



REVIEW

on applications for the opened position for „PROFESSOR” in „Economics and management (Agriculture)“, announced in The State Gazette issue 62 from 21.07.2023 with sole applicant Assoc. Prof. Dimo Hadzhiev Atanasov, PhD

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member of the scientific committee in accordance with Order № РД-16-899/25.09.2023 г. by the Rector of the Agricultural University - Plovdiv

1. Introduction of the applicants.

There is a single application for the opening by Dimo Hadzhiev Atanasov, PhD associate professor at the department of „Economics“, Agricultural University-Plovdiv. Documents submitted are available as electronic copies and contain all necessary details on research and teaching activities of the applicant.

Assoc. Prof. Dimo Atanasov, PhD has started teaching at the Agriculture University in Plovdiv in 2007 and since 2016 he holds the position of a Dean of the Faculty of Economics.

2. General information on research papers.

Assoc. Prof. Dimo Atanasov Atanasov has submitted 62 research papers, as follows:

- *Research papers related to his PhD thesis or used for the application for associate professor – 37 papers, which are not covered by this review;*
- *Research papers submitted as part of the application – 25 papers, as follows:*
 - *with SJR and IF – 6 papers (1 x Q2, 1 x Q3, 3 x Q4, IF);*
 - *other papers indexed in Scopus and/or Web Of Science – 12 papers;*
 - *research indexed in other databases – 6 papers (including № 49 u 51);*
 - *monograph study – 1.*

Two of the papers (including the monograph study) are independent research and Assoc. Prof. Dimo Atanasov is a leading researcher in 7 other published studies.

All mentioned 25 publications are related to the scientific area of the announced opening and are covered by this review.

3. Teaching activities.

Assoc. Dr. Dimo Atanasov has provided a reference and evidence of an impressive volume of teaching activity, which includes not only academic classes, but also active work with bachelor, master and PhD students.

Teaching activities.

For the last 5 years the candidate has taught in different courses with a bit over 4,600 hours of classes and classroom employment. He has demonstrated a consistently high level of classroom employment in lectures – well over 500 hours per year. Associate Professor Dr. Atanasov actively supports academic mobility, as evidenced by the Erasmus courses he teaches on a regular basis.

Teaching activities of Dr. Atanasov has been scientific advisor of three successfully defended PhD theses. Currently he also advises five active PhD students and one that has already completed his study. My personal impressions, as a member of one of the PhD committees are that Dr. Atanasov takes his scientific advisor duties very seriously and with great care.

Teaching courses.

Assoc. Prof. Dimo Atanasov participated in the successful development and delivery of study programs in Business Logistics, Agriculture Economics, Investment Policy, Eco-Economy, European Agriculture Policy.

4. Research activities.

Research area review.

The candidate's research is directly related to the scientific area of the opened position. Associate Professor Dimo Atanasov emphasizes in his studies on the effective application of modern economic and management methods to solve contemporary problems in agriculture business. Special attention deserves his monographic study, which offers tools for evaluating the effect of innovation on the development of this industry.

Citations and references review.

Assoc. Prof. Dimo Atanasov have provided a list with 66 citations as follows: 30 of them are in scientific papers indexed in Scopus and/or Web Of Sciences; 3 are in monograph studies and books with scientific review and 30 are in scientific papers indexed in other databases. Out of all 66 entries, the following are not covered and considered in the review: from the first group № 32, from the second group № 3, and from the last group № 17 and 23.

The high number of citations by foreign authors highlight to the recognizability of Prof. Atanasov's research.

Research projects review.

Assoc. Prof. Dimo Atanasov has submitted evidence of participation in 8 scientific or educational projects, of which:

- two national scientific projects (where he has a project leader position in one of them);
- six international research projects, where he has been a leading researcher or institutional coordinator;

Six of these projects have been successfully completed and two are still ongoing.

5. Remarks and recommendations.

I know Associate Professor Atanasov as a responsible teacher and active researcher in the field of economics and management. As a specific recommendation, the possibility of directing an even greater proportion of research to high IF journals can be pointed out.

6. Conclusion.

Based on the available inputs and analysis of teaching, scientific and project-related activities of the candidate, I confirm that assoc. prof. Dimo Atanasov complies with all national and internal legal requirements for the academic position „professor“ in „Economics and management“ (Agriculture). His professional experience, scientific papers, research findings and citations highlight his successful and consistent research and teaching career.

Based on these facts I would like to express my POSITIVE opinion on Assoc. Prof. Dimo Atanasov scientific and research activities.

I would recommend to the scientific committee to support a positive vote and recommend to the Faculty council of the Faculty of Economics, Agriculture University – Plovdiv to elect assoc. prof. Dimo Atanasov as „PROFESSOR“ in „Economics and management“ (Agriculture).

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