

## STATEMENT

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Regarding: *Application to Professor Position* in Plovdiv University

Field of higher education 4. Natural sciences, mathematics and informatics,

Professional direction 4.2. Chemical Sciences (Organic Chemistry, Bioorganic Chemistry)

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There is only one candidate for the position, Assoc. Prof. Stoyanka Nikolova Atanasova, Ph.D. The candidate has submitted all the necessary documents in electronic form and their examination shows that they are in accordance with the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Rules for its Implementation and the Internal Regulations for the acquisition of scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at Plovdiv University.

By the order № ПД-22-53 (9. 01. 2026) of the Rector I am a member of Scientific Jury. On the first meeting I was assigned to write a Statement.

### 1. Preliminary details

The candidate has given a list of 28 scientific articles and three textbooks. They were never used in the previous procedures and applications that Assoc. Prof. Nikolova had participated in and won. Nearly all of them have been published in journals with impact factor (IF). Eight papers are classified to B list of requirements, and 20 of them satisfy the  $\Gamma$  requirements. The scientific works' full text is given as PDFs. **They have an enormous IF of 106.4.** The candidate's scientific works have 112 citations, giving H-index of 12.

There is given a list of numerous posters and lectures presented at international and domestic conferences by the candidate. That confirms the scientific importance of the obtained results and their dissemination among scientific community. **The two main scientific fields of the candidate and described contributions/results fulfil requirements of this application.** The additional documents (work experience, etc.) also confirm fulfilment of the application requirements.

### 2. Conclusive Assessment of Candidate Activities

The application shows exceptional contributions of Assoc. Prof. Nikolova in the field of Organic Chemistry. My personal professional interaction with her confirms that she is very bright and intelligent scientist.

## CONCLUSION

Dr. Nikolova presented significant number of scientific works to this application. Her work shows original scientific contribution that is acknowledged by international scientific community. Her teaching qualification is at high level. The submitted materials for the competition meet the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Rules for its Implementation, the Regulations of the Plovdiv University.

My assessment of the application of Dr. Nikolova is *positive* and I recommend to the respected Scientific Jury to propose the awarding of the academic position *Professor* to Assoc.Prof. Dr. Stoyanka Nikolova Atanasova in field of higher education 4. Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics, Professional Direction 4.2. Chemical Sciences (Organic Chemistry, Bioorganic Chemistry) for the needs of the Chemical Faculty.

8.3. 2026 г.

**Member of the Scientific Jury:**.....

/Prof. Plamen Penchev/