

## OPINION

**by Associate Professor Veselina Kancheva Bureva, PhD,  
Burgas State University “Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov”  
on the documents submitted by  
Senior Assistant Prof. Radovesta Todorova Stewart  
for participation in the concourse for acquiring the academic position  
“Associate Professor” in the field of higher education 5. Technical Sciences,  
Professional field: 5.3. “Communication and Computer Technologies”,  
scientific specialty “Platform-based design”,  
announced in the State Gazette, issue 89/ 24.10.2025  
for the needs of Burgas State University “Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov”**

### **1. General information about the candidate**

Chief Assistant Professor Dr. Radovesta Todorova Stewart is the only candidate in the announced concourse. In 2013 he obtained a Master’s Degree from the Burgas Free University. She defended his dissertation for educational and scientific degree “Doctor” (PhD) entitled “Digitization of cultural heritage” at the Burgas State University “Prof. Dr Assen Zlatarov”. Starting in 2021 Dr. Radovesta Todorova Stewart a Senior Assistant Professor at the Burgas State University “Prof. Dr Assen Zlatarov”.

### **2. Description of the submitted materials**

Chief Assistant Professor Dr. Radovesta Todorova Stewart participates in the competition for the academic position “Associate Professor” with 24 publications:

- 1 monograph in indicator V;
- 1 published book in indicator G-2
- 17 publications referenced and indexed in world-renowned scientific information databases (*Indicator G-7*) as follows:

- 5 publications in non-refereed journals with scientific review (*Indicator G-8*)

The number of authors the applicant's scientific manuscripts are divided as follows:

- single-authored -3;
- in collaboration -21.

The following documents are also presented: a document for work experience, references and evidence for fulfillment of the minimum requirements, list of publications and copies of scientific papers and additional materials.

Senior Assistant Professor Dr. Radovesta Stewart has presented information for 21 citations (Indicator D).

SCOPUS author citation report for the author contains information about 24 articles cited 36 (Excluding self citations of all authors: 19) with an h-index of 4.

### **3. General characteristics of the scientific and scientific-applied activities of the candidate**

Table 1 contains information for the accomplishment of the basic indicators according to the Unified National Requirements, in compliance with the Regulation of the conditions of occupancy of an academic positions in Burgas State University "Prof. Dr Assen Zlatarov", Appendix No 1, defining the requirements of academic position "Associate Professor" on a field 5 Technical sciences.

Table 1 Report of the accomplishment of the basic indicators according to the Unified National Requirements

<i>Group of indicators</i>	<i>Minimal number of points</i>	<i>Points of the candidate</i>
<i>A</i>	50	50
<i>V</i>	100	100
<i>G</i>	300	318.37
<i>D</i>	100	210
<i>E</i>	100	490
<i>Total:</i>	650	1168.37

The contributions, presented by Chief Assistant Professor Dr. Radovesta Stewart are be divided in 6 fields:

1. Digitization of cultural heritage
2. Ontologies, semantic networks and digital libraries
3. Implementation of technologies in museums and cultural institutions
4. Digital archives and scientific heritage
5. Technological innovations for natural sciences and accessibility
6. AI, VR and engineering technologies

In my opinion, points 1 and 4 can also be presented as combined (Digitization and digital resources of cultural and scientific heritage), as well as points 3, 5, 6. (Technologies and innovations in cultural and scientific institutions).

To meet the requirements under indicator group "E", Dr. Stewart has provided three lists with a total of 23 projects, including 10 international projects funded under the European programs Horizon, InterReg, and Erasmus.

The documentation did not present a separate list of publications that participated in previous competitions for the Doctor (PhD) and Chief Assistant. In places in the monographs, technical errors are observed, such as the name of a publication written in Bulgarian with Latin letters.

#### **4. Conclusion**

I consider that the candidate meets the requirements for "Associate Profesor" of Burgas State University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov". On the basis of familiarization with the submitted by the candidate materials on the competition, I propose Chief Assistant Professor Dr. Radovesta Stewart be elected to occupy the academic position "Associate Professor" in the Professional field: 5.3. "Communication and Computer Technologies", scientific specialty "Platform-based design".

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Burgas, Bulgaria

Signature:

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