



OPINION

by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Teodor Nikolaev Radev from Agrarian University Plovdiv, according to a competition for the academic position of "professor" in Agrarian University, announced in State Gazette no. 99/ 28.11.2023 in professional direction 3.8. "Economics" and scientific major "Organization and management of production", with candidate Assoc. Ph.D. Violeta Dinkova Dirimanova, for the needs of the Agricultural University, Faculty of Economics, department "Management and Marketing", according to order No. RD - 16 - 44 /19.01.2024 of the Rector of the Agricultural University.

I. Biographical data for the candidate

Assoc. Prof. Ph.D. Violeta Dinkova Dirimanova was born on 27.09.1973. In 2007, she obtained an Doctor degree at Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture. The topic of the dissertation is "Economic Effects of Land Fragmentation: Property Rights, Land Markets and Contracts in Bulgaria". By a decision of the Supreme Atestation Commission from 2008, her doctoral degree was recognized in code 05.02.18 "Economics and Management".

II. Experience

Ass. Prof. Dirimanova's professional development took place in the "Management and Marketing" department of the Plovdiv Agricultural University after she was appointed as an assistant in 2000. From 2014 to the present, he is an associate professor in the "Management and Marketing" department of the Agricultural University - Plovdiv. Currently, Assoc. Prof. Dirimanova is the Chairman of the General Assembly of the Agricultural University - Plovdiv.

In her many years of teaching activity, Associate Professor Violeta Dirimanova has established herself as a good teacher, teaching students and doctoral students. She has successfully trained both Bulgarian and foreign doctoral students in the scientific specialty "Organization and Production Management". She reviewed more than 10 dissertation studies of Bulgarian and foreign doctoral students. She was selected as a reviewer in our and foreign universities. Assoc. Ph.D. Violeta Dirimanova has participated in over 20 international and national research and educational projects.

III. Teaching job

Ass. Prof. Dirimanova has presented an official note, issued by the Educational and Information Center of the Agricultural University - Plovdiv, regarding her workload as a teacher. For the last 5 academic years, Ass. Prof. Dirimanova has conducted a total of 4,310.6 study hours, both in bachelor's and master's courses. Associate Professor Violeta Dirimanova's total experience as a teacher until the announcement of the competition is 24 years.

IV. Scientific research work

For participation in the competition for the academic position of "professor", Assoc. Prof. Dr. Violeta Dirimanova provided a list of scientific works, a total of 37 in number - 1 no. habilitation thesis /monography/; 18 publications with an impact factor and 18 scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals, which are referenced and indexed in world-renowned scientific information databases. Prof. Dr. Dirimanova has published study aids, manuals and textbooks. Prof. Dirimanova has also participated in the preparation of analyzes and technologies for various institutions and professional organizations.

Scientific publications by topic can be grouped into the following areas:

1. Development of a model of the "Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System" (AKIS) and creation of the AKIS network for Bulgaria;
2. Development of consulting services in Bulgarian agriculture and the role towards small farmers;
3. The role of property rights for the successful development of organizations in agriculture
4. The analysis of transaction costs and land relations
5. The role of the "multifunctional agriculture" concept in Bulgarian agriculture;
6. Development and management of organic production in Bulgarian farms;

Based on the presented publications, it can definitely be determined that the main direction of the scientific activity of Associate Professor Violeta Dirimanova is in the rational use of resources, increasing biological diversity, improving the quality of resources and stimulating regional ecosystems. The activity regarding the management of the transfer of knowledge for the sustainable development of agrarian systems is also significant.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Violeta Dirimanova presented information on over 100 citations.

V. Design and implementation activity

Assoc. Prof. Ph.D. Violeta Dirimanova shows herself as an outstanding specialist, mainly in the field of consulting in the "System for Knowledge and Innovation in Agriculture". She worked on numerous international and national projects, within which she provided practical assistance to farmers.

VI. Scientific contributions

In the submitted publications and dissertations for participation in a competition for the academic position of "professor" in PN 3.8 "Economics", contributing moments of a scientific and applied nature stand out in the following scientific directions:

1. design and analysis of the AKIS system for Bulgaria;
2. implementation of the AKIS system, which supports the transfer of knowledge and consulting activities in agriculture and economic use of wastewater in Bulgaria;

3. analysis and evaluation of the Farmer Advisory System in the country;
4. analysis of knowledge and innovations to ensure the rational use of resources, increase biological diversity, improve the quality of resources and stimulate regional ecosystems in the bioeconomy;
5. analysis of institutional changes in land relations,
6. role of multifunctional agriculture, as a concept that aims to increase the income of agricultural productions and improve social life in rural areas;
7. comparative analyzes of the income of agricultural productions in the application of bio-based and circular agricultural innovative practices.

VII. Critical notes and recommendations

I have no critical notes.

VIII. Conclusion

The scientific works of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Violeta Dirimanova undoubtedly have sufficient theoretical and practical contributions. The documents and materials submitted for review are in full compliance with ZRAS, PPZRASRB and the Regulations of the Agrarian University for its application.

After my acquaintance with the materials and scientific works on the competition and their review, I am fully convinced and objectively give a positive assessment and recommend the Scientific Jury to propose to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Economics at the Agricultural University - Plovdiv for the election of Assoc. Prof. Ph.D. Violeta Dirimanova for the academic position "professor" in professional field 3.8. "Economics" and scientific specialty - "Organization and management of production".

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