

OPINION

by **Corr. Member Lyubka Atanasova Doukovska, DSc**

from the Institute of Information and Communication Technologies,

at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences,

on the competition for the academic position “**Professor**”,

under the Scientific Field: **4. Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics**,

the Professional Area: **4.6. Informatics and Computer Sciences**

(Electronic management and electronic business - in Bulgarian and English),

for the needs of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration

at the Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski,

announced in Darjaven Vestnik No. 86/13.10.2023

with a participant – Associate Professor Kamen Boyanov Spassov, PhD

In accordance with Order No.38-622/20.11.2023 of the Rector of the Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, I was included in the Scientific Jury of the competition for occupation of the academic position “Professor” in the Scientific Field **4. Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics**, the Professional Area **4.6 Informatics and Computer Science** (Electronic management and electronic business - in Bulgarian and English), announced in the Darjaven Vestnik, No. 86/13.10.2023, for the needs of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration at the Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, with the sole participant in the competition - **Associate Professor Kamen Boyanov Spassov, PhD**.

As a member of the Scientific Jury, I have received copies of the candidate's publications on the topic of the competition and the accompanying administrative documentation.

According to the requirements of the *Development of Academic Staff Act in the Republic of Bulgaria* and the specific requirements in the Act's Institutional Regulation, the candidates for occupying the academic position of “Professor” must meet the

following conditions, regulated in Art. 29. (Darjaven Vestnik issue 81 of 2010 - Decision No. 11 of 05.10.2010 of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Bulgaria under cadastral plot No. 13/2010; amend in full, issue 101 of 2010; amend. and supplement, issue 30 of 2018, effective 05.05.2018) (1):

1. Have acquired the educational and scientific PhD degree;
2. Have held the academic position of “Associate Professor” at the same or another higher education institution or scientific organization for at least two academic years or at least five years;
3. Have submitted published monographs or equivalent publications in specialized scientific editions that do not repeat the ones submitted for the PhD degree and for the academic position of “Associate Professor”;
4. Have submitted other original research papers, publications, inventions and other scientific and applied developments that are evaluated as aggregate;
5. To comply with the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, # 2 and # 3, respectively, of the requirements of art. 2b, # 5;
6. Not to have plagiarism proven in the statutory order in scientific works.

(3) Applicants shall submit a report on the fulfillment of the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, # 2 and # 3, respectively, of the requirements of art. 2b, # 5, and a reference to the original scientific contributions, to which the relevant evidence set out in this Act, in the regulation for its implementation, and the regulations of higher schools and scientific organizations.

Associate Professor Kamen Boyanov Spassov fulfills the requirement of Art. 29 (1) item 1 of the *Development of Academic Staff Act in the Republic of Bulgaria*, because by a decision of the Presidium of the Higher Attestation Commission at the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria, a diploma No. 22757/01.12.1992 was issued, for the scientific PhD degree.

Associate Professor Kamen Boyanov Spassov fulfills the requirement of Art. 29 (1) item 2 of the *Development of Academic Staff Act in the Republic of Bulgaria*, as she held the position of Associate Professor since 2009.

Associate Professor Kamen Boyanov Spassov fulfills the requirement of Art. 29 (1) item 3 of the *Development of Academic Staff Act in the Republic of Bulgaria*, because for participation in the competition the candidate has submitted seven publications equivalent to a monograph, which do not repeat those submitted for the acquisition of the PhD degree and for occupying the academic position “Associate Professor”.

Associate Professor Kamen Boyanov Spassov fulfills the requirement of Art. 29 (1) item 4 of the *Development of Academic Staff Act in the Republic of Bulgaria*, because the submitted documents for participation in the competition include nine scientific publications refereed in Scopus and/or WoS, three collective works published in Bulgaria, as well as two textbooks.

Associate Professor Kamen Boyanov Spassov fulfills the requirement of Art. 29 (1) item 5 of the *Development of Academic Staff Act in the Republic of Bulgaria*, according to the submitted by the candidate reference for the fulfillment of the minimum national requirements and the specific requirements of the the Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski.

Associate Professor Kamen Boyanov Spassov fulfills the requirement of Art. 29 (1) item 6, having submitted a declaration that there is no legally proven plagiarism in the scientific publications presented at this competition.

For participation in the competition, **Associate Professor Kamen Boyanov Spassov** has presented a list of 23 citations, assuming that this number is until the moment of submission of the tender documents and newly appeared citations are not included.

I accept the contributions formulated by the applicant in the works with which **Associate Professor Kamen Boyanov Spassov** participates in the competition, the results being scientific, scientifically applied and applied in nature and can be defined as enrichment of an existing scientific field with new knowledge.

Taking into account the candidate's teaching and research experience, I would like to recommend **Associate Professor Kamen Boyanov Spassov** to direct his efforts in

working with PhD students in order to pass on his scientific experience to the next generation of Bulgarian researchers in the field of information technologies.

In conclusion, I agree that the requirements of the Law for the *Development of Academic Staff Act in the Republic of Bulgaria* and the specific requirements in the Act's Institutional Regulations for its implementation, the Rules for the conditions and the order for acquiring academic degrees and the Rules for the specific conditions for acquisition of academic degrees and occupation of academic positions at the Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski are accomplished. After getting acquainted with the materials submitted by the applicant for the competition, I give my positive estimation about the choice of **Associate Professor Kamen Boyanov Spassov** in the competition for the academic position of “**Professor**” for the needs of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration at the Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, in the Scientific Field **4. Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics**, the Professional Area **4.6. Informatics and Computer Sciences** (Electronic management and electronic business - in Bulgarian and English).

I propose that the Scientific Jury unanimously vote for a proposal to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration at the Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, to elect **Associate Professor Kamen Boyanov Spassov** for the academic position of “**Professor**” in the Scientific Field **4. Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics**, the Professional Area **4.6. Informatics and Computer Sciences** (Electronic management and electronic business - in Bulgarian and English).

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