

OPINION

by **Prof. Lyubka Atanasova Doukovska, PhD, DSc**
from the Institute of Information and Communication Technologies,
at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences,
on the Competition for the academic position “**Associate Professor**”,
under the Scientific Field: 4. Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics,
the Professional Area: 4.6. Informatics and Computer Sciences,
the Scientific Specialty: 01.01.12. Informatics,
for the needs of the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”,
announced in Darjaven Vestnik No. 57 of 26.06.2020
with a participant - **Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev, PhD**

In accordance with Order No. R33-4129/25.08.2020 of the Rector of the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”, I was included in the Scientific Jury of the competition for occupation of the academic position “Associate Professor” in the Scientific Field 4. Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics, the Professional Area 4.6 Informatics and Computer Science, the Scientific Specialty 01.01.12. “Informatics”, announced in the Darjaven Vestnik, Issue 57 of June 26, 2020, for the needs of the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”, with the sole participant in the competition - Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev, PhD.

As a member of the Scientific Jury I have received:

1. Application for participation in the competition by Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev, PhD.
2. An European Curriculum Vitae of Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev.
3. Copy of the diploma for educational Master degree of Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev.

4. Copy of the diploma for educational and scientific PhD degree of Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev.

5. List of scientific publications, with which the applicant Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev.

6. List of the activities of Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev, according to Art. 57 a of the Development of Academic Staff Act in the Republic of Bulgaria.

7. Annotations of scientific publications, for participation in the competition for academic position “Associate Professor” of Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev.

8. Declaration for the original scientific and applied scientific contributions of Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev.

9. Certificate of work experience - U-226 / 22.07.2020 of Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev.

10. Documents certifying the educational activity of Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev.

11. Documents certifying the science and research work of Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev.

In accordance with 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 “Associate Professor” must meet the following conditions, regulated in Art. 24. (1):

1. Have acquired an educational and scientific PhD degree;
2. Have held for at least two years the academic position of Assistant Professor;
3. Have submitted published monographs or equivalent publications in specialized scientific publications that do not repeat the ones submitted for the PhD degree;

4. To comply with the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, # 2 and # 3, respectively, of the requirements of art. 2b, # 5;

5. Not to have plagiarism in the scientific publications proven by the legislation order.

According to the submitted materials for the competition, Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev has acquired the educational and scientific PhD degree, as evidenced by the diploma No. 1000075 of September 16, 2013, awarded to him by the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski” in the Scientific Specialty 01.01.12. Informatics.

The presented certificate for work experience in the specialty No. U-226 of July 22, 2020 shows that Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev works on a basic employment contract at the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski” and has a length of service as an Assistant Professor for 8 years until the issue of the document.

According to the annotations of the scientific publications for participation in the competition, Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev has presented 7 publications in specialized international journals, 25 papers at international conferences, a textbook, a handbook, and an abstract of the PhD thesis titled “Environment for e-learning services”.

I accept the contributions formulated in the report on the results of the candidate's research activities in the works with which Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev participates in the competition and those results are scientifically applied and can be defined to be enriching the existing scientific field with new knowledge.

Present is a list of 86 citations of the Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev publications. I take that those citations are at the moment of submission of documents and no new ones are included.

According to the information presented by Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev, for meeting the additional requirements of the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”, he fulfills the requirements for indicators A, C, D, E and E for the Professional Area 4.6. Informatics and Computer Science.

I accept the Declaration submitted by the applicant that there is no legally proven plagiarism in the scientific papers presented for this competition.

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 Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski” are accomplished. After getting acquainted with the materials submitted by the applicant for the competition, I give my positive estimation about the choice of **Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev** in the competition for the academic position of “**Associate Professor**” for the needs of the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”, in the Scientific Field 4. Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics, the Professional Area 4.6. Informatics and Computer Sciences, the Scientific Specialty 01.01.12. Informatics.

I propose that the Scientific Jury unanimously vote for a proposal to the Academic Council of the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”, to elect **Assistant Professor Emil Hristov Doychev** for the academic position of “**Associate Professor**” in the Scientific Field 4. Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics, the Professional Area 4.6. Informatics and Computer Sciences, the Scientific Specialty 01.01.12. Informatics.

15.10.2020
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