

ATTITUDE OF REVIEWER

by **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Silvia Trifonova Trifonova-Pramatarova**, department “Finance”, UNWE, member of Scientific Jury in the competition for academic position “PROFESSOR”, approved by a decision of the Scientific Council minutes No 3 on 20.03.2019, and by an order of the Director No 79 on 25.03.2019, announced by Economic Research Institute at Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, SG, issue 8 on 25.01.2019

Candidate: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniela Nikolova Bobeva-Filipova

I. General evaluation of the candidate regarding her research activity

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniela Bobeva carries out active research activity mostly in the field of global economy, international finance, regional and European economy, capital markets and personal finance. There are thorough studies of the activity and policy of the international financial institutions after the global financial crisis and their role for the development of the private sector in Bulgaria. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniela Bobeva has led and participated in a number of international and national scientific or educational projects. She has also participated in the development of the Annual Reports entitled “Economic Development and Policy in Bulgaria: Evaluations and Expectations” for 2018 and 2019, published by Economic Research Institute (ERI) at BAS. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniela Bobeva has occupied a number of positions of responsibility in the financial and public area.

II. Quantitative assessment of meeting the minimum science-metric national requirements and the requirements of the Regulations of ERI-BAS

The information presented by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniela Bobeva for meeting the minimum requirements of LDAS and Economic Research Institute at the BAS for occupation of the academic position “Professor” in the field 3. Social, Economic and Legal Sciences, professional field 3.8 Economy (World Economy and International Economic Relations (IER)) shows the following:

- Concerning the indicators in Group D, under indicator 6 “Articles and reports published in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information”, the candidate has presented 2 scientific publications. The first scientific publication is published in a journal, referenced and indexed in world famous databases with scientific information – Journal of Central Banking Theory and Practice, ISSN: 2336-9205 (online), DOAJ/ROAD Open Access, published by Sciendo, 2013. The second scientific publication is accepted for publishing in the journal Economic Alternatives, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, ISSN: 1312-7462 (print), ISSN: 2367-9409 (online), Vol. 3, 2019. This scientific publication is listed under No 45 in the List of Contemporary Bulgarian Scientific Publications, referenced and indexed in world famous databases with scientific information, prepared and published by the National Center for Information and Documentation (NACID), dated 15.04.2019. (last updated). The website of the world famous scientific information database Web of Science does not feature the journal Economic Alternatives, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, ISSN: 1312-7462 (print), ISSN: 2367-9409 (online).
- My only reason to accept the second scientific publication of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniela Bobeva as meeting the requirement to be published in a scientific publication, referenced and indexed in the world famous database of scientific information Web of Science, is a letter with Outgoing №

33.00-192/ 12.04.2019, signed by Mrs. Valya Grashkina-Mincheva, Executive Director of the National Center for Information and Documentation (NACID) and addressed to Prof. Dr. Alexander Tasev, Director of Economic Research Institute at BAS. The letter states that articles published in the Economic Alternatives journal are considered eligible for a publication in indexed and referenced publication. The premise for this is the fact that Economic Alternatives journal is currently being observed by the world famous database with scientific information Web of Science, and the term of observation, as stated in the letter from Mrs. Valya Grashkina-Mincheva, will expire after June 2019.

- Concerning the indicators in Group D, under indicator 7 “Articles and reports published in non-referenced peer reviewed journals with published in edited collective volumes” – the candidate has presented 7 scientific publications. Of them I do not accept 1 scientific publication since it does not appear in the National Reference List of Contemporary Bulgarian Scientific Publications with Scientific Review, prepared and published by the National Center for Information and Documentation (NACID) with date 27.05.2019 (last updated). This is publication No 5 entitled “Will the new European regulatory framework of the financial sector succeed in imposing ethical and responsible behavior on the financial institutions?”, Proceedings of the 10th International Scientific Conference “Investments in the Future – 2015”, ISSN: 1314-3719.
- I accept the presented publications on the other science-metric indicators that provide the necessary points. Presented are informations on citations of the candidate in national and international publications as well as documents for scientific degree.

III. Evaluation of the results and scientific contribution of the candidate

The presented scientific works of the candidate stand out with the following scientific and applied scientific contributions:

1. Enriching the existing theory with outlined main theoretical and methodological aspects of international financial institutions (IFIs) by conducting a thorough analysis of the place of IFIs in various theoretical economic schools, on one hand as banks, and on the other as development organizations, and generalizing the existing methodologies for assessing the role of IFIs.
2. Revealing the effects and impacts of the global financial and economic crisis on IFIs and the change of their mandates, policies and indicators. Studied are the specifics of IFIs’ activity in Bulgaria during the crisis, with drawing the conclusion that while the overall activity of IFIs in the last 10 years is anti-cyclical, their activity in Bulgaria is pro-cyclical.
3. Developing an author’s methodology, called integrative approach, to evaluate the effects of IFIs’ participation in the economies, including the effects of the participation in IFIs at macro level and the effects of IFI funding on individual funded companies in the private sector. Developed and implemented is a new integrative indicator for company development to evaluate the extent to which IFI funding creates sustainable and prosperous companies.
4. Identifying important economic problems of Asian countries on the basis of thorough study of their specific model of functioning and developing methods for implementation of successful and good practices from the Asian region in the Bulgarian economy. Developed are new hypotheses for possible effects on the Bulgarian economy due to the current dynamic changes in the international trade.

IV. Evaluation of the originality of the presented works and the reliability of the presented scientific data

The scientific publications presented by the candidate are the product of own scientific research. Works in collective clearly distinguish the participation of each of the authors.

V. Critical notes and recommendations

- Although I am a reviewer of the monograph entitled “The Role of International Financial Institutions for the Development of the Private Sector in Bulgaria”, ISBN: 978-954322-944-4, published by Academic Publishing House “Prof. Marin Drinov”, Sofia, 2018, the monograph has no mentioned reviewers. The fact that I am a reviewer of the work is confirmed by an official note № 472, dated 12.12.2018, by the Academic Publishing House “Prof. Marin Drinov”. The candidate has not presented information about the other reviewer of the work.
- The candidate should take a more precise approach to verifying the degree of meeting the minimum science-metric national requirements and the requirements of the Regulations of ERI-BAS. Most of all, I am referring to the check of which scientific publications of the candidate are included and which are not in the National Reference List of Contemporary Bulgarian Scientific Peer-Reviewed Publications, prepared and published by the National Center for Information and Documentation (NACID).
- I hope that in June 2019, Economic Alternatives journal, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, ISSN: 1312-7462 (print), ISSN: 2367-9409 (online) will be included in the world famous database with scientific information Web of Science, as guaranteed by Ms. Valya Grashkina-Mincheva, Executive Director of the National Center for Information and Documentation (NACID). Hopefully this will happen backdate and the journal will be featured on the Web of Science website. This is extremely important also for scientists at the University of National and World Economy (UNWE) publishing in Economic Alternatives journal.

VI. Conclusion

The presented scientific production of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniela Nikolova Bobeva-Filipova contains scientific and applied results. The candidate’s works address a number of problematic issues, which are presented with original and innovative theoretical and methodological statements. The results of the candidate’s research activity are disseminated to the academic and expert community through their presentation at national and international conferences and forums. This gives me reason to accept that the requirements of LDAS and of ERI-BAS have been met, with which the candidate meets the requirements for occupying an academic position “Professor” in professional field 3.8 Economy (World Economy and IER) at Economic Research Institute at BAS.

Date: 31.05.2019

Member of the jury:.....

/Assoc. Prof. Dr. Silvia Trifonova Trifonova-Pramatarova/