

Attitude of Reviewer

By Prof. d.ec.sc. Vasil Todorov, member of Scientific Jury in the competition for academic position “ Associate Professor”

The competition is in professional field 3.8 Economics on “Statistical and Econometric Methods” in Department “Company Economics” at the Economic Research Institute to the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, promulgated in SG No 33 of 29.04.2022.

The only candidate in the competition is Chief Assistant Professor Dr Nedyialko Mariev Nestorov.

The first meeting of the Scientific Jury for assignment of reviewers was held on 07.07.2022. The second meeting of the Jury is scheduled on 06.10.2022.

General information and evaluation of the candidate

The candidate Dr Nedyialko Nestorov has graduated a Trade School in Stara Zagora, followed by the University of Economics – Varna, subject “Statistics and Econometrics” (educational and scientific degree “bachelor”) and master's degree at the same University. During the period 2012-2015 has been a full-time Ph.D. student at the Economic Research Institute (ERI) at BAS. After successful defense of his doctoral dissertation he has been working at the Economic Research Institute as an “Assistant Professor” and “Chief Assistant Professor” (since 2019 until now).

Dr Nestorov participates in the competition with 18 publications:

- one monograph – a habilitation thesis;
- one book, based on the defended dissertation of the candidate

- two studies;
- 14 articles and reports

The publications, presented for the competition, meet the specific requirements and criteria of the Regulations ERI-BAS for indexing in databases of scientific information.

The presented publications do not repeat those presented for acquiring the educational and scientific degree “Doctor” and for occupying the academic position “Chief Assistant Professor”.

Presented is also a reference list of citations of the publications for the competition, accompanied by corresponding supporting material.

Conclusion on the first part of the assessment. Dr Nedyalko Nestorov fully meets the following requirements:

- for educational and professional qualifications for the academic position “Associate Professor”, as stipulated in the Regulations for acquisition of scientific degrees and holding of academic position at the Economic Research Institute to the BAS.

- for the publications presented for the competition, and certainly exceeds them (the candidate's publications are evaluated at 250 points, compared to the required 200 and 230 points under the Regulation for Implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations of the Economic Research Institute – BAS, respectively;

- for the citations of the publications presented for the competition (according to science-metric national requirements the presented citations in various editions are respectively evaluated more than two-fold higher and more than one and a half-fold higher compared to the required minimum score under the Regulation for

Implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations of the Economic Research Institute – BAS;

- for the limitation for not presenting publications that have been previously used for acquiring the educational and scientific degree “Doctor” and for occupying the academic position “Chief Assistant Professor”.

**Scientific contributions of the publications, presented for the competition.
Originality of presented publications and reliability of scientific data**

I accept the report prepared by Dr Nestorov on the scientific results/contributions of the publications. In my opinion, the results are theoretical-methodological and scientifically applicable. The report has been prepared correctly, with reference to every contribution of the respective publication.

Of special interest are the research and results on sustainability of the economic processes and tendencies, and on export in particular.

The contributions are mainly in the sphere of foreign trade, with a focus on sustainability, export and mining industry. Their volume and level exceed the usual requirements for attainment of the academic position “Associate Professor”.

The presented publications are based on conscientious research work. No instances of unethical behaviour with regard to either use and citing of sources or reliability of used data and presented results have been detected.

Critical notes and recommendations

I have no critical notes on the substance of the publications and the results presented for the competition. I have some editorial comments that are irrelevant to the course of the competition.

I would recommend Dr Nestorov to use more actively in his research the potential of the input-output analysis, which, as well known, originates from the Nobel laureate Wassily Leontief.

CONCLUSION

Chief Assistant Professor Dr. Nedyalko Nestorov fully meets the requirements for the academic position “Associate Professor” at the Economic Research Institute to the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. The presented scientific publications and contained results correspond to the profile of the announced competition. I recommend that he is elected to the position “Associate Professor”.

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Signature:

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