

## STATEMENT

**REGARDING:** Competition for "professor" in 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional direction 3.8 Economics (Economics and management of agricultural land resources), announced in SG no. 30 of 04/05/2024 with candidate **Assoc. Ph.D. Valeri Yordanov Velkovski**

by Prof. Dr. Neli Andreeva Bencheva, area of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, 3.7 Administration and management, member of the scientific jury according to order No. 047/14.10, 2024 of the Rector of VUSI-Plovdiv.

Only one candidate participated in the competition for "professor" - **Assoc. Dr. Valeri Yordanov Velkovski**.

The documentation for the competition has been prepared according to the requirements of ZRASPB and the regulations for the implementation of the law on the Development of the academic staff in VUSI-Plovdiv regarding the requirements of the announced competition.

### 1. Brief introduction of the candidate.

Associate Professor Valeri Yordanov Velkovski, PhD, was born on August 20, 1957. The candidate has extensive professional experience in the announced scientific specialty. He graduated from UNSS - Sofia/1994-1999/, majoring in Marketing and Management, Master's degree. He graduated with a degree in "Law" at VTU "St., St. Cyril and Methodius", degree "master"/2002-2005/. In 2006-2007 Graduated from Public Administration at the Technical University - Varna, Faculty of Law - Degree: "Master". In 2006-2007 is taking a specialization in pedagogical competence - VTU, St. St. Cyril and Methodius", Veliko Tarnovo

He defended his thesis at the Economic Academy D.A. Tsenov, Svishtov, Department of Agrarian Economics. During the period 2009-2010 in UNSS = Sofia conducts a qualification in "Mediation". He has a Master's degree in Economics and Law.

In recent years, he held the position of "Jurisconsult" of HIMKO - JSC, Vratsa, Regional Directorate "Agriculture" - Back to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Chief Legal Adviser in the Regional Directorate "Agriculture" - Sofia Region under the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Elected as an associate professor in the field of higher education "Social, economic and legal sciences" in professional direction 3.8 Economics (Regulation of processes and activities in agricultural territories), Diploma №0039/Protocol №6/28.06.2022 at a meeting of the Academic Council of VUSI.

Assoc Dr. Velkovski actively participates in scientific conferences.

The accumulated professional and management experience in the field of production, local self-government and law allow him to do in-depth scientific research, and his main publications are in these areas.

## **2. General description of the scientific production.**

According to the National Minimum indicators required by groups for the academic position "professor", Assoc. Dr. Velkovski presents the following scientific publications:

**Indicator A:** Dissertation work for awarding the educational and scientific degree "doctor" - 50 points, Implementation,% - 100

**Indicator B:** Habilitation work - monograph - 1 issue - 100 points, Implementation,% - 100

Indicator G6: Articles and reports published in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information - 90 points.

Three independent articles in English have been published on this indicator.

Indicator G7: Articles and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes - 250 points.

According to this indicator, 22 articles in Bulgarian and two in English were published as an independent author. Two articles in English have been published in co-authorship.

Total for indicator G: **340 points**

Indicator D11: Citations or reviews in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes - 15 points

Indicator D13: Citations or reviews in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals - 125 points

Total for indicator D: **140 points**

Indicator E20: Published university textbook or textbook that is used in the school network - two issues of 40 points - 80 points

Indicator E21: Published university teaching aid or teaching aid that is used in the school network - two issues of 20 points - 40 points

Total for indicator E: **120 points**

**Total points of Prof. Dr. Valery Velkovski: 750.**

**National minimum for professor: 550 points.**

## **Performance,%- 136**

*We can summarize that the scientific production of Assoc. Dr. V. Velkovski in terms of quantity and quality not only fulfills, but exceeds (1.4 times) the scientometric criteria and requirements laid down in the National Academy of Science and Technology in the Republic of Bulgaria, D.V. no. 56/06.07.2018, District 3. Social, economic and legal sciences.*

*The analysis of the scientific output proves that Associate Professor Dr. V. Velkovski is an established researcher in the field of economics and management of agricultural land resources.*

### **3. Scientific research activity.**

#### **Areas of publication.**

The topics of the presented scientific publications of Assoc. Dr. V. Velkovski are on the issues of Economics and management of agricultural land resources.

#### Scientific contributions

Mainly, they refer to the further development of the functions of land with agricultural lands, as a factor for the development of agricultural territories, and more specifically:

- It has been proven that the grounding with the agricultural lands in the agricultural territories is an important factor and condition for their sustainable development in relation to their ownership.

- It has been established that the land tenure mechanism has not only economic but also social and demographic aspects at the regional and national level.

- An in-depth analysis of the possibilities for replacement and consolidation of agricultural lands was carried out, proving that these processes can be considered in the context of the sustainable development of the agrarian sector.

- Models and mechanisms for the use of agricultural lands are proposed from the point of view of their role and functions as a unique land resource in agricultural territories.

- The need to implement a comprehensive technology of including agricultural lands within the boundaries of urbanized territories is substantiated.

#### Scientific and applied contributions

Among the contributions in the scientific-applied aspect, the following can be mentioned:

- The specific characteristics of the categories of agricultural land in the Republic of Bulgaria and the technological procedures for their alienation and evaluation have been revealed.

- The processes of regulation, the role and functions of the development plans and the construction activities carried out on them are analyzed and summarized.

#### **4. Critical notes and recommendations to the candidate**

Considering the proven expertise of the candidate for the academic position of "Professor", I recommend expanding the scope of land resources research in a socio-economic aspect. I believe that the obtained results would be of interest to a larger part of the researchers of this issue, which will also lead to an increase in the citation of publications by different authors.

### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the analysis of the scientific and scientific-applied activity of the candidate, I believe that Associate Professor Valeri Yordanov Velkovski meets the requirements of the ZRASRB, PPZRASRB and the Regulations of VUSI-Plovdiv for its application.

The scientific works of Assoc. Dr. Valeri Yordanov Velkovski contain important contributions to the development of Economics and management of agricultural land resources (land resources).

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