

OPINION

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Regarding:

competition for a professor in the field of higher education 4. Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Informatics, PF 4.6 “Informatics and Computer Sciences” (Informatics), announced by Shumen University “Episkop Konstantin Preslavsky”, Official Gazette, issue 100, 01.12.2023

1. Information about the competition

The competition was announced for the needs of the Department of Computer Informatics at the Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics of Shumen University “Episkop Konstantin Preslavsky” according to the Decision of the FC at the FMI (Protocol No FD-02-04/23.01.2024).

I participate as an external member in the scientific jury according to the Order of the Rector of Shumen University “Episkop Konstantin Preslavsky” with No RD-16-013 / 30.01.2024, pursuant to art. 29a and art. 78 of the Regulations for Implementation of Law for Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (LDASRB).

Documents for participation in the competition have been submitted by Assoc. Prof. Eng. Krasimir Mitkov Kordov, PhD. During the first meeting of the scientific jury, I was chosen to prepare an opinion and received a full set of documents for participation in the competition.

2. Fulfillment of the requirements for occupying the academic position

According to the LDASRB, the Regulations for Implementation of LDASRB and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at Shumen University “Episkop Konstantin Preslavsky”, the candidates for the academic position of “professor” should meet certain criteria and requirements.

In response to these requirements, Assoc. Prof. Krasimir Kordov, PhD has granted a diploma for ESD “Doctor” with No D-083 of 20.10.2015, with which he fulfills Art. 29 (1) point 1 of the LDASRB and covers indicator A of the Regulations for Implementation of LDASRB.

Assoc. Prof. Kordov meets requirements of art. 29 (1) point 2, since he has held the academic position of “Associate Professor” at the same higher education institution from March 2017 until now, which is more than the required two years in the law.

He meets Art. 29 (1) point 3, because he has submitted three equivalent publications in specialized scientific journals, thus fulfilling the requirements of indicator B. One of the publications has IF and Q3 and other 2 have SJR.

The applicant shall comply with art. 29 (1) point 4, as it has provided other original research works, thus fulfilling the requirements of indicator G. 6 scientific publications have been provided, 1 of which is with IF and Q2, and 5 are in editions that are referenced and indexed in Web of Science and Scopus and have SJR.

The scientific publications provided under the competition have not been used by the applicant in previous procedures for acquiring the PhD and academic position “Associate Professor”.

Assoc. Prof. Kordov responds to art. 29 (1) point 5, as it fulfills the minimum national requirements under art. 2b, para. 2 and 3, respectively the requirements of art. 2b, para. 5.

The report shows that the applicant has provided evidence for 579 points that is above the minimum national requirements of 550 points.

He responds to art. 29 (1) point 6, as there is no proven plagiarism or unreliability of the scientific data submitted in scientific works. As a confirmation of this statement, a reference has been prepared for 13 citations per 1 scientific publication, which implements an indicator from group D. Indicators from group E are covered with references for 6 participations in national research projects, 1 textbook and 1 manual.

The analysis shows that Assoc. Prof. Krasimir Kordov, PhD fulfills the minimum national requirements for academic position “professor” in field 4. Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics, PF 4.6 Informatics and Computer Sciences.

3. Evaluation of lecturer activities

Assoc. Prof. Kordov lectures at the Shumen University “Episkop Konstantin Preslavsky” on 15 subjects related to the theme of the competition. He was a supervisor of 1 PhD student and 14

successful graduates (bachelors and masters). He is a member of 4 scientific organizations – 2 in the country and 2 abroad. He is a winner of 3 prestigious national scientific awards.

4. Assessment of candidate contributions

I accept the achievements of the candidate and believe that they have a significant scientific and scientifically applied contribution to the field of information security and information protection, design, development and testing of algorithms and innovative software solutions.

5. Critical remarks and recommendations

I have no critical remarks, but rather a recommendation for Assoc. Prof. Kordov to continue to publish the results of his research activities in prestigious publications indexed in the world's databases with scientific information Scopus and Web of Science.

6. Personal impressions of the candidate

I know Assoc. Prof. Kordov personally and I can confidently say that he is a promising young scientist with great potential for future development, with proven professional abilities as an inspiring lecturer and dedicated to academic life specialist.

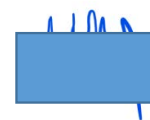
7. Conclusion

Assoc. Prof. Eng. Krasimir Kordov, PhD meets all the requirements of the LDASRB, the Regulations for Implementation of LDASRB and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at Shumen University “Episkop Konstantin Preslavsky” for occupying the academic position of “Professor”, based on which I give a categorically **positive assessment** of his choice to the academic position of professor of PF 4.6 Informatics and Computer Sciences. I suggest that the scientific jury also support the candidacy of Assoc. Prof. Kordov for the academic position of “Professor” in the professional field 4.6 Informatics and Computer Sciences (Informatics) for the needs of the Department of Computer Informatics at the Shumen University “Episkop Konstantin Preslavsky”.

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