

OPINION

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member of the academic committee for the procedure for occupying the academic
position of “*Associate Professor*” in the field of higher education **1. Pedagogical
Sciences**, professional field **1.3. Pedagogy of Education in... (Methodology of
Teaching Biology and Health Education)** for the needs University of Shumen
‘Bishop Konstantin Preslavsky’, Faculty of Biology, Department of Natural
Sciences”

INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The competition was announced in *State Gazette*, issue 63 of August 1, 2025. According to Order RD–16–239 of October 31, 2025, issued by the Rector of University of Shumen “Bishop Konstantin Preslavsky,” the composition of the academic committee was approved. The only applicant is Chief Assistant Professor Klaida Vladislavova Doychinova, PhD. The documentation submitted for the procedure complies with the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (LDASRB), its Implementing Regulations, as well as the Internal Rules for Holding Academic Positions at University of Shumen “Bishop Konstantin Preslavsky.” The candidate has met the national requirements under Art. 2b, paras. 2 and 3 of the LDASRB and even exceeds the scientometric indicators, achieving a total of 460 points across groups A, B, G, and D, with a minimum requirement of 400.

Chief Assistant Dr. Klaida Doychinova outlines the scope of her scientific and professional pursuits in the works submitted for the competition, consisting of 2 monographs and 5 articles published in scientific journals referenced and indexed in a global scientific information database. The fact that they are written in English makes them recognizable not only within the Bulgarian academic community but also beyond the country's borders. This is further confirmed by the report of 12 citations presented.

DATA ON THE CANDIDATE

Chief Assistant Dr. Klaida Vladislavova Doychinova has been part of the team of University of Shumen 'Bishop Konstantin Preslavsky' since 2021. She began her work as a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Biology, Department of Natural Sciences, on 26 February 2021, and as of 3 May 2022 she has been appointed 'Chief Assistant.'

Dr. Doychinova's drive for self-improvement and her perfectionism are evident from the many successfully completed trainings—18 in total—over the past three years. She skillfully combines several roles (administrative, teaching, and research), which is clear from the responsible positions she holds within the academic unit, the substantial productivity of publications submitted for the announced competition, as well as the wide range of courses she teaches, the successfully mentored diploma students, and her academic mentorship of numerous cohorts of students at various educational and qualification levels.

A positive impression is made by the variety of her participations in research forums, conferences, projects, and other academic activities, which demonstrate her desire to disseminate her scholarly views, develop professionally, and expand her knowledge. A total of 21 citations by different authors have been noted, making Dr. Doychinova recognizable within academic circles.

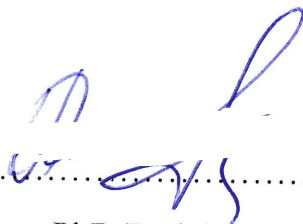
The candidate's self-assessment of her scientific contributions accurately reflects her achievements. I agree with the scholarly contributions identified by the author and find that they are even more numerous.

CONCLUSION

The documentation submitted for the procedure is complete and meets both national and university requirements. All deadlines have been observed, and no violations have been identified. The publications submitted by the candidate are her own work, and the contributions derived from them possess both scientific and applied value.

In view of the above, I have **no recommendations** for Chief Assistant Professor **Klaida Vladislavova Doychinova, PhD**, and I give my **positive vote** for her to occupy the academic position of "**Associate Professor**" in the field of higher education **1. Pedagogical Sciences, professional field 1.3. Pedagogy of Education in... (Methodology of Teaching Biology and Health Education).**

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