

## **OPINION**

**from**

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of the materials submitted for participation in the competition  
for the academic position of " **Associate Professor** " in the **VUZF University**,  
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 ", with Order №128 / 20,05,2022 for determining the  
scientific jury of the Rector of VUZF Prof. D.Sc. Boris Velchev. published in the State Gazette, is-  
sue 22 of 18.03.2022 and on the website of the Higher School of Insurance and Finance.

### **1. General description of the submitted materials**

By order № 128 of 20.05.2022 of the Rector of the Higher School of Insurance and Finance  
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Grigory Vazov I was appointed a member of the scientific jury to ensure the  
procedure for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" in Field of higher education 3.  
Social, economic and legal sciences, Professional field 3.8. Economics, Dr. Peter Losonczi is a  
candidate .

Set of materials presented in electronic form by Dr. Peter Losonczi is in accordance with the  
Regulations for development of the academic staff of VUZF and includes the following documents:

1. Application for admission to the competition
2. Professional autobiography
3. Diploma of higher education
4. Diploma for ONS "Doctor"
5. List of publications, together with the publications for participation in the competition
6. Thematic summaries of scientific publications and developments
7. Information on compliance with national requirements
8. Evidence of participation in projects
9. Certificate of criminal record and medical certificate

## 10. Reference for additional indicators

The candidate has submitted : articles - Web of Science 5 , articles - SCOPUS 13 , monographs and chapters in monographs 13 , textbooks and studies 14, articles in journals 24, articles in scientific journals and monographs 17, articles in conference proceedings 34.

## 2. Brief biographical data about the candidate

Dr. Peter Losonczi was born on April 29, 1977 in Slovakia. In the period 1995-2000 he completed his higher education at the Technical University of Košice, where in 2004 he obtained a pedagogical qualification in engineering. Acquired ESD "PhD" in 2006 at the University of Zilina in the doctoral program "Security Management" (Diploma NI 1/2006). In 2014 he completed an information security course at the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic. In 2015, he obtained a master's degree in business administration within the joint program of the University of Warsaw (Poland) and the University of Security Management in Košice (Slovakia). In 2018 he received a master's degree from a joint program of the IPE Management School - Paris (France) and the University of Security Management in Košice (Slovakia). He holds a Certificate for Information Security Managers according to ISO 27000.

The academic career of Dr. Peter Losonczi started in 2008 as an assistant. He is currently Vice-Rector for Informatics and Development at the University of Security Management in Košice (Slovakia). He speaks German and English.

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

Currently, the candidate in the competition, Dr. Peter Losonczi, holds the position of First Vice-Rector of the University of Security Management in Košice (Slovakia). He has 14 years of professional experience in the academic field. He is a member of a number of prestigious university research organizations.

The academic workload of the candidate meets the norms adopted by the university, as well as the requirements of the ACASRB for holding the academic position of "associate professor".

## 4. Evaluation of the obtained scientific and scientific-applied results

Based on the information provided by Dr. Peter Losonczi, the following findings can be made. The candidate's research, both in terms of volume and quality, is in accordance with the ZRASRB, the

Regulations for its application and that of VUZF, and for individual positions they even exceed the requirements set in them. The candidate has a series of articles in indexed and referenced international periodicals, included in EBSCO Research Database, Index Copernicus, Microsoft Academic Search, Ex Libris, DOAJ, Inspect, Ulrich web <sup>TM</sup>, Google Scholar, COBISS.

The scientific work of Dr. Peter Losonczi demonstrates knowledge of the important problems in the chosen direction of economics, and in particular “ *Selected aspects of information security in higher education / Selected aspects of information security in the university environment* “. The aim of the presented monograph is to combine the fragmented knowledge and recommendations from different sources for private security and to create a basic system for assessing the quality of security services, which will be applied to the widest possible range of activities covered by security management. .

The need to assess the quality of private security services is a direct result of the growing private security sector. As experience has shown over time, the need to regulate this sector, whether through legislation or other tools or methods, has proved necessary to ensure the quality of the service provided. However, not all of these instruments have fully achieved their purpose and their impact is visible mainly at a key level of their scope. The overall quantity, diversity and nature of all the different types of approaches to the level of quality of private security services is based on the idea of combining all these different approaches into a single and unified systematic approach. Such an approach is the main philosophy of this dissertation, which aims to find, identify and propose a unified approach and methodology in the case of evaluation of private security services, which will then be further developed and improved over time.

