

OPINION

on the materials submitted for participation in a competition for the academic position "Professor" in higher education area 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional field 3.7. Administration and management, scientific specialty "Economics and management (by sectors)" in the discipline "Forest Management"

In the competition for professor, published in the State Gazette, issue 10 of 04.02.2025 and on the website of the University of Forestry under procedure code FOR-P-0125-158 for the needs of the Department of Forest Management and Utilization at the Faculty of Forestry, the candidate is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Konstantin Nikolov Kolev, Faculty of Forestry, Department of Forest Management and Utilization.

Prepared the opinion: Nikolay, Konstantinov, Neykov, Ph.D., Associate Professor in a Professional Field 3.7. Administration and management, from University of Forestry

1. Brief biographical data for the candidate

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Konstantin Kolev was born on 29.06.1976 and is a long-standing lecturer at the University of Forestry. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics and Management (by sectors) with a dissertation on "Economic contradictions and conflicts caused by the forest management mechanism after 1997". He has over 20 years of teaching and research experience and has successively held the positions of research associate, chief assistant, and associate professor.

2. Correspondence of the submitted documents and materials of the applicant according to the Rules of the Development of academic staff at the University of Forestry.

The submitted set of documents is complete and meets the requirements. The candidate provides a CV, diplomas, lists of publications, citations, summaries of contributions, evidence of supervision of graduates and PhD students, a report on teaching load, etc.

3. Assessment of the candidate's educational and pedagogical activities (work with students and PhD students)

Assoc. Prof. Kolev has an intensive and diverse teaching activity—he delivers lectures and exercises in a number of bachelor's and master's degree programs, including "Economics and Management of Forestry", "Finance of the Tourism Firm", "Innovation and Investment Management". His total teaching load for the last 7 academic years exceeds 3400 hours. He has developed and updated numerous academic programs. He has supervised 12 graduate students and one successfully defended PhD student.

4. Assessment of candidate's scientific, scientific-applied and publishing activities

General description of the presented materials

Candidate Assoc. Prof. participated in the competition with:

- Monographs - 1 number (s);
- Textbooks - 2 number (s);
- Learning materials - 1 number (s);
- Books - ... number (s);
- Publications - 34 number (s).

The candidate is a responsible lecturer and scholar with a consistent academic career. He demonstrates analytical thinking, initiative, and engagement with students and research. His work exemplifies high-quality academic performance.

8. Conclusion

In connection with the above, I propose that Assoc. Prof. Dr. Konstantin Nikolov Kolev be elected as a "Professor" in the discipline "Forest Management" in the Professional field 3.7. Administration and Management, scientific specialty "Economics and Management (by sectors)".

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