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Subject: the candidacy of Cheef Assistant Professor Dr. Ivelin Angelov Vladov for a competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the professional field 4.3. Biological Sciences, scientific specialty "Parasitology and Helminthology" for the needs of the section "Experimental Parasitology" of IEMPAM - BAS, announced in Issue No 30 of the State Gazette of April 13, 2021

Ch. Assis. Prof. Dr. Ivelin Vladov is the only candidate in the announced competition for the academic position "Associate Professor". Dr. Vladov participates in this competition with 20 scientific papers, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information, published after acquisition of PhD degree in 2016. In addition, a list of an impressive number of scientific publications in international and national scientific editions is presented. The candidate has submitted a list of 81 citations of works of which he is the author. The total number of articles presented in journals with impact factor exceeds the criteria of the Scientific Council of IEMPAM-BAS for acquire of the scientific position "Associate Professor".

The scientific production, subjected to evaluation in this competition, is objectively reflected in the report on the contributions presented by Dr. Vladov. The thematic focus of the research, related to the profile of the competition defines the candidate as a specialist in the application of a wide range of methods (morphological, biochemical, molecular biological, toxicological, morphometric and statistical) in solving problems in parasitology and helminthology. Research, related to studying the influence of various chemical agents on *in vivo* and *in vitro* models complements the image of the candidate as researcher, who can solve problems in other areas of biology.

Dr. Vladov is an active participant in international and national scientific events - a total of 119 (67 oral presentations and 52 posters). This has definitely contributed to the creation of new collaborations and to his professional growth.

Information for participation in 22 scientific projects is submitted to the materials attached to the competition. I know the candidate from our daily work and I think that his contribution to the successful implementation of these projects is significant.

In addition to the required materials, Dr. Vladov has provided information on additional specialized courses, which have definitely contributed to improving his professional qualification.

A list of expert activities in various fields (administrative, organizational and technical) and participation in organizing committees of scientific forums is also presented. It can be assumed that Dr. Vladov is an administratively and technically well-trained specialist.

My personal impressions of the candidate are excellent - Dr. Vladov is a scientist, able to develop their own topics, a sought-after partner for successful teamwork. Due to to his

dedication and hard work, various methodologies have been developed and successfully applied, which have contributed to raising the research conducted at the Institute to a completely different level. Extremely dedicated to his work, colleagues and the Institute. His entire scientific activity characterizes him as promising scientist with interests in various fields, important for the development of IEMPAM - BAS and the whole parasitological community.

All of the above identifies Dr. Vladov as a very suitable candidate for the announced competition. I strongly recommend the esteemed Scientific Jury to vote for his election to the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty "Parasitology and Helminthology", for the needs of the section "Experimental Parasitology" of the Institute of Experimental Morphology, Pathology and Anthropology with museum at Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

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