

# OPINION

by **Corr. Memb. Lyubka Atanasova Doukowska, 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: “Informatics”

In accordance with Art. 30, para. 3 of the Regulations for the Implementation of the Development of Academic Staff Act in the Republic of Bulgaria and by Order No. RD-22-77/17.01.2025 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 “Informatics”, announced in the Darjaven Vestnik, Issue 98 of 19.11.2024, for the needs of the Department of Computer Systems at the Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics of the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”, with the sole participant in the competition - Assistant Professor Georgi Nikolov Cholakov, PhD.

As a member of the Scientific Jury I have received:

1. Application for participation in the competition by Assistant Professor Georgi Nikolov Cholakov, PhD.
2. An European Curriculum Vitae of Assistant Professor Georgi Nikolov Cholakov.

3. Copy of the diploma №075858/02.11.1999 for educational MSc degree of Assistant Professor Georgi Nikolov Cholakov.

4. Copy of the diploma №1000074/16.09.2013 for educational and scientific PhD degree of Assistant Professor Georgi Nikolov Cholakov.

5. List of scientific publications, with which the applicant Assistant Professor Georgi Nikolov Cholakov.

6. List of the activities of Assistant Professor Georgi Nikolov Cholakov, 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 Georgi Nikolov Cholakov.

8. Declaration for the original scientific and applied scientific contributions of Assistant Professor Georgi Nikolov Cholakov.

9. Certificate of work experience №RD-38-267/26.11.2024 of Assistant Professor Georgi Nikolov Cholakov.

10. Documents certifying the educational activity of Assistant Professor Georgi Nikolov Cholakov.

11. Documents certifying the science and research work of Assistant Professor Georgi Nikolov Cholakov.

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 Georgi Nikolov Cholakov has acquired the educational and scientific PhD degree, as evidenced by the diploma No. 1000074 of September 16, 2013, awarded to him by the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski” in the Scientific Specialty “Informatics”.

The presented certificate for work experience in the specialty No.RD-38-267/26.11.2024 shows that Assistant Professor Georgi Nikolov Cholakov works on a basic employment contract at the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski” and has a length of service as an Assistant Professor for 13 years until the issue of the document.

According to the annotations of the scientific publications for participation in the competition, Assistant Professor Georgi Nikolov Cholakov has presented 5 publications in specialized international journals, 6 papers at international conferences, one monography, one handbook, as well as one book on the PhD thesis.

I accept the contributions formulated in the report on the results of the candidate's research activities in the works with which Assistant Professor Georgi Nikolov Cholakov 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 11 citations in Scopus/WoS of the Assistant Professor Georgi Nikolov Cholakov 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 Georgi Nikolov Cholakov, 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 Georgi Nikolov Cholakov** in the competition for the academic position of “**Associate Professor**” for the needs of the Department of Computer Systems at the Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics 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 “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 Georgi Nikolov Cholakov** 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 “Informatics”.

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