

## **OPINION**

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of the materials submitted for participation in the competition  
for the academic position of "Associate Professor"  
**of the Higher School of Insurance and Finance**  
by field of higher education: **3.8. Economics**  
**professional field: Economic and information security**

In the competition for associate professor, announced in the State Gazette, issue 22 of 18.03.2022 and on the website of the Higher School of Insurance and Finance, Dr. Peter Loshontsi from the University of Security Management, Košice, Slovakia.

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

By order № 128 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 "Associate Professor" at VUZF in the field of higher education 3.8. Economics (Economic and information security). The only candidate for participation in the announced competition is Dr. Peter Loshontsi.

The set of materials / paper presented by the candidate is in accordance with the Regulations for development of the academic staff of VUZF and includes the following documents:

- List of publications, reference for fulfillment of the minimum national requirements - scientometric indicators, reference for the citations
- Summary of publications
- Main habilitation thesis - monograph
- Curriculum vitae
- 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.

Candidate Peter Loshontsi has submitted a total of 30 scientific papers, of which one independent monograph, habilitation thesis (100 volumes), a second independent

monograph (100 volumes) and a list of 28 research papers in the form of articles and reports. 13 in refereed and indexed editions). The mentioned 30 scientific papers are accepted for review, as they are outside the candidate's dissertation. Apart from them, participation in 18 research projects in the field of information and economic security is also reported.

A reference with scientometric indicators is presented, of which the issues of the competition include:

- in sector D a total of 290 points (against the minimum 200 points for the sector);
- in sector E (cited publications) a total of 120 points (with a minimum of 100);

Peter Loshontsi has 20 years of academic experience and currently holds the position of Vice-Rector at the University of Security Management, Košice, Slovakia.

I have no personal impressions of the candidate outside this competition.

## **2. General characteristics of the candidate's activity (s)**

The candidate in this competition has significant teaching and research experience. Under the mentioned competition are presented independent habilitation work, second independent monographic work, outside the main habilitation work, 13 articles and reports in refereed and indexed editions and 15 articles and reports in non-refereed editions, with scientific review. The scientific publications fully correspond to the announced competition and are in the field of economic, information and communication security and protection.

Contributing moments in the candidate's research work are clearly highlighted, both in the direction of the theoretical and methodological framework of information security management, the main components of the information system, and in the field of copyright protection and risk management prevention.

The main monograph on "Selected aspects of information security in the university environment" has a total volume of 120 pages. The publication is a study of the state of information protection in universities, focusing on specific practical issues related to security and solutions to minimize risk.

The first chapter of the monograph presents the theoretical and methodological foundations of information security, defines key concepts in the context of the object of study - universities. Attention is focused on the main components of the information system at the university level such as: university databases with personal data of students, library resources, research papers, internal emails, website, web portals, employee registers and more.

The second chapter analyzes the normative and regulatory framework in the field of education in Slovakia and concerns the protection of personal data, document flow and the management of university relations with stakeholders, portals with free access to information on education and others.

The third chapter focuses on information management and copyright. The contribution points in this chapter are in the direction of risk analysis and identification of areas for prevention of personal data protection and prevention of plagiarism.

The candidate has significant practical experience and is well acquainted with the specialized literature and the regulatory framework in the field of risk analysis in information security and information security.

### 3. Critical remarks and recommendations

I have no critical remarks or recommendations.

### CONCLUSION

The documents and materials submitted by Peter Loshontsi **meet all the requirements** of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (RASRB), the Regulations for the Implementation of the RASRB and the relevant Regulations of VUZF.

The candidate in the competition has submitted a **sufficient** 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 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. Peter Loshon-tsi's scientific and teaching qualifications are **unquestionable**.

The results achieved by Loshontsi in the teaching and research activities **fully** comply with the Regulations of VUZF for 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 to the Scientific Jury to prepare a report - Proposal to the Academic Council for election of Peter Loshontsi to the academic position of "Associate Professor" at VUZF in professional field 3.8 Economics (Economic and information security).

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