



## **OPINION**

**by Prof., Dr. Sc. Igor Britchenko - Professor of VUZF  
of the materials submitted for participation in the competition  
to hold the academic position of associate professor  
at the Higher School of Insurance and Finance**

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in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences  
professional field 3.8. Economics (Economic and Information Security)

In the competition for 'associate professor', announced in the State Gazette, issue 22 from 18.03.2022 and website of the Higher School of Insurance and Finance, as a candidate Dr. Peter Lošonci from the University of Security Management in Košice

### **1. General presentation of the received materials**

By order № 126 of 30.05.2022 of the Rector of the Higher School of Insurance and Finance I have been appointed a member of the scientific jury of the competition for the academic position of 'Associate Professor' at VUZF in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional field 3.8. Economics (Economic and information security).

Only candidates have submitted documents for participation in the announced competition:

Dr. Peter Lošonci from the University of Security Management in Košice (Slovakia)

The set of materials on paper and electronic presented by Dr. Peter Lošonci is in accordance with the Regulations for the development of the academic staff of VUZF and includes the following documents:

- Copy of the diploma for educational and scientific degree "Doctor" № 11/2006 from 17.07.2006.
- Information on the academic position held at the University of Security Management in Košice
- Curriculum vitae;
- Information on the implementation of the minimum national requirements under the Law on the Association of Associated Professional Associations and the Regulations for its implementation for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor";
- Medical certificate;
- Criminal record certificate;
- internship certificate;
- Habilitation work;
- List of publications after the defense of the doctoral dissertation;
- Information on the scientometric indicators for associate professor;
- Texts of scientific publications, accompanied by separation protocols in the presence of co-authorship;
- Information for participation in research projects;
- Information on scientific contributions in publications and citations;
- Consent form for the processing of personal data in connection with participation in the competition.

The candidate Dr. Peter Lošonci has submitted a total of 120 scientific papers, including 13 monographs, 18 articles and reports, published scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases of scientific information. Candidate Dr. Peter Lošonci has the following publications in the following world scientometric databases: SCOPUS database - 13, Web of Science database - 5. Candidate Dr. Peter Lošonci has citations: SCOPUS database - 14, Web of Science database - 2, in the Google Scholar database - 99. The candidate Dr. Peter Lošonci has participated in 18 research projects that are directly related to economic and information security. The total number of points in the reference for the scientometric indicators of Dr. Peter Lošonci is 290, which is much more than the required amount. All indicators meet the requirements for an associate professor both from a quantitative and qualitative point of view.

## **2. Brief biographical data of the candidate**

The candidate Dr. Peter Lošonci was born on April 29, 1977 in Slovakia. He is currently working as First Vice-Rector of the University of Security Management in Košice (Slovakia).

In 1995 he graduated from the Secondary Industrial School of Transport in Košice. In 2000 he graduated from the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at the Technical University of Košice. In 2004 he graduated from the Department of Engineering Pedagogy at the Technical University of Košice. In 2006 he defended his doctoral dissertation on "Measuring methods for assessing the quality of security management as a stimulator of the development of the protection of protected assets" at the Faculty of Special Engineering, University of Žilina (Slovakia). In 2014 and 2015 he studied at the professional courses at the Ministry of Finance of Slovakia and received a Master's degree in Business Administration from the Warsaw School of Management. In 2018 he received a master's degree from the IPE School of Management in Paris. He then worked in various positions in accordance with the received specialty. From 2002 to 2008 he worked as an assistant at the University of Žilina, Faculty of Special Engineering. Since 2008 he has worked as an associate professor and vice-rector for informatization and development at the University of Security Management in Košice. In 2019 and 2020, Acting Rector of the University of Security Management in Košice. Since 2021 he has been working as the First Vice-Rector of the University of Security Management in Košice.

The candidate has 20 years of scientific and pedagogical experience in higher education. Dr. Peter Lošonci speaks Slovak, German and English. The candidate is an active member of various international professional, public and scientific organizations in the field of economic and information security.

## **3. General characteristics of the candidate's activity**

Dr. Peter Loshontsi is the author of a number of scientific publications in which he demonstrates in-depth knowledge and serious attention as a result of his practical experience.

The habilitation thesis of Dr. Peter Lošonci "Selected aspects of information security in a university environment" is dedicated to a topic that is very poorly studied in the Bulgarian scientific literature, and at the same time is of great interest for economics and higher education. education. This topic is especially relevant in the context of informatization of society and the use of distance learning technologies by universities in the educational process.

The candidate's contribution is to shed light on a number of features related to risks in the management of higher education, which are very relevant for Bulgaria as well. The studies, articles and reports that the candidate submits for review shed light on various scientific issues in various aspects of economic and information security development.

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#### **4. Assessment of the personal contribution of the candidate**

The analysis of the author's publications allows us to conclude that the author has a significant contribution to scientific development at a level that corresponds to the position of associate professor. At the time of writing, there is no information on plagiarism in the candidate's work. This gives me full reason to accept with conviction that all the publications submitted for review are his work. Proper separation protocols are presented for the co-authored publications.

#### **5. Critical remarks and recommendations**

There are no critical remarks. As recommendations, it may be advisable to pay more attention to the publication of textbooks and other scientific publications on the development of the learning process.

#### **6. Personal impressions**

I know the author personally from scientific conferences in Slovakia, Poland and other countries, from reviews of Slovak colleagues and from his scientific publications. I have extremely positive impressions of the level of scientific and cultural development of the candidate. I believe that the candidate will have all the necessary qualities corresponding to the high title of associate professor.

## CONCLUSION

The documents and materials presented by Dr. Peter Lošonci meet all the requirements of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB), the Regulations for the implementation of ZRASRB and the relevant Regulations of VUZF.

The candidate in the competition has presented a significant number of scientific papers published after the materials used in the defense of ONS "Doctor". In the works of the candidate there are original scientific and applied contributions, which have received international recognition as a representative part of them are published in scientific journals published by international academic publishers. His theoretical developments have practical applicability, and some of them are directly oriented to the educational work. The scientific and teaching qualification of Dr. Peter Lošonci is unquestionable.

The results achieved by Dr. Peter Lošonci in the teaching and research activities **fully comply** with the Regulations of VUZF for the application of ZRASRB.

After getting acquainted with the materials and scientific papers presented in the competition, analysis of their significance and the scientific, scientific-applied and applied contributions contained in them, I find it reasonable to give my **positive assessment** and recommend the Scientific Jury to prepare a report-proposal to the Academic Council for election of Dr. Peter Lošonci to the academic position of 'Associate Professor' at VUZF in professional field 3.8. Economics (Economic and information security).

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