

## OPINION

by **PhD. Vanio Hristov Konsulov - Professor at the „Paisii Hilendarski” University of Plovdiv**

for the materials submitted for participation in competition for the academic credentials

**“Associate Professor” at the University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendarski"**

by area of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences  
professional field 3.8. Economy (Corporate Finance)

In the competition for an associate professor, published in “State Newspaper” № 94 of 12.11.2021 and on the website of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" for the Department of Finance and Accounting at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, as a candidate participated PhD. Petar Atanasov Atanasov from Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

### **1. General presentation of the procedure and the applicant**

For the participation in the competition, the applicant submitted an application with the required documents referred to in 15 points as appendices to it.

By order No RD-D1-56 dated 12.01.2022 of the Rector of the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski” I was appointed as a member of the scientific jury at a competition for the occupation of the academic position "**associate professor**" in the University of Plovdiv higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional field 3.8. Economics (Corporate Finance), announced for the needs of the Department of “Finance and Accounting” at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences.

Only **one candidate** - PhD. Petar Atanasov Atanasov from the Department of Finance and Accounting of the Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" has submitted documents for participation in the competition.

The set of paper and CD-ROM complies with the Rules for the Development of the Academic Staff of the University of Plovdiv and includes all the documents required for the competition.

### **2. General characteristic of the applicant's activity**

#### **2.1. Assessment of educational and pedagogical activity**

PhD. Petar Atanasov Atanasov is appointed with a labor contract at “Paisii Hilendarski” University of Plovdiv as of October 2012 as a lecturer (assistant) at the Finance and Accounting Department of the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences.



As of 01.12.2021, he served as "Assistant Professor" at the University 4 years and 1 month and 14 days. His total lecturing experience in Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" amounts to 19 years, 10 months and 19 days as of 01.12.2021. During this period, he has held classes and lectures on the subjects of "Corporate Finance", "General Financial Theory", "Public Finance" (just exercise). The total experience of the candidate amounts to 1764 hours, and the main part was the discipline "Corporate Finance" - 1584 hours.

He teaches mainly at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences. The students he taught are from different specialties.

He has published a textbook "Studying textbook on corporate finance". In addition, has published one monograph and 14 articles, studies and reports that are a solid foundation and essential help in preparing students for the disciplines he leads.

My direct impressions of PhD. Petar Atanasov Atanasov's educational and pedagogical work are **extremely positive**. With conviction, I can say that he is a respected and valued by the students, graduates, PhD students and faculty and university professors. Proof of this is not only the written assessments of the students, but also the visible extremely positive attitude of students, graduates and teachers towards him.

## **2.2. Assessment of scientific and applied research**

To participate in the competition PhD. Petar Atanasov Atanasov has presented enough scientific publications, both quantitatively and qualitatively.

He presents one monograph, one textbook and 14 scientific papers, studies and scientific reports. The study "Modelling the innovative potential of companies in the pharmaceutical industry of Bulgaria" is published in the American Institute of Physics Inc., ISSN: 0094243X; ISBN: 978-073541774-8. This complements FISN's additional requirement for a publication in scientific journals referenced and indexed in Scopus or Web of science. Thus, PhD. Atanasov fulfills all the legal and additional requirements for occupying the academic position "Associate Professor".

From the specialized literature I have researched, I have found **no evidence** of plagiarism on the part of the candidate.

The Candidate has presented two research projects in which he has taken an active part.

## **3. Critical remarks and recommendations**

The limited number of articles and studies published in scientific journals referenced and indexed in Scopus or Web of Science is noticeable. In this sense, my recommendation is that in the future, he should strengthen his publicity activity in this direction.

## CONCLUSION

After studying the materials and scientific papers presented in the competition, analyzing their significance, I find it reasonable to give my **positive assessment** and recommend to the Scientific Jury to vote "**YES**" the election of **PhD. Petar Atanasov Atanasov** for taking the academic position "**Associate Professor**" at the Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" by area of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional field 3.8. Economy (Corporate Finance) thus would serve the needs of the Department of Finance and Accounting at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences.

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**Drafted the estimation: .....**  
**Prof. Vanio Konsulov**