

# **“Konstantin Preslavsky” University of Shumen**

## **OPINION**

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by competition for the academic position "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education: 5. Technical sciences, Professional field 5.13. General Engineering (Engineering Logistics) in the Department of Engineering Logistics, Faculty of Technical Sciences, “Konstantin Preslavsky” University of Shumen, published in the State Gazette, issue.

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**Candidate:** Eng. Stefan Marinov Kazakov Ph.D.

**Grounds:** Order № RD-16-037/06.04.2021. by the Rector of “Konstantin Preslavsky” University of Shumen

### **1. Biographical data**

Chief Assistant Stefan Kazakov obtained a “Master” degree in 2011 in the specialty "Communication and Information Systems" at the University of Sofia "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski". During 2017 he was obtained a Ph.D. degree in the professional field 5.3. Communication and computer technology, with the topic of the dissertation: "Study of the efficiency of data traffic in LAN". From 2016 to 2017 he held the position of "Assistant" in the Department of Engineering Logistics at the University of Sofia "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski". During 2017, he was appointed as a "Chief Assistant" in the same department.

### **2. Pedagogical preparation and activity of the candidate**

**2.1. Classroom and extracurricular activities - development of lecture courses, innovations in teaching methodology, provision of classes in a practical environment outside the University or scientific organization**

According to the submitted reference under Art. 61 of the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of

Bulgaria, for additional indicators, for entering in the competition, it is can be seen that the candidate conducts lectures and seminars in 4 disciplines.

Chief Assistant Stefan Marinov Kazakov has developed curricula in the disciplines "Information Technology" and "Engineering Graphics", as well as Methodology for conducting and assessing students in the disciplines: "Production Workshop - Part I".

### **3. General characteristics of the scientific research and applied scientific activity of the candidate**

#### **3.1. Academic textbooks and teaching aids**

Under the announced competition for "Associate Professor" the candidate has presented a textbook in the discipline "Information Technology".

#### **3.2. Publications**

I accept the monograph of Ch. Assistant Professor Stefan Marinov Kazakov with the title "Network approach in systematization of information flows in logistics" on the basis of the accepted scientometric requirements for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor". It is a methodology of research of the network approach in systematization of information flows in logistics, through computer networks built according to the IEEE 802.3 Ethernet standard in different structures. The study was performed using the CISCO Packet Tracer software product.

Under the announced competition for "associate professor" the candidate participates with 14 articles and reports, of which 6 are co-authored and 8 are independent. The subject area of the publications fully covers the professional field 5.13 General Engineering (Engineering Logistics).

#### **3.3. Citations**

The presented reference contains 18 citations of the candidate works.

#### **3.4. Participation in projects**

From the submitted documents it can be seen that, the applicant has participated in 4 research projects in the period 2016 ÷ 2018, of which 1 is national and 3 are internal for the university.

#### **3.5. Scientific contributions to the competition**

I believe that in the presented works there are elements of scientific-applied and applied contributions. I accept the evidences of originality and authenticity attached to the applicant documents.

### **3.6. Critical remarks and recommendations**

I accept the documents, of the candidate, submitted to me for the opinion as neatly arranged. I would like my criticism to sound constructive and to contribute to improving the quality of the candidate's scientific work. The documents presented to me in this way show that the candidate has published mainly in unrefereed journals with scientific review.

I recommend increasing the number of publications in publications included in the global information systems for referencing, indexing and evaluation.

### **4. Conclusion**

Chief Assistant Eng. Stefan Marinov Kazakov Ph.D. satisfies the criteria for obtaining the requested academic position, according to the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its application and the Regulations for the terms and conditions for holding academic positions at the "Konstantin Preslavski" University of Shumen.

On the basis of the submitted works and the contributions, contained therein, I find it is reasonable to propose the candidate Chief Assistant Eng. Stefan Marinov Kazakov Ph.D. to be elected and to be appointed on the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 5. "Technical Sciences", professional field 5.13. "General Engineering" (Engineering Logistics) in the Department of "Engineering Logistics" at the Faculty of Technical Sciences of the "Konstantin Preslavski" University of Shumen.

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