

## STANDPOINT

on materials regarding competition for the academic rank "Associate Professor", in higher education field "6. Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine", PF 6.4. Veterinary Medicine, scientific specialty „**Epizootiology, infectious diseases and prevention of infectious diseases of animals**“, scientific discipline „Infectious Diseases (Diseases in productive animals, Equine Diseases, Diseases in companion animals)“, announced by the University of Forestry, in State Gazette issue 100 of 16 December 2022, **VM-AsP-1222-96**.

### Candidate:

1. Chief assistant professor **Georgi Malinov Stoimenov**;

**Standpoint author: PhD, DSci Bogdan Yanev Aminkov**, professor in 6.4. Veterinary medicine from University of Forestry. Appointed as a member of the academic jury by Order № ZPS-42 from 27.01.2023 of the Rector of the University of Forestry.

### 1. Short Bibliography of the candidate:

Chief Assistant professor Georgi Malinov Stoimenov was born on April 29, 1986 in Petrich. He graduated from high school in 2005 at the Professional High School of Veterinary Medicine - Lovech. In 2011, he graduated as a Master of Veterinary Medicine in the specialty "Veterinary Medicine" at the University of Forestry (UF). Further, his professional development continued as a veterinarian in private veterinary clinic Zoo City Center in Sofia. In the end of 2013, after winning a competition, he was appointed as a full-time assistant professor in the Department of Infectious Pathology, Hygiene, Technology and Control of food from animal origin" of the FVM at UF. In 2017, he successfully defended his dissertation on the topic: "Studies on the influenza A viruses in wild birds in Bulgaria" and received the Educational and scientific degree "Doctor". From 2017 to the present, he is Chief assistant professor in the Department of "Infectious Pathology and Hygiene, Technology and Control of Foods from Animal Origin". During this period the candidate completed the numerous specializations and courses in Bulgaria and abroad in the field of molecular diagnostics of infectious diseases in animals, specialized English level B2 and participation in expert groups at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Vienna, Austria; Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry and National Agricultural Advisory Service (NAAS).

### 2. Compliance of applicant's materials and documents to the requirements listed in the Statute for Development of the Academic Staff of the University of Forestry.

To participate in the current competition, Chief Assistant Stoimenov is attaching a list of scientific works for obtaining the educational and scientific degree "DOCTOR" (3 scientific works) (I) and a list of scientific works for participation in a competition for the academic position of "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" (25 scientific papers) (II). Only the scientific works in section II are subject to this review. Section II includes 22 articles printed in scientific journals, 1 independent monograph, 1 book based on the dissertation work and 1 textbook in a virtual library.

*Fulfillment of the minimum national requirements for holding the academic position "Associate professor":*



From the submitted reference of the candidate for participation in the competition, it is clear that he fulfills the national minimum requirements laid down in the rules for development of the academic staff in the Forestry University. With a required minimum of 400 points from all groups, assistant Stoimenov collects **642.61** points, as follows - indicator group "A", **50** points; indicator group B (necessary **100** points), **140** points; indicator group "D" (required **200** points), **227.61** points, group "D" (required **50** points), 215 points and by indicator "E" (scientific activity is not required). Ch. Assistant Professor Stoimenov has submitted evidence for participation in eight projects, from which he collects **180** points.

### **3. Evaluation of teaching & learning activities.**

Ch. Assistant Professor Georgi Stoimenov, PhD, has 9 years of teaching experience at the University of Forestry. During this period, he conducted practical classes in the disciplines: Infectious diseases (Diseases of productive animals, diseases of equids, diseases of companion animals); Epidemiology and preventive veterinary medicine; Virology; Bee, fish and game diseases and a mobile clinic. He also delivers part of the lecture courses on Infectious Diseases (Diseases of productive animals, diseases of equids, diseases of companion animals); Epidemiology and preventive veterinary medicine; Virology; Diseases of bees, fish and game; Herd health management. Leads practices, exams and part of the lecture courses in the above mentioned disciplines with Bulgarian and English language students.

