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## STANDPOINT

**on:** the materials for participation in the competition for the occupation of the academic position "Associate Professor", field of higher education: 6. Agrarian Sciences and Veterinary Medicine; professional field: 6.4. Veterinary Medicine; scientific specialty: "epizootiology, infectious diseases and prevention of infectious diseases in animals" in the discipline "Infectious diseases (common part, diseases productive animals, equidae diseases, animal diseases for company) declared by the University of Forestry in State Gazette, issue 101 / 27.12.2019, with code of the VM-AsP-1119-30 procedure.

**by:** Professor Dr. Geno Atanasov Angelov DVM, Higher Education Area: 6. Agrarian Sciences and Veterinary Medicine; professional field: 6.4. Veterinary Medicine; specialty: Animal Pathology, retired person.

### BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

DVM Chief Assistant Roman Pepovich Petkov is the only candidate to participate in the competition. Born on August 11, 1978 in Krasnodar, Russia. In 1998 he was accepted as a full-time student at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Thrace - Stara Zagora, graduating in 2006 with the qualification of veterinarian. After completing her higher education, he began her professional career as a junior expert in the regional veterinary service - Lovech. In 2007, after successfully passing the competitive exam, he enrolled as a full-time assistant in the Department of Infectious Pathology, Hygiene, Technology and Control of Foods of Animal Origin at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Forestry. In 2010 he was promoted to Senior Assistant and in 2013 to Senior Assistant. With the changes made to the law on higher education in 2015 he was reappointed as an assistant. In 2015 he defended his dissertation on the topic: "Dissemination, diagnosis and control measures of enzootic pneumonia in industrial pig farming" and was awarded the educational and scientific degree "doctor" in the specialty "Epizootology, infectious diseases and prevention of infectious diseases" animal diseases. " In 2016, he was again assigned the academic post of Assistant Professor. In his 13-year teaching experience, Dr. Pepovich conducts practical and clinical classes with students of IV and V courses in Bulgarian and English in the fields of infectious diseases - common diseases, productive, equidae and small animals, epidemiology and preventive medicine mobile clinic. He also teaches part of the course in these subjects. He is a member of the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria - Sofia Branch. He speaks very good spoken and written Russian and good English. The submitted documents and materials of the applicant are in full compliance with the requirements, in accordance

with the Rules of the PAC in the University of Forestry, and their authenticity is confirmed by the statement presented by Dr. Pepovic (Annex 11).

## **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

As an assistant from the clinical department in his thirteen-year active teaching and teaching activity Roman Pepovich successfully communicates to his students his extensive professional experience. Dr. Pepovich's teaching activities in the Bulgarian language course include: module Infectious Diseases (common part, , diseases productive animals , equidae diseases, animal diseases for company) - a total of 180 hours, of which 90 hours of exercises and 90 hours of lectures; Epidemiology and Preventive Veterinary Medicine - 60 hours in total, of which 30 hours are exercises and 30 hours are lectures; Virology - 60 hours in total, of which 30 hours of exercises and 30 hours of lectures and mobile clinic - 30 hours in total. In the English language course he participates in the teaching of the subjects Virology, Epidemiology and Preventive Veterinary Medicine and mobile clinic, with a total teaching time of 150 hours, of which 60 hours of lectures, 60 hours of practical and 30 hours of clinical classes. Dr. Pepovic is the author of the curricula for the subjects Virology and Diseases in Bees, Fish and Game. He is a member of several standing committees: post-accreditation monitoring and control; to establish the conformity of the scientific and publication activities of the academic staff of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine with the minimum national requirements; about the information about the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine on the website of the University of Forestry; Temporary - Committee for Protection of Conducted Clinical Internships after IV Course and Committee for Evaluation of Reporting Reports for Conducted Pre-Diploma Internships. e has also participated in the program accreditation procedure for the training of the Doctor of Science in the scientific specialty "Epizootology, infectious diseases and prevention of infectious animal diseases"; the equipment of the University Laboratory for Biotechnology, Molecular and Genetic Research in Forestry, Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine. He is a scientific supervisor of two postgraduate students. Under the Erasmus + program at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Sassari - Italy, he gave lectures to students, PhD students and PhD students. He is a member of the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and the General Assembly of the University of Forestry.

