

Statement

from

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Concerning the procedure for obtaining the academic position of associate professor (SG, issue 87 / 09.10.2020) in the field of higher education 4. Natural sciences, mathematics and informatics, professional field 4.2 Chemical sciences (Analytical chemistry with instrumental methods of analysis) for the needs of the Department of Chemistry, University of Shumen, Shumen.

By Order № RD-16-180 of November 26, 2020 of the Rector of the "Konstantin Preslavsky" University of Shumen. After the first session of the Scientific Jury from 14.12.2020 and according to art. 69 (para. 2 and 3) of the RDAP of the Shumen University I was selected to prepare a statement on the procedure. Only Dr. Ismail Efraimov Ismailov, Chief Assistant at the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Shumen University had submitted documents for the announced position. The presented set of materials is in accordance with the RDAP of SU and the candidate is admitted to the procedure by the relevant commission. I received all the candidate's documentation in electronic form.

From the documentation it is clear, that the candidate has started working as an assistant in 2011. He defended his PhD thesis in 2015 at the Shumen University and since 2016 he worked as a Chief assistant in Organic Chemistry at the Department of Chemistry at the Shumen University. The candidate has a serious workload in form of hours and significantly exceeds the norm for academic employment. Doc. Ismailov conducts laboratory exercises, seminars, and lectures in several disciplines related to chemical analysis, both in bachelor's, as well as in master's courses.

The candidate had submitted 23 articles, a monograph and 41 reports from scientific forums. He participated in eleven projects, two of which are nationally funded, and the rest are under the program for internal projects of Shumen University. As far as I have calculated the points according to this criterion, the candidate correctly presents his publication activity before and

after the PhD defensio. The candidate's contributions are correctly formulated and correspond to the content of the publications submitted for the procedure.

The candidate had submitted 25 citations, which carry sufficient number of points on this indicator in accordance with ZRASRB, PPZRASRB and RDAP of the Shumen University. According to the indicators for publishing activity, Dr. Ismailov fulfills the indicators with the presented monograph and thirteen scientific publications in journals recognized as referenced according to the Bulgarian legislation. The presented papers have are with publication date after the defense of the PhD thesis. One of the studies presented in the list was realized in a top journal from the first quartile.

After the analysis of the materials presented by Dr. Ismail Ismailov, in accordance with the regulations for the development of the research personel and taking into account the scientific importance of the work provided by the candidate, I confidently give my positive assessment. I propose to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Natural Sciences at the "Konstantin Preslavsky" University of Shumen to select Ch. Assistant Ismail Ismailov for the academic position of "Associate Professor" at the Department of Chemistry in the Professional field 4: Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics, Professional Field 4.2 Chemical Sciences (Analytical Chemistry with Instrumental Methods for Analysis).

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that Dr. Ismailov developed in a specialist with high technical competence, possessing wide platform of knowledge in various fields. As far as I can judge, all documents and data are completely reliable and correctly submitted. The candidate fulfills all the criteria and collects the required number of points on all indicators for successful habilitation in Shumen University. I am fully convinced of my recommendation to the Scientific Council to elect Dr. Ismail Ismailov to hold the academic position of "Associate Professor".

January 20, 2021.

Member of the scientific jury: 

(Prof. Dr. Nikolay Nachev)