

## OPINION

**by Associate Professor Veselina Kuncheva Bureva, PhD,  
Burgas State University “Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov”  
on the documents submitted by  
Senior Assistant Prof. Stanislav Konstantinov Popov  
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 “Modern Information Technologies”,  
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. Stanislav Konstantinov Popov is the only candidate in the announced concourse. In 2015 he obtained a Master’s Degree from the Burgas State University “Prof. Dr Assen Zlatarov” and in 2010 he obtained a Master’s Degree from the University of Economics-Varna. He defended his dissertation for educational and scientific degree “Doctor” (PhD) entitled “Generalized nets and data mining” at the Burgas State University “Prof. Dr Assen Zlatarov”. Starting in 2020 Dr. Todor Petkov Petkov has been an assistant professor, and since 2022 he has been a Senior Assistant Professor at the Burgas State University “Prof. Dr Assen Zlatarov”.

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

Chief Assistant Professor Dr. Stanislav Konstantinov Popov participates in the competition for the academic position “Associate Professor” with 25 publications and 1 laboratory manual as follows:

- 10 publications (*Indicator V*) – 1 publication in quartile Q3 and 9 publications in quartile Q4.
- 9 publications referenced and indexed in world-renowned scientific information databases (*Indicator G-7*) as follows:
  - 7 publications in quartile Q4;
  - 1 publication in quartile Q3;
  - 1 publication in quartile Q2;
- 6 publications in non-refereed journals with scientific review (*Indicator G-8*)

The scientific publications are published in specialized journals, periodical academic issues and issues of scientific papers of international conferences held in the country and abroad. The number of authors the applicant's scientific manuscripts are divided as follows:

- single-authored -7;
- in collaboration -18.

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. Stanislav Popov has presented information for 28 citations (*Indicator D*).

SCOPUS author citation report for the author contains information about 23 articles cited 57 (Excluding self citations of all authors: 43) 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	147
<i>G</i>	300	313.27
<i>D</i>	100	280
<i>E</i>	100	120
<i>Total:</i>	650	910.27

I accept the contributions, presented by Chief Assistant Professor Dr. Stanislav Popov. The contributions can be divided in 4 fields:

1. Intelligent Tools for Modeling Real-World Processes
2. Algorithms and Methods for Data Analysis
3. Fuzzy Logic
4. Modern Technologies in Education

According to the submitted by the candidate materials, he works actively in the research of the projects: he has worked on 8 projects - 2 projects funded under European Union programs, 1 national project and 5 university projects.

The Chief Assistant Professor Dr. Stanislav Popov has classes. A supervisor of 3 successfully graduated students.

I do not have critical remarks and I recommend that Senior Assistant