

OPINION

From: Assoc. Prof. Tsvetoslav Stanislavov Tsankov, Ph.D.,
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Concerning: Documentation used in the competition for obtaining the
academic position of “Associate Professor”

Field of higher education: 5. Technical sciences, 5.13. General
engineering (Engineering logistics) at the Department of
“Engineering logistics”, Faculty of Technical Sciences at
Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen, announced in the
Bulgarian Government Gazette, issue 12 from 12 February 2021

Candidate: Chief Assist. Prof. Stefan Marinov Kazakov, Ph.D.

Subject: Order № RD-16-037/06.04.2021 by the Rector of the
Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen

1. Short biography of the applicant

Chief Assist. Prof. Stefan Marinov Kazakov, Ph.D. was born on 2nd September 1987 in Burgas. He obtained a Master's degree in “Communication and Information Systems” at the Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen in 2011. In 2017, he defended a doctoral thesis in the professional field 5.3. Communication and computer technology, with the topic of the dissertation being: “Study of the efficiency of data traffic in LAN”

From 2016 to 2017 he held a position of an “Assistant” in the Department of Engineering Logistics at the Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen. In 2017, he became a “Chief Assistant Professor” in the same department.

2. A general summary of the documentation

A full set of necessary materials for the competition has been duly prepared and provided. The monograph of the candidate is titled “Network approach in information flow systematization in logistics”, which discusses a research methodology of the network approach in the systematization of information flows in logistics using computer networks.

The materials for the competition also include 14 titles, representing scientific publications in non-peer-reviewed journals with scientific review and

edited collective volumes. The subject area of the publications corresponds to the professional field 5.13. General Engineering (Engineering Logistics).

The presented materials meet the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2-3, and Art. 2b, para. 5 of Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, and are different from the presented papers needed for obtaining the educational and scientific degree “Ph.D.”. Thus, the conditions under items 3 and 4 of Art. 24, para. 1 of the Law are met.

3. Scientific impact of the candidate's papers

The interest in the publications of Ch. Assistant Professor Stefan Marinov Kazakov, Ph.D. is proven by the list of 13 citations in collective volumes with scientific reviews and one monograph. Six citations in non-referred journals with scientific review are also presented.

4. General characteristics of the candidate's activity

The candidate for the academic position “Associate Professor” has organized study curricula in the disciplines “Information Technology” and “Engineering Graphics”. In 2020, he published a textbook in the discipline of “Information Technology”. Ch. Assistant Professor Stefan Kazakov, Ph.D. teaches practical exercises and lectures in the disciplines of “Engineering Graphics”, “Information Technology”, “Metrology and Metrological Support” and “Production Workshop Part I”. He has participated in one national and three local research projects.

5. Assessment of the candidate's contribution

The contributions of Ch. Assistant Professor Stefan Kazakov, according to the author's reference, are divided into three main areas:

1. Standards for building LAN;
2. Analysis of LAN structures;
3. Research and analysis of errors and collisions in information flow systematization in logistics.

All publications are copyrighted by the candidate and his co-authors, without any suspicion of plagiarism, according to the conditions under Art. 24, para. 1, item 5 of Law for the Development of the Academic Staff.

6. Notes

The candidate's publications correspond in quantity and content of scientific papers in the professional field 5.13. General engineering. I recommend to Stefan Kazakov, Ph.D. to publish his papers in English in order to receive international recognition.

7. Personal impressions

I am acquainted with Ch. Assistant Professor Stefan Marinov Kazakov, Ph.D. from his work at the Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen. He has always taken an active part in the research activities of the faculty.

8. Conclusion

Taking into consideration the aforementioned arguments, **I propose to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Technical Sciences of the Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen, Ch. Assistant Professor Stefan Marinov Kazakov, Ph.D. to be elected for the academic position of “Associate Professor” in the field of 5. Technical sciences, 5.13. General Engineering (Engineering Logistics).**

5.05.2021

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Reviewer: 

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