

STATEMENT

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Subject: Announcement of competition for Associate Professor in the field of botany, scientific direction "Algology (diatomology)" at the section "Marine Biology and Ecology", BAS, Institute of Oceanology Varna, with candidate Ralitsa Petrova Zidarova, D.b. ., published in the State Gazette no. 61 of 02.08.2019

By decision of the Chairman of the Scientific Jury (Minutes No. 1 of 10.10.2019) and in connection with an order of the Deputy. The Director (№252 from 01.10.2019) I have been appointed as a member of the scientific jury to submit an opinion on the competition for the Associate Professor in the field of botany, scientific direction "Algology (diatomology)" to the section "Marine biology and ecology" "To the BAS, Institute of Oceanology Varna, with the only candidate Ralitsa Petrova Zidarova, D.Sc.,

The procedure was announced for the needs of the Department of Marine Biology and Ecology at the BAS, Institute of Oceanology Varna. One candidate participated in competition and this was Ralitsa Petrova Zidarova, PhD. The examination of the documents showed that the procedure for opening and announcing the competition has been followed. All materials have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the ZRASRB and the Rules for its implementation.

Ralitsa Petrova Zidarova completed her master's degree in 2001 at the Faculty of Biology at Sofia University "St. Kl. Ohridski ", and in 2009 became a PhD in Botany at the SNA in Botany and Mycology at the Higher Medical Academy. From 2001-2002 she worked as a biologist at BAS, Sofia at the Institute of Botany, (part of the Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research - BAS), and from 2007-2009 worked as a biologist at the Central General Ecology Laboratory (since 2010 part of Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research - BAS). From 2009-2011 she is a research associate of 1 degree / chief assistant at the Central Laboratory of General Ecology (since 2010 part of the Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research - BAS). From 2011-2016 she is the chief assistant at the Faculty of Biology at Sofia University "St. Kl. Ohridski ". From 2018 she is a specialist at the Institute of Oceanology - BAS.

Research activity: Dr. Zidarova is the author of 41 scientific publications, 22 of which are IF publications. There are 32 participations in scientific conferences, 24 of which are abroad.

Dr. Zidarova's scientific publications have been cited 147 times, of which 117 times according to Scopus data, which indicates that the author is recognizable in international scientific networks. She has also reviewed 17 scholarly articles on prestigious international journals.

She is the leader of 2 national projects and 9 others. She is the recipient of the L'Oréal-UNESCO Award for Women in Science Award at national level, 2012 and has participated in 6 fieldwork expeditions in Antarctica (2004-2018).

The general review of the scientific papers shows that they fully cover the requirements of PURPONZAD in the IO-BAS for acquiring the scientific title of Assistant Professor and are in the field of the announced competition.

Teaching: In the years 2001-2004 and 2010 Dr. Zidarova gave classes at the Faculty of Biology at Sofia University "St. Kl. Ohridski".

Contributions from the research work of assistant Ralitsa Petrova Zidarova, as they are presented in the application of the documents and for the competition, are undoubted and arouse respect for a lecturer, scientist and specialist.

Conclusion: Based on the materials provided to me to prepare an opinion on the applicant for the procedure for Associate Professor (Dozent) of Dr. Ralitsa Zidarova and after careful analysis of all the documents, I consider as fully worthy the application of the participant in the competition for this AD, allowing myself the most polite recommendation of the distinguished Scientific Jury at the Institute of Oceanology of BAS to vote positively for Ch. Assistant Professor Ralitsa Zidarova, as I will convincingly do myself.

I do not know Dr. Zidarova personally, but I was impressed by the way the scientific works were arranged and arranged and the high achievements she has reached in her scientific work. According to my opinion the candidate is a well experienced scholar in the field of algology (diatomology). The promotion in an Associate Professor will undoubtedly contribute to the improvement of the academic staff of the Institute of Oceanology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

I wish Dr. Zidarova many scientific successes and I have no doubt about the recent and further academic growth.

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