

Attitude of Reviewer

by **Prof. Dr. Alexander Petrov Tassev**, member of Scientific Jury in the competition for academic position “*Associate Professor*” in Professional field 3.8 *Economics* on “*Statistical and Econometric Methods*” in Department “*Economics of the Firm*” at Economic Research Institute at Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, announced in SG, issue 33 on 29.04.2022

Candidate: Chief Assistant Professor Dr. Nedialko Mariev Nestorov

I. General evaluation of the candidate regarding her research activity

The candidate Chief Assistant Professor Dr. Nedialko Nestorov has defended his dissertation at the Economic Research Institute at BAS in 2015 as a full-time Ph.D. student. His career as a researcher develops at the Institute as an “Assistant Professor” from 2015 to 2019 and as “Chief Assistant Professor” since 2019 to present. The candidate meets the requirements of Art. 81, para. 1 item 2 of the Regulations for acquisition of scientific degrees and holding academic positions at the Economic Research Institute at BAS. He has been a “Chief Assistant Professor” for more than three years.

The scientific research activity of Chief Assistant Professor Dr. Nedialko Nestorov for participating in the competition is presented in 18 publications. They include:

- 2 monographs – including one habilitation thesis and one book based on the candidate’s defended dissertation;
- 14 articles and reports, of which published in indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific publications – 1 and published in non-refereed journals with scientific review or in collective volumes – 13;
- 2 studies, both of which have been published in indexed world-renowned databases of scientific publications.

Presented are also 15 citations in scientific publications, including in publications that are indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information.

The proposed scientific production does not repeat the one presented for obtaining the educational and scientific degree “Doctor” and for occupying the academic position “Chief Assistant Professor”.

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

The scientific production, presented by the candidate Chief Assistant Professor Dr. Nedialko Nestorov for participation in the competition exceeds the relevant minimum national requirements and the requirements of the regulations for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at the Economic Research Institute at BAS.

The candidate first presents a habilitation thesis required according to the minimum requirements and criteria of the Institute. Second, the candidate presents publications (Section

D of the requirements), evaluated at 250 points, compared to the required under Regulations for Implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria – 200 points and 230 according to the requirements of the Institute. The candidate fulfills the special requirement to present at least one publication that is indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific publications (Scopus or Web of Science).

Concerning the requirements for citations, the candidate presents citations in various editions evaluated at a total of 115 points, compared to the required 50 according to the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and 70 according to the Regulations for acquisition of scientific degrees and holding academic positions of ERI-BAS.

In conclusion, the provided information shows that the candidate scores a total of 515 points, compared to the minimum threshold according to the Regulations for Implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria – 400 points and the minimum requirements according to the Regulations of ERI-BAS for occupying the position – 450 points. Three publications are also presented in indicators 6 and 8, compared to a required minimum of one number publication.

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

The candidate has submitted a report on the contributions of his scientific production. It contains 14 contributions, which are theoretical-methodological and scientific-applied.

The theoretical and methodological contributions to the scientific production can be summarized as development and testing of an approach to researching the sustainability of the economic processes.

The scientific and applied contributions mainly relate to revealing the influence of the foreign trade activity of the Bulgarian companies on the country's economy.

In conclusion, the presented scientific production contains significant scientific and applied contributions that fully correspond to the profile of the announced competition.

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

The presented scientific works and results of Chief Assistant Professor Dr. Nedialko Nestorov are entirely the fruit of his conscientious research activity at the Economic Research Institute at BAS.

The scientific production for participation in the competition is author's and no plagiarism has been detected.

The results in scientific works are original and reliable. They do not cause any doubt about quality and accuracy.

V. Critical notes and recommendations

I have no critical notes to the candidate. My recommendation is that he be more active in disseminating and popularizing the results of his research.

VI. Conclusion

The above-mentioned qualities of the scientific production presented by the candidate, which exceed the requirements of the law and the regulations of ERI-BAS, give me reason to conclude that Chief Assistant Professor Dr. Nedialko Nestorov fully meets the requirements for the academic position of “Associate Professor” at the Economic Research Institute at BAS.

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