The need for the proposed system is the opportunity for its further development and design according to the findings, experience of experts and the needs of the field. The quality assessment system is a key step for further research and at the same time to point out the diversity of views on the quality of security services. The assessment methodology is designed to allow dynamic adaptation of the system to its environment and any changes in content and structure would not significantly impair the outcome of the assessment. This result would also be comparable between the different generations of the quality assessment system.

Empirical methods and tools of mathematical statistics are used in the work. The focus of the work is on the design of the quality assessment system with its individual parts and the subsequent verification of the system on a real subject. The proposal was preceded by an analysis of the theoretical foundations of security and education management in the field, followed by an analysis of various documents, including the legislation of the Slovak Republic in the form of Law №. 473/2005

Coll. with regard to private security services and the ISO 9000 standards applicable to private security services. This is accompanied by an analysis of international documents such as: the European Training Module for Basic Building Protection (CoESS and UNI Europe), "Choosing the Best Value" - SBS's CoESS Handbook on Public Procurement in Europe and other methodologies, recommendations and requirements.

The proposed system for quality assurance of private security, which is solved in the form of statistical evaluation of 210 criteria in 3 areas, introduces an element of the weighting factor -  $V_i$ , which emphasizes certain aspects of the evaluation. The term Private Security Factor - PSF, expressed as a percentage, has been introduced for the overall picture of the assessed person.

**To the scientific contributions in the habilitation work I accept:**

1. Harmonization of various domestic and international documents related to the quality of security services in order to subsequently establish a comprehensive view on the establishment and maintenance of the quality of private security,
2. Introduction of a new conceptual apparatus for assessing the quality of private security;
3. Applying the acquired knowledge in the design of the system and determining the methodology for assessing the quality of security services,
4. Draft of basic criteria for assessment of the quality of private security;
5. Conducting a survey of the professional public in order to create a common level of opinion to determine the importance of the proposed criteria;
6. And drawing remarkable conclusions from the survey and differences of opinion among the professional and secular community,
7. Establishing starting points for further improvement of the proposed methodology or considerations on other ways of assessing the quality of private security.

**Practical benefits of the dissertation:**

1. Establishment of a computer program for assessment of the quality of security services, verified in the selected security service and applicable in the usual practice,
2. Development of a methodology applicable to assessment in other areas of safety,
3. Broadening the outlook and strengthening the considerations for the quality of services for the professional and non-professional public,
4. And the use of harmonized knowledge for the needs of security officers, such as insurance security analysts, security managers, but also authorized persons responsible for the protection of persons and property.

## 5. Assessment of the personal contribution of the candidate

I have not found any forms of plagiarism. I have no doubt about the personal contribution of the candidate in the presented scientific papers, books, studies and publications.

## 6. Critical remarks and recommendations

After my detailed acquaintance with the presented materials, I did not find any significant omissions, inaccuracies or contradictions. Maybe some statements on the researched issues do not coincide with my views, but these are personal interpretations and interpretations of the candidate and they can be protected by him. Therefore, I believe that they do not affect my overall positive assessment and do not diminish the scientific achievements of the candidate. That is why my notes are rather guiding and recommended for his future research, namely:

- in some places I find realized the great desire of the candidate to present us as rich content as possible, which leads to scattering in not always appropriate details;
- some diagrams, tables and graphs, although very carefully and reasonably made, could be exploited in depth.

## 7. Personal impressions

I do not know the candidate personally.

## CONCLUSION

The presented set of documents and materials is an original contribution to science and meets all the requirements of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB) and the Regulations for the implementation of ZRASRB. The presented materials and dissertation results fully comply with the specific requirements of the Regulations.

After getting acquainted with the materials and scientific papers presented in the competition, analysis of their importance and contained in them scientific, scientific-applied and applied contributions, I give my positive assessment and recommend the Scientific Jury to prepare a report-proposal to the Academic Council for selection of e. Dr. Peter Losonczi, for the academic position of " Associate Professor " at VUZF in the professional field 3.8. Economics (Capital pensions and financial management)

Signature: .....

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