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STATEMENT

on the materials for participation in a competition for occupation of academic position "Associate Professor" in scientific field 6. Agricultural sciences and veterinary medicine, in professional direction 6.5. Forestry, scientific specialty „Silviculture, including Dendrology“, subject "Dendrology", announced by the Forest Research Institute at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (FRI-BAS)

Applicant to participate in the competition: Dr. Yonko Dobrinov Dodev, Senior Assistant Professor

The statement was prepared by: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Momchil Panayotov Panayotov, University of Forestry, Dendrology Department, Sofia 1797, Bulgaria, appointed for participation in the scientific jury by order of the Director of FRI-BAS No. РД-15-367/09.08.2022

1. Short biography of the applicant

Dr. Yonko Dobrinov Dodev was born on 30.03.1980. He graduated as a bachelor in Forestry in 2004 at the University of Forestry. In 2006 he finished his Master's studies at the same university. He has professional experience as forester in State forest enterprise "Entropole" (2005-2007), vice director at SFE "Botevgrad" (2007), vice president of the Youth movement for development of rural areas in Bulgaria, director of the research station for beech forests at the FRI-BAS in Entropole (2010-2011), assistant (2011-2017) and senior assistant (2017 to present) in Silviculture at the FRI-BAS. He graduated his PhD studies in 2016.

2. Compliance of the submitted documents and materials of the applicant with the requirements in the Regulations for Development of Academic Staff at the Forest Research Institute at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (FRI-BAS)

The candidate Yonko Dodev meets the criteria set by the rules for the Development of the Academic Staff at the FRI-BAS for Associate professor. In category "A" he has the required 50 points. For category "B" no points are required for this academic position. For category "B" the required minimum points are 100, while the candidate has declared 137. They are based on co-authorship in 10 publications indexed in Web of Science. Of them 4 are in Bulgarian language and the rest are in English. For category "Г" the required points are 200 and the candidate declared 210 points. They are based on published monography (100 points), 5 articles in referred scientific journals (38 points), 14 articles in non-referred scientific journals (52 points), chapter in monography (20 points). For category "Д" the required points are at least 100 and the candidate declared 205. They are based on 9 found citations in referred journals (category Д13, of them 4 citations are in foreign journals and 2 in a Bulgarian journal). There are 5 citations in monographies, 4 citations in non-referred journals. I could not find information for scientific reviews.

For category „E“, related to participation in projects, the candidate declared 95 points from the requested minimum of 50. The candidate was a leader of one national project funded by the Executive Forest Agency, he participated in one COST project and in the team of 3 other national projects. In the additional categories, which provide points in competitions in FRI-BAS the candidate declared 17 participation in national meetings with presentations and 6 in international meetings, but all of them took place in Bulgaria. These participations bring 29 points.

In Summary, from the requested minimum of 500 points in total the candidate for Associate Professor in FRI-BAS Yonko Dodev declares 719 points.

3. Characteristics and basic directions of published scientific results

The candidate for the academic position Associate Professor Yonko Dodev works in several scientific fields related to management of forests in the low-altitude belt in Bulgaria. The topics are management of coppice oak forests, oriental hornbeam forests, coniferous plantations and recreational forests. He also participated in several studies related to foreign and invasive species. Given the fact the numerous challenges that the management of these forests meet, I find the scientific activities of Yonko Dodev of relevance and practical interest.

4. Reflection of the applicant's scientific activity in the literature

The total number of citations of papers published by Yonko Dodev is 18. These are in few magazines with Impact factor, monographies and non-referred journals. The citations are positive. I find the total number of citations low. However, they cover the minimum requirements of the FRI-BAS.

5. Participation in scientific, applied science, infrastructure and educational projects

Yonko Dodev was a leader of one national project funded by the Executive Forest Agency, he participated in one COST project and in the team of 3 other national projects. My opinion is that in these scientific activities there should be more activity because at the present moment most of the scientific development and publishing happens in the framework of participation of national and international projects. However, the participation in projects covers the requested minimum by FRI-BAS.

6. Assessment of the applicant's educational activities

The educational activities of the candidate are based mostly on presentations in educational courses and seminars, which were organized for specialized silviculture audience and for general audience. I could not find records of educational activities in Universities.

7. Assessment of the applicant's personal contribution

The candidate was co-author in the presented scientific papers. I do not find this as a problem. There are 4 publications in referred journals in which the candidate is a leading author. I consider that there is enough evidence that the candidate has personal contribution.

8. Critical notes and recommendations

I consider that the candidate should invest more efforts in publishing scientific papers in English language magazines especially abroad, which would contribute to better acquaintance of the scientific community with his work and hence to higher citations.

9. Personal impressions

I do not have personal impressions from the work of Yonko Dodev because we work in different institutions and we have not participated in projects together. My judgement is based solely on the presented materials for the competition.

10. Conclusion

In conclusion I consider that the applicant Yonko Dobrinov Dodev meets the requested criteria to take the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the professional direction 6.5. Forestry, scientific speciality "Silviculture, including Dendrology" in FRI-BAS.

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