



OPINION

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Subject: competition for a academic position **Assoc. Prof.** in professional field: „General engineering“ 5.13, scientific specialty: „Digital transformation of financial management in industry“

1. Information about the competition

The contest was announced in State Gazette No. 56/19.07.2022 under PN 5.13 „General Engineering“. It is carried out for the needs of the department „General Engineering“. The jury is accepted by the faculty council of the Faculty „Telecommunications and Management“ with protocol № 27/13.09.2022 and approved by order № 3-158/13.09.2022 of the Rector of the University of Telecommunications and post.

2. Brief information about the candidates

Only one candidate, Dr. Radi Stefchov Dimitrov, took part in the competition. He's also the chief assistant at the department „Accounting“ at the Faculty of „Economic Accountancy“ of BA „Dimitar A. Tsenov“.

3. Fulfilling the requirements for the academic position

In accordance with the requirements of the rulebook on the implementation of LDAS in Bulgaria, the candidate Dimitrov has submitted a report on the implementation of the minimum requirements under the groups of indicators:

Group A 50 points. According to the register of NACID, the candidate has defended ESD „Doctor“ in BA „Dimitar A. Tsenov“ – Svishtov, which covers the indicator in group A.

Group B 100 points. The candidate participated with an author's monograph on „Digital transformation of financial management in the conditions of Industry 4.0“ with ISBN: 978-619-92302-0-6. It covers the indicators of this group.

Group G 100 points. The candidate participates in the competition with eight independent publications, carrying 160 items. There is a book published on the basis of a defended dissertation on the award of ESD „Doctor“ on „Accounting aspects in the management of European Union funds in budgetary organizations“. It brings him 30 points and the other indicators are complemented by published chapters of 2 collective monographs. The summarized indicators under this group carry 210 points to the applicant, which meet the minimum requirements of the

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Group D 50 points. The observed citations of the candidate's scientific works are 20. They bring him a total of 60 items that cover the indicators of this group.

From the required total number of points (400 points) of the indicators by individual groups the applicant collects 420 points. They meet the minimum requirements of the LDAS in Bulgaria.

4. Brief evaluation of teaching and learning activities for each candidate individually

The candidate participating in the competition has applied a reference for the auditorial employment by the BA „Dimitar A. Tsenov“. It shows that from the academic year 2018/2019 until now Radi Dimitrov has delivered 389 hours in lectures and 1181 hours in exercises. Apart from this, the candidate has led 15 graduates in the Master's degree programme, has been a reviewer of 38 theses and has participated annually in the State Examination Commissions for the presenting of diplom thesises at the BA „Dimitar A. Tsenov“ in period of 2018-2022. All these data give me a reason to give a positive assessment on the teaching and teaching activities of the candidate Radi Dimitrov.

5. Brief description of the submitted scientific papers/publications

The candidate participated in the competition with eight publications, one monograph, one published book based on a defended dissertation for the award of EDS „Doctor“ and chapters from two other monographs. Four of the publications are in non-referenced scientific peer-reviewed journals and the other four are from conferences and symposia.

6. Brief synthesized assessment of the main scientific and applied contributions of the candidates

Candidate Radi Dimitrov in the competition documents has attached a report on his contributions. In it they are distributed in scientific, scientific-applied and practical-applied. In them, the author has presented ten original contributions based on his scientific output. I accept them all because they reflect the level of his scientific work. In my opinion, however, the applicant's contributions should be classified as scientifically applied and applied and the contributions should be regrouped in this classification. Separately, some of them can be merged, such as the „developed sub-groups of cash accounting“ are part of the „developed methodology for the accounting analysis of EU funds“.

7. Main critical remarks and recommendations to each candidate individually

I have no remarks on the candidate's work. However, I am recommending that it focuses on the publication of its development materials in the world-famous „Web of Science“ and „Scopus“ databases. By publishing its scientific output there, it will gain more popularity. Apart from that, it is good to present its results in specialized forums with the participation of the business.

8. Conclusion

Based on the analysis of the pedagogical and scientific-applied activities of the candidate, I believe that Chief Assistant Dr. Radi Dimitrov meets the necessary minimum requirements for all indicators of the normative documents, as well as the requirements of LDAS in Bulgaria.

This gives me reason to evaluate POSITIVELY his overall activity and I propose to the Faculty Council at the Faculty of „Telecommunications and Management“ to choose Chief Assistant Professor Radi Stefchov Dimitrov as „Associate Professor“ in the scientific specialty „Digital Transformation of Financial Management in Industry“, field 5 „Technical Sciences“, professional field 5.13 „General Engineering“.

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