

STATEMENT

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4.3 Biological sciences /Environmental microbiology and biotechnology/

Regarding: procedure for associate professor in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical Sciences, professional direction 1.3. Pedagogy of teaching in... (Methodology of teaching in biology and health education).

1. General Information

The procedure was announced for the needs of the "Biology" department at "Konstantin Preslavski" University of Shumen in the Official Gazette, no. 63/01.08.2025

I participate in the composition of the scientific jury according to Order No. RD-16-239/31.10.2025 of the Rector of the University.

2. Brief information about the candidates in the procedure

The only candidate for the announced position is Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Klaida Vladislavova Doychinova from the Department of Biology at the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the SHU. The candidate for the scientific title of associate professor graduated from higher education in 2011 with a professional qualification as an ecologist, a biology teacher at Shumen University "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski", Shumen. In 2016, she graduated with a master's degree with a professional qualification in law at Veliko Tarnovo University "St. St. Cyril and Methodius". She started working at the University in 2017, where she still works today. In 2021, she obtained a doctorate in science. In the period 2017-2020, she was the director of the Center for Student, Technical and Scientific Creativity in Pleven, and from 2011 to 2017, she was a biology teacher at the same center.

3. Fulfillment of the requirements for occupying the academic position

3.1. Fulfillment of the requirements under ZRASRB and PPZRASRB.

According to the application for the minimum scientometric requirements for acquiring the scientific title of associate professor, the candidate meets the requirements and participates with 460 points out of the 400 required under the ZRASRB.

4. Evaluation of the educational and teaching activity of the candidate

The candidate has teaching experience of 14 years. During the period, she has led practical classes in the disciplines for full-time and part-time students, for the Bachelor's degree program: Cellular Biology (LU); Cellular Structure of Organisms (LU, LL), Methodology and Technique of School Experiment in Biology (LL), Cytology (LL), Solid Waste Processing Technologies (LL), Pedagogy (SS); Methodology of Teaching in Biology (LU, LL), Methodology of Teaching in Man and Nature (LL and LU), Observation in Biology (LL and LU), Observation in Man and Nature (LL and LU), Current Pedagogical Practice (LL), Current Pedagogical Practice in Man and Nature (LL), Internship Practice in Man and Nature (LL), Internship Practice in Biology (LL), Innovative Methods in Teaching Biology (LL and LU), Health and Environmental Education (LL and LU) and Critical Thinking and Emotional Intelligence (LL). For the Master's Degree Program: Biology Teaching Methodology (Bachelor's, Master's), Biology Supervision (Bachelor's and Master's), Forms and Methods of Environmental Education and Upbringing in Biology Teaching (Bachelor's, Master's), Health Education and Upbringing of Students in Biology Teaching (Bachelor's, Master's), Competency-Based Approach and Innovations in Education (Bachelor's, Master's), Health and Environmental Education (Bachelor's, Master's), Learning Theories (Bachelor's, Master's). Under her guidance, 3 students from the Bachelor's Degree Program and the Master's Degree Program have successfully defended their diploma theses, and three more are in the process of preparation.

Brief description of the presented scientific works/publications

The candidate presents for participation in the competition 2 published monographs and 5 scientific articles visible in WoSciences. Her scientific publications have been cited 12 times. She has participated in 7 national scientific projects. Her scientific research activity is focused in several areas: ecological competence, formal and informal education, critical thinking in biology education and health education.

5. Synthesized evaluation of the main scientific and scientific-applied contributions of the candidates

The scientific contributions of Dr. Klaida Vladislavova Doychinova, as they are presented, are original and undoubted and cause respect for a well-established lecturer and specialist.

6. Main criticisms and recommendations

I have no critical notes and recommendations for the candidate.

7. Conclusion

Based on the materials provided to me for the preparation of an opinion regarding the candidate for the procedure for "Associate Professor" of Ch. Assistant Dr. Klaida Doychionova, after a careful analysis of all the documents, I consider the candidacy of the participant in the procedure for this position as fully worthy, allowing myself to most politely recommend to the members

of the esteemed Scientific Jury to vote positively for Ch. Assistant Professor Klaida Doychinova, as I myself will convincingly do.

For me, she is a fully formed scientist in the field of professional direction 1.3. Pedagogy of teaching in... (Methodology of teaching in biology and health education) and fully covers the indicators of ZARASRB. Her promotion to the academic position of associate professor will undoubtedly contribute to increasing the quality of the academic staff of the Department of Biology at the Faculty of Science of the School of Economics.

I wish Dr. Doychinova many scientific and professional successes.

14.11.2025

city of Shumen

Signature:

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