

Opinion

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Regarding: competition for the academic position of associate professor for the "Regional and Sectoral Economy"; section of in professional direction 3.8. Economy - Agrarian economy, announced in SG no. 33 of 29.04.2022, for the "Regional and Sectoral Economy" section of the Institute at the BAS

1. Information about the contest

The competition was announced for the needs of the section "Regional and Sectoral Economy", on the basis of Art. 4 of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria, Art. 86 of the Regulations for the acquisition of scientific degrees and the occupation of academic positions at the Institute of the Academy of Sciences and according to the decision of the National Assembly of the ERI at the BAS- Protocol No. 10 of 15.06.2022. I participate in the composition of the Scientific Jury for the competition in accordance with order No. 282/27.06.2022 of the Director of the ERI at the BAS.

2. Brief information about the candidates in the competition

There is only one participant in the competition – chief. assist. Prof. dr. Petia Hristomirova Branzova, section "Regional and Sectoral Economy", at the Economic Research Institute at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia.

3. Fulfillment of the requirements for occupying the academic position

The review of the data on the implementation of the minimum national requirements and the requirements of the Regulations for the acquisition of scientific degrees and the occupation of academic positions in the ERI at the BAS, provided for the competition, shows that chief. assist.prof.dr. Petia Hristomirova Branzova fully meets the minimum national requirements and the requirements of the Regulations for the acquisition of scientific degrees and holding academic positions in the ERI at the BAS.

4. Evaluation of the candidate's scientific and scientific-applied output

For participation in the competition chief. assist. prof. dr. Petia Branzova has presented a total of 19 publications, of which two monographic studies, articles and reports published in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases, with scientific information. The monographic studies are devoted to the impact of climate changes on the main parameters of Bulgarian agriculture. Scientific articles and reports are devoted to current and significant problems of organic production, agribusiness and rural development, incl. and in the terms of Bulgaria's membership in the European Union. The main part of Dr. Petia Branzova's publications are independent, and those in collaboration are accompanied by the corresponding separation protocols. The publications presented for the competition show productive research and expert activity, in support and development of scientific theory, social and business practice. All that has been said defines chief. assist. prof. dr. Petia Branzova as an established researcher, with experience and an established own style in research activity, with a contribution to improving scientific, social and economic practice. The publications reflect both the candidate's scientific interests and his scientific research activity and fully coincide with the issues of the announced competition.

5. Main contributions in the candidate's scientific and scientific-applied activity

A careful insight into the spirit and content of the publications submitted for the competition allows to single out the following most important contributions, of a methodical, scientific and scientific-applied nature:

- 1) The creation and testing of a methodology for researching the impact of climate change on the development of agriculture, applicable to different planning areas, for different agricultural crops and livestock activities.
- 2) The developed forecast options for investments and average yields, taking into account changes in the climate, allowing wide options for choosing effective technological and agro technical solutions.
- 3) The definition and systematization of scientific and popular scientific definitions in the field of organic agriculture.
- 4) The enrichment of the theoretical foundations of organic agriculture and the protection of its role and place in the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Union.
- 5) The recommendations and conclusions, oriented to the public and economic practice, aimed at overcoming the problems in the organic agriculture of the Republic of Bulgaria. The specified achievements of the candidate, of a contributing nature, are his personal work. The materials submitted for the

competition show the candidate's fame in scientific circles, represented by citations in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information.

6. Conclusion

The listed circumstances, facts and findings, convincing achievements in the candidate's scientific research activity give me reason, with full conviction, to propose to the respected Scientific Jury to vote for the occupation of the academic position "Associate Professor" from chief. assist.prof.dr. Petia Hristomirova Branzova, in professional direction 3.8. Economics - Agrarian Economics, in the ERI BAS.

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