations.

The main recommendation to the candidate is to direct part of his publication activity to the development of educational literature (teaching aids, teaching manuals, etc.).

6. Conclusion.

On the basis of the analysis of the pedagogical, scientific and scientific-applied activity of the candidate, I believe that chief assistant Dr. Vidin Stoyanov Sukarev meets the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria, on Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations of the Agricultural University – Plovdiv for its implementation, for the academic position of Associate Professor, as he fulfils all the required criteria.

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

I take the liberty to propose to the Honorable Scientific Jury also to vote positively, and the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Economics at the Agricultural University – Plovdiv to elect chief assistant Dr. Vidin Stoyanov Sukarev as Associate Professor in the professional field 3.9 Tourism, scientific specialty "Cultural and Historical Heritage".

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Prepared by.....
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ivan Petrov Kilimperov', written over a dotted line.