

OPINION

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of the materials submitted for participation in the competition

for the academic position of **'professor'**

of the Higher School of Insurance and Finance

by field of higher education 3.8. Economics

professional field *Green Economy and Agribusiness*

1. General presentation of the procedure and the candidate (s)

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 in a competition for the academic position of **'professor' at VUZF** in the field of higher education 3.8. Economy (Green Economy and Agribusiness).

In the competition for professor, announced in the State Gazette, issue 22 from 18.03.2022 and on the website of the Higher School of Insurance and Finance, with Bartosz Mickiewicz from West Pomeranian University of Technology, Poland.

The complete package of materials presented by Bartosz Mickiewicz is in accordance with the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of VUZF and includes the following documents:

- List of publications, reference for fulfilment of the minimum national criteria - science metrics indicators, reference for citations
- Summary of publications
- Main habilitation book - monograph
- Autobiography
- Information for participation in projects and information for scientific guidance of doctoral students
- Other documentation, according to the requirements of the Regulations for development of the academic staff of VUZF

The candidate Bartosz Mickiewicz has submitted a total of 30 scientific publications, of which one monograph (100 points) and a list of 29 research papers in the form of articles and reports. The mentioned 30 scientific papers, which are outside the dissertation, are accepted for review. Apart from them, participation in 2 international research projects is also reported.

Scientific papers on the dissertation and those that are outside the scope of the competition are not reviewed.

According to the scientific report of the mentioned publications in sector C I confirm a total of 394 points from the minimum 200 points for the sector, and in sector D the citations are 135 points from the minimum 100. In sector E participations in 2 international research projects and supervision of defended doctoral students, as well as the degree of "Doctor of Science" with defended dissertation on the topic "Problems of Polish agriculture: theory, methodology, practice" or a total of 200 out of a minimum of 100 points for the sector.

I consider it important to note that the candidate also has extensive teaching experience, and currently holds the position of Head of the Department of Environmental Economics at West Pomeranian University of Technology, Poland.

2. General characteristics of the candidate's activity

The research papers submitted by the applicant are fully in line with the announced competition and are dedicated to research on the development of the agricultural sector and rural areas in Poland, paying special attention to the impact of institutional support in the context of EU membership.

The monograph *Green Economy and Agribusiness: Major Agricultural Transformations in Belarus*, presented as the main habilitation thesis, is 220 pages long and is an in-depth theoretical study of sustainable green practices in agribusiness, as well as the main trends and prospects for development in the sector. Particular attention is paid to the study of innovation and innovation capacity, as well as the development of the food sector in Belarus. The monograph highlights the importance of organic product production and the applicability of innovation in this process.

In its multifaceted foundation, the monograph can be used by both researchers and students, as well as by a wide range of specialists and managers interested in the field of green economy and agribusiness. Thus, it has a very valuable practical and application orientation and significance.

Structurally, the monographic work is appropriately organized into five chapters, between which there is a clear logical connection.

The focus of the first chapter is the theoretical and methodological framework of sustainable development as concepts and basic principles, as well as how agri-environmental practices fit into the concept of sustainability.

The second chapter is devoted to the study of the legislative framework for the development of agriculture in Belarus. The Program for Development of Agriculture in Belarus for the period 2016-2020, the organizational and legal form of enterprises, as well as the creation of organic farms as a new sector in agribusiness were presented.

The third chapter traces the foreign experience and its contribution to the development of the agricultural sector in Belarus, as well as the implementation of these practices at each stage of the transformation of the sector.

The contribution of the fourth chapter is especially significant, where the emphasis is on the state of the agricultural sector in Belarus. An in-depth analysis of the main current trends in agricultural production has been made, as well as an analysis of the current state of the food sector and agriculture.

In the last fifth chapter, the study of the innovative potential for agribusiness development and the principles of the "green economy" is of interest. The author's significant contribution is the models for sustainable development of agribusiness and the recommendations for the production of innovative and ecological products.

The monograph cites 337 sources in English, Polish and Russian, which is evidence of in-depth knowledge and study of the literature in the research field.

Contributions to the applicant's other scientific publications are clearly visible in the study of many different aspects of agribusiness, including: dairy production, renewable energy policies, rural tourism development, SME financing, implementation of the common agricultural policy, of the Rural Development Program in Poland (2007-2013), institutional support for the agricultural sector and policies for the programming period 2014-2020, the impact of Natura 2000 projects for community development, and prospects for the development of biomass production. With this variety of researched issues, each element of the policy for development of agriculture and the transformation of the sector in the context of the green transition is traced in detail.

3. Critical remarks and recommendations

I have no critical remarks.

I propose to the candidate to deepen his research work, focusing on the introduction of renewable energy sources for the development of agriculture and the food sector. This issue is important in the context of the need to find long-term solutions to reduce energy dependence and security of supply, especially to ensure the sustainability and development of a sector of paramount importance to the economy, such as the agricultural sector.

CONCLUSION

The documents and materials submitted by Bartosz Mickiewicz 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 publications, published after the materials used in the defence of his doctoral degree. 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 journals and scientific journals published by international academic publishers. His theoretical developments have practical applicability, and some of them are directly oriented to the educational work. Bartosz Mickiewicz's scientific and teaching qualifications are unquestionable.

The results achieved by Bartosz Mickiewicz 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 and applied contributions contained in them, I find it reasonable to give my positive assessment and recommend to the Scientific Jury to prepare a report -proposal to the Academic Council for election of Bartosz Mickiewicz for the academic position 'Professor' at VUZF in professional field 3.8 Economics, (Green Economy and Agribusiness)

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