## **SCIENTIFIC, SCIENTIFIC AND PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES**

**Participation in scientific, applied and educational projects**



The personal information of the candidate shows that Dr. Pepovich participated in the development of a total of 10 projects: 5 scientific projects - one for the National Science Institute of the Ministry of Education and Science (Contract №. DOO2-64 / 11.12.2008); one to the NIS of Faculty of Vet. Med. at the Thracian University (Contract № 1/2017) and three to the NIS at the LTU (Contracts №№ 35/2009; 59/2014; 24/2016); four educational - (Contracts №№ BG051PO001-4.3.04-0052; BG051PO001-3.3.06-0056; BG051PO001-3.3.07-0002), funded by Operational Program "Human Resources Development and Contract №. BG05M2OP001-2-002- 0001, funded by the Science and Education for Intelligent Growth Operational Program; one for the qualification and career development of the professors at the University of Technology (Contract № BG051PO001-3.1.09-0019), funded by the Operational Program "Human Resources Development. He has participated in three training seminars (Attachments №№. 61,62 and 63).

#### **Haracteristics of published scientific results**

In the competition for associate professor Dr. Roman Pepovic participated with a total production of 53 scientific works, grouped as follows:

***Publications related to doctoral dissertation.*** These are scientific papers No. 1-6, including dissertation (1), abstract (2) and four scientific papers (3-6). According to the provisions currently in force, these scientific publications should be at least three and not reviewable, as they have been evaluated upon receipt of the Doctorate degree.

***Impact factor publications*** - 6 issues in total - Vojnosanitetski Pregled - 1 issue (2); Journal of the Hellenic Veterinary Medical Society - 1 issue (4); Comptes Rendus de L. Academie Bulgare des Sciences - 1 issue (6); Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases - 1 item (10); International Journal of Infection Diseases - 2 issues (11, 13). The total impact factor is 9,677.

***Publications reviewed and referenced in world-renowned scientific information databases without Impact Factor or Impact Rank*** - 1 issue, printed in Trakia Journal of Sciences:

***Publications in conferences proccedings and scientific sessions*** - 27 in total, printed by name as follows: Scientific Works Series C. Veterinary Medicine - 6 (16,17,18,20,24,25); Int.J.Curr. Microbiol. App.Sci. - 2 pieces (19,21); Medical Review - 1 issue (42); Tradition and Modernity in Veterinary Medicine - 13 items (22,23,26,27,28,29,30,31,34,35,36,37,38); Animal Science - 1 item (40); MD: medical digest: medicine today in Bulgaria - 1 issue (41); Proceedings of the XX International Young Scientists Conference Yundola - 1 issue (32);

Proceedings of the Jubilee Scientific Session "110 Years of NDIVM", Sofia - 1 issue (33);  
Proceedings of the International Scientific Conference "20 Years of Faculty of Veterinary  
Medicine at the University of Forestry, Yundola - 1 issue (39).

*Tutorials, monographs, books* - 5 items, of which one book (43), one monograph (44), one  
manual (45), one reference book (46) and one electronic course in epizootiology (47).

Of the 46 scientific publications presented, 27 are in English and 20 are in Bulgarian.

Dr. Pepovich's personal involvement in these 47 scientific works is illustrated by the  
fact that in 12 of them he is the first author (1,2,3,12,14,19,20,32,34,43,44 and 47), in 4 -  
second (13,15,25 and 31), in 10 - third (8,17,18,21,22,23,33,37,38,40 and) and in 21 - fourth  
and next author (4,5,6,7,9,10,11,16,24,26,27,28,29,30,35,36,39,41,42,45 and 46).

### ***Reflection of the applicant's scientific activity in literature***

Of the 47 scientific papers in which Dr. Pepovic participated, eleven (No. 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,  
16,18,20,21) were cited a total of 15 times, with two being cited in Impact factor journals (6,  
8); 5 - in magazines with impact rank (2,6,7,8,21); 7 - in non-refereed journals with scientific  
review (1,4,5,16,18,20,21) and one - in study aids.

From the information provided for the minimum national requirements required for the  
acquisition of the academic position of Assistant Professor, Dr. Roman Pepovic scored 711.42  
points with a minimum of 400 points required by the ZRASRB.

**Contributions.** Some of Dr. Pepovic's scientific works carry the characteristics of a particular  
group of contributions (original, confirmatory, of scientific-theoretical and applied  
importance), but they are not clearly formulated in the documentation presented.

### **Critical notes and recommendations**

- The cited publication "General epizootology and preventive medicine" is not included in the  
list of publications.


### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the analysis of the applied scientific activity of Dr. Roman Pepovich Petkov, I  
believe that it meets the requirements of ZRARRB, RASRRRB and the Internal Rules for the  
Development of the Academic Staff of the University of Forestry for the award of the

academic title of Associate Professor. All this gives me reason to positively evaluate its overall activity and propose to the venerable Scientific Jury to vote positively for the award of the academic title "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty "Epizootology, infectious diseases and prevention of infectious diseases in animals" from professional direction 6.4. Veterinary Medicine.

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Prepared an opinion:.....

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