

OPINION

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of the materials submitted for participation in the competition
for the academic position "professor"
at VUZF University

in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic, and legal sciences
Professional field 3.8 Economics (Green economy and agribusiness)

In the competition for "professor", announced in the State Gazette, issue 22 of 18.03.2022 and on the website of VUZF University, as a candidate appeared Bartosz Mickiewicz from the University of Technology of Western Pomerania - Szczecin.

1. General information on the procedure and the applicant

By order № 126 / 30.05.2022 of the Rector of VUZF Prof. Boris Velchev, DSc, I have been appointed a member of the scientific jury under the procedure for holding the academic position "professor" in the professional field 3.8. Economy (Green Economy and Agribusiness). Only one candidate, Bartosz Mickiewicz from the University of Technology of Western Pomerania - Szczecin, has applied for the competition.

The applicant has submitted the following documents:

- Curriculum vitae;

- Diploma for PhD;
- Diploma for DSc;
- List of scientific publications;
- Habilitation work;
- Summaries of scientific publications and references to the contributions in them;
- Information on the fulfillment of the minimum national requirements for the academic position "professor" under the Law on Development of Academic Staff in Bulgaria and the Regulation for its implementation;
- Other documents certifying the academic activity of the candidate - references for work as a research supervisor of three doctoral students and for participation in projects;
 - Medical certificate;
 - Criminal record certificate.

The documents are in good order, which facilitates their analysis and preparation of an opinion on them.

2. General characteristics of the candidate's activity

Bartosz Mickiewicz was born in 1969. He holds a master's degree from the Agricultural University in Szczecin, Poland, majoring in Marine Fisheries and Food Technology. Over the years he has developed as a researcher in the field of agriculture and sustainable development. He acquired Ph.D., and then the DSc, and held the academic position of "professor" at the University of Technology of Western Pomerania - Szczecin. He has significant experience as an administrative manager in the field of higher education - as head of the department and as dean.

Bartosz Mickiewicz's research undoubtedly falls within the scope of the announced competition - green economy and agribusiness. His habilitation work is entitled "Green Economy and Agribusiness: The New Agrarian Transformation of Belarus". In it, the author explores many current issues within the main

research object - how the policy towards a green economy affects agriculture and the processes of transformation within the economy of Belarus. The paper has a total volume of 220 pages and is structured into five chapters. The first two chapters have a clear theoretical character - they introduce the essence of sustainable development and legislation in the field of agriculture in Belarus. The third, fourth, and fifth chapters are rather of an applied nature. Here the author examines the sustainable development and development of the green economy in an international context and then focuses specifically on the state of the industry in Belarus and the opportunities for the development of its innovative potential. The habilitation work is an original, interesting, and up-to-date study that would be useful for a wide range of readers - students, Ph.D. students, specialists, and all those who are interested in the future of agriculture in the context of the green economy.

Bartosz Mickiewicz is also the author of 29 scientific articles and reports published in journals and volumes, referenced and indexed in world-known databases of scientific information. The main part of these publications is devoted to various problems in the field of agriculture. In them, the author highlights important issues for the development of this key industry for a country like Poland, considering them in the context of the common agricultural policy of the European Union. Some of the articles and reports have been co-authored, which shows the author's scientific activity and his collaboration with other scientists and researchers. The topic, object of research, is significant and within the works of the author a number of scientific and applied contributions stand out.

The works of Bartosz Mickiewicz are known to the academic community internationally and this is evident from the reference to the citations of the candidate in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-known databases of scientific information.

Bartosz Mickiewicz has been the research supervisor of a total of three successful PhD students. He has also participated in two international research

projects. This testifies to his scientific activity and the presence of significant experience in work both as a research supervisor and as a member of research teams.

At the time of writing, there is no information or reason to doubt that Bartosz Mickiewicz's work is not the result of his personal effort. His scientific publications, as well as his other involvement in academic work (as a supervisor of successfully graduated Ph.D. students and as a participant in projects) significantly, exceed the national minimum requirements for the academic position of "professor" in the professional field 3.8 Economics.

3. Critical remarks and recommendations

I do not have significant critical remarks and recommendations on the work of the candidate.

CONCLUSION

The documents and materials presented by Bartosz Mickiewicz meet all the requirements of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulation for its implementation.

The candidate for the procedure has submitted a significant number of scientific papers, exceeding the national minimum requirements for holding the academic position of "professor". The works of the candidate undoubtedly have original contributions and this is attested by the author's citation in publications referenced and indexed in world-known databases of scientific information. The candidate has significant experience not only as a researcher but also as a member and leader of research teams and leader of successfully defended doctoral students, as well as an administrator.

After getting acquainted with the materials and scientific works presented in the competition, the 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 them to the esteemed scientific jury to prepare a report by the Academic Council of VUZF for the election of Bartosz Mickiewicz to the academic position of "Professor" at VUZF in professional field 3.8 Economics, (Green Economy and Agribusiness).

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