



OPINION

regarding the competition for the position of "associate professor" in the scientific specialty "Cultural and Historical Heritage" in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional area 3.9. Tourism, promulgated in State Gazette no. 23 of March 19, 2024; candidate in the competition: Vidin Stoyanov Sukarev

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1. Candidate's background

In the period 1995-2000 Mr. Vidin Sukarev was awarded a Master's degree in History at St. St. Cyril and Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo. In 2009 the candidate was awarded a PhD in History. Between 2000 and 2005 Vidin Sukarev worked as a teacher in secondary schools, teaching the subject History and Civilization. Between 2003 and 2021 he held the position of curator at the Regional History Museum in Plovdiv, from 2021 to 2023 he was the leader of a scientific group at the museum. From September 2009 to March 2013, Vidin Sukarev was a part-time lecturer at the Agricultural University - Plovdiv, and since March 1, 2013, the candidate has held the position of Chief Assistant Professor on a full-time employment contract at the same university.

2. General description of the scientific output.

Vidin Stoyanov Sukarev participates in the competition for "associate professor" with a total output of 67 works, grouped as follows:

- *Scientific publications on the respective scientific specialty: 25 items, of which:*
 - 4 publications related to his doctoral dissertation, which are not subject to consideration;
 - 4 publications with an impact factor;
 - 4 publications in peer-reviewed and referenced scientific journals;
 - 14 publications in conference proceedings.

Vidin Sukarev's personal contribution in the above-mentioned 25 works is illustrated by the fact that 21 of the works are single-authored, while in 4 of the works he is mentioned as a co-author.

21 items are subject to analysis for the purposes of this Opinion.

3. Teaching activities

Vidin Sukarev delivers lectures and seminars at the Agricultural University - Plovdiv in the disciplines Economic History, Cultural Heritage and Museum Activities, Bulgaria's Cultural Heritage, Folk Psychology, Bulgarian Overseas Routes, Ethnology, Museum Activities, Cultural Heritage of the Regions, Philosophy and Political Science.

Candidate's academic workload.

In the last six years: 2018/2019 – 2022/2023, Vidin Sukarev has had an average annual teaching workload of over 400 hours, and the trend is upward. In the last two

years, including the 2023/2024 academic year, the candidate has delivered over 700 hours of teaching.

The candidate's teaching activity is complemented by the supervision of more than 10 graduates who have successfully earned their degrees.

Developed curricula.

Vidin Sukarev has developed curricula for all the disciplines he teaches.

4. Scientific and research activity

Research areas

Vidin Sukarev's scientific research is focused in the area of the history of tourism as part of the recent economic history.

The candidate's specific thematic areas of publication and scientific-practical contributions are, as follows:

Study of the historical development of the construction of tourist infrastructure and resource development in Plovdiv throughout the twentieth century to the present day. The published habilitation monographic work is entitled "Plovdiv municipality and the construction of the urban and tourist infrastructure, 1944-1990: a study on the institutional, economic and everyday history of Plovdiv". Plovdiv: Academic Publishing House of the Agricultural University, 2023.

Study of Bulgarian folk psychology. The candidate's studies in the field are also linked to his teaching activity in the discipline Folk Psychology at the Agricultural University - Plovdiv

Scientific research on local lore and local history. The candidate uses an interdisciplinary scientific approach to reveal the problems of local cultural memory, toponymy, anthroponymy, places of memory, reflection, sustainability and the replacement of the names of objects from the urban environment: streets, squares, boulevards, educational institutions, sports facilities, etc. .

Study of problems, trends and regularities in the field of museology and the preservation of cultural heritage. Revealing the role and importance of the museum curator.

Enrichment of knowledge in the area of history of everyday life and the history of institutions in the context of the New History movement, which arose after the First World War.

Citation and referencing of the scientific output.

The candidate declares 8 citations of his publications in journals, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information

Involvement in scientific projects

Vidin Sukarev led one project and participated in 4 scientific projects as an expert.

5. Notes and recommendations.

We would recommend Vidin Sukarev in his future research activities to focus on cultural heritage and museum work as a resource for the development of cultural and educational tourism

6. Conclusion

Based on the analysis of the pedagogical, scientific and scientific-applied activities of the candidate, I believe that **Vidin Stoyanov Sukarev** meets the requirements laid down in the Law on Academic Staff Development in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its implementation and the Regulations of the Agricultural University for its application.

The candidate holds the educational and **scientific degree "Doctor"**. For **11 years** he has held the position of Chief Assistant Professor at the Agricultural University - Plovdiv. He has published an original monographic work in a specialized scientific publication. He exceeds the minimum requirements under Article 1a, paragraph 1 and the requirements of the Regulations of the Agricultural University (he has declared 633.33 points against the required 400 points) There is no evidence of plagiarism in his scientific output.

All of the above gives me reason to **positively** evaluate the candidate's overall activity.

I take the liberty of proposing to the honorable Scientific Jury to also vote positively, and to the Faculty Council of the **Faculty of ECONOMICS** at the Agricultural University - Plovdiv to appoint Vidin Stoyanov Sukarev as Associate Professor in scientific specialty **"Cultural and Historical Heritage" in professional area 3.9. Tourism**

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