Chief Assistant Stoimenov is an author of 1 study aid in the Blackboard Learn™ virtual library, <http://elearn.ltu.bg/>, five curricula in Bulgarian and English; He is a member of the Ethics Commission of the FVM at UF; member of the commission for organization and conduct of practice in animal husbandry, the clinical and pre-diploma internship of the FVM at UF; member of the Commission on the clinical activity of the FVM at UF; member of the Committee on Accreditation, post-accreditation monitoring and control of the FVM at UF; Committee for verification, assessment and defense of the internship reports of the students from the 5th year (in Bulgarian and English language courses). He has delivered 8 hours of lectures in English to students, PhD students, interns and teachers at the Veterinary Faculty of the University of Córdoba, Spain; member of a working group for the preparation of a project for program accreditation of a specialty from the regulated professions 6.4. Veterinary medicine at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Forestry - Sofia for "Master" degree regular form of education. Actively works with students and PhD students on several projects and 5 scientific forums.

### **4. Evaluation of research, research & development and teaching activities of the candidate.**

#### **4.1. Participation in research, research & development and educational projects.**

Chief Assistant Professor Stoimenov has participated in 11 projects, of which: 6 research projects and 5 educational projects. Two of them were financed by University of Forestry, one - by Ministry of education and Science, 5 - by EU programs, as well as 3 international projects. Notable projects are those ones with the International Atomic Energy Agency. They are directly related to his scientific work in the field of diagnosis of infectious diseases in animals, in particular molecular biological methods of diagnosis.

#### **4.2. Analysis of published research works.**

In the current competition, the candidate participates with **25 scientific works**, of which 1 independent monograph, 1 book published on the basis of the dissertation work, 1 textbook published in a virtual library, 22 articles printed in scientific journals. Of which in journals



with **impact factor -5**; in foreign journals refereed outside Web of science and Scopus-**3**; in Bulgarian refereed in Web of science and Scopus-**9**; in Bulgarian refereed outside Web of science and Scopus-**5**. In total, the articles in foreign journals are **8**; articles in national magazines – **13**; reports in works of international and national scientific forums-**1**.

The candidate has indicated 22 scientific publications, of which he is the lead author in 7, second author in 5 and third author in 2. The total IF of the candidate's submitted publications is 3.324 and the SJR is 1.864.

#### **4.3. Impact of applicant's research activities (citations).**

The total number of cited scientific works of the candidate is 11, and the total number of citations is 21. Of them, citations in articles with impact factor (**IF**) are **7**, citations in articles with impact rank (**SJR**)-**3**, citations in international journals **without** IF and SJR-**9**, citations in monographs, books and collective volumes-**2**. The **total IF** of the journals in which the articles are cited is **27.898**, and the total SJR of the journals in which the articles are cited is **8.876**.

#### **4.4. Contributions in research works of the candidate.**

The scientific work of Ch. Assistant Professor Georgi Stoimenov can generally be classified in the following areas:

- Contributions to the field of infectious pathology in birds.
- Contributions to the field of infectious pathology in small ruminants.
- Contributions to the field of swine infectious pathology.
- Contributions to the field of vector-borne diseases.
- Contributions related to the study of hematological and biochemical parameters of blood in large ruminants.

The main contributions resulting from the publications submitted for participation in the competition of chief Associate Professor Georgi Stoimenov are in the field of infectious pathology in birds, in particular in two highly contagious viral diseases, one of which has a zoonotic potential.

#### **5. Evaluation of the personal contribution of the applicant.**

Due to the personal efforts of prof Georgiev, Dr. Stoimenov had the opportunity to specialize and work on scientific projects at the International Atomic Energy Agency - Vienna. This allowed him to grow as a scientist with his own signature in the field of infectious pathology. In a large part of his scientific works, Dr. Stoimenov has a leading role both in organizing the scientific presentation and conducting independent research.

#### **6. Critical notes and recommendations.**

I did not find an independent publication in the presented list of scientific publications. My main recommendation - to realize the potential and knowledge he possesses. Building on what has been achieved so far, to continue building and developing his scientific and teaching career.

#### **7. Personal impressions.**

Dr. Stoimenov was one of the distinguished students and private veterinary practitioners. He shows ambition, consistency, creativity as a teacher and researcher. Realizes the goals set before him, regardless of the difficulties accompanying any professional career.



## 8. Conclusion.

Based on the overall assessment of the research and teaching activities, as well as the fulfillment of the national minimum requirements and the requirements laid down in the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at the Forestry University, my opinion is **positive**. I suggest **the candidate Chief assistant professor Georgi Malinov Stoimenov, PhD** to confer the academic rang "Associate professor" in discipline „Infectious diseases (Diseases in productive animals, Diseases in Equines, Diseases in companion animals) “ from PF 6.4.Veterinary medicine. Scientific speciality „Epizootiology, infectious diseases and prevention of infectious diseases of animals“

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