

OPINION

by **Prof. Lyubka Atanasova Doukovska, PhD, DSc**
from the Institute of Information and Communication Technologies,
at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences,
on the Competition for the academic position “**Associate Professor**”,
under the Scientific Field 5. Technical Sciences,
the Professional Area 5.3. Communication and Computer Techniques,
announced in Darjaven Vestnik No. 54/16.06.2020
with a participant - **Jousef Avramov Avramov, PhD**

I. Assessment of compliance with the minimum national requirements and the requirements of the New Bulgarian University

In accordance with the requirements of the *Development of Academic Staff Act in the Republic of Bulgaria* and the specific requirements in the Act's Institutional Regulation, the candidates for occupying the academic position of “Associate Professor” must meet the following conditions, regulated in Art. 24. (1):

1. Have acquired an educational and scientific PhD degree;
2. Have held for at least two years the academic position of Assistant Professor;
3. Have submitted published monographs or equivalent publications in specialized scientific publications that do not repeat the ones submitted for the PhD degree;
4. To comply with the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, # 2 and # 3, respectively, of the requirements of art. 2b, # 5;
5. Not to have plagiarism in the scientific publications proven by the legislation order.

PhD Jousef Avramov Avramov has obtained the educational and scientific degree "Doctor", as evidenced by the diploma of 08.01.1999, awarded to him by the Higher Attestation Commission. The topic of his PhD thesis is “Problems of budget control in the Republic of Bulgaria”.

PhD Jousef Avramov Avramov also satisfies the requirement of Art. 24 (1), para. 2, because he has a work experience as a lecturer for more than two years in a university.

PhD Jousef Avramov Avramov has presented a published monograph entitled "Banking Control". The reviewer of the work is Prof. DSc Mikhail Dinev Petrov.

Taking into account the publicity of the works with which the candidate participates in the competition, I accept that there is no legally proven plagiarism in the scientific works submitted by PhD Jousef Avramov Avramov.

According to the information presented by PhD Jousef Avramov Avramov, for meeting the minimum requirements of the New Bulgarian University, he fulfills the minimum requirements for indicators A, C, D, E and E for the Professional Area 5.3. Communication and Computer Techniques.

II. Research activity and results

The submitted by PhD Jousef Avramov Avramov scientific papers for participation in the competition include: a monograph, which is presented as a major habilitation thesis entitled "Banking Control", a monograph on "The euro - our tomorrow's money", a scientific book based on of a defended dissertation on "Functional specifications of electronic platforms for stock exchange trading with securities and innovative products" and 11 publications in specialized international and national publications and conference proceedings.

I accept the contributions formulated in the report on the results of the candidate's research activities in the works with which PhD Jousef Avramov Avramov participates in the competition and those results are scientifically applied and can be defined to be enriching the existing scientific field with new knowledge.

Present is a list of 16 citations of the PhD Jousef Avramov Avramov publications. I take that those citations are at the moment of submission of documents and no new ones are included.

III. Educational and lecturing activities

PhD Jousef Avramov Avramov was a part-time lecturer and Associate Professor at the University of Library Studies and Information Technologies. He has led lectures and exercises in "Information Technology", "Information Brokerage", "Information Security", "Computer Science", "International Finance" and "European Integration". He has taught three courses in the Master's program: "Stock Exchanges and Securities", "Cooperative Finance" and "European Funds and Financial Engineering - Jeremy and Jessica".

PhD Jousef Avramov Avramov has taught at the Department of Economics, Industrial Engineering and Management at the Faculty of Economics of the Technical University of Sofia in the disciplines: "Taxes and structure of the tax and social security administration", "Customs duties and structure of the customs administration", "Methodology of customs control".

PhD Jousef Avramov Avramov presented original teaching materials in the electronic training module "MOODLE - NBU".

IV. Administrative and public activities

PhD Jousef Avramov Avramov is a member of the Management Board of BCCI, co-chair of the Council for Innovation and Energy Efficiency at BCCI, Deputy Chairman of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurship and Crafts, member of the Monitoring Committee of OP "Innovation and Competitiveness", member of the editorial board of Novo Vreme magazine and a member of the Union of Bulgarian Journalists.

V. Personal impressions of the candidate

I know the candidate in his capacity as a leading expert in the field of innovation. I believe that PhD Jousef Avramov Avramov has the skills to work in a team, being initiative seeker and problem-solving specialist, achieving his goals.

VI. Opinions, recommendations and notes on the activity and achievements of the candidate

I agree that the requirements of the Law for the *Development of Academic Staff Act in the Republic of Bulgaria* and the specific requirements in the Act's Institutional Regulations for its implementation, the Rules for the conditions and the order for acquiring academic degrees and the Rules for the specific conditions for acquisition of academic degrees and occupation of academic positions at the New Bulgarian University are accomplished. After getting acquainted with the materials submitted by the applicant for the competition, I give my positive estimation about the choice of PhD Jousef Avramov Avramov in the competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor", in the Scientific Field 5. Technical Sciences, the Professional Area 5.3. Communication and Computer Techniques.

In conclusion, I propose that the Scientific Jury unanimously vote for a proposal to the Academic Council of the New Bulgarian University, to elect **PhD Jousef Avramov Avramov** for the academic position of **Associate Professor** in the Professional Area 5.3. Communication and Computer Techniques.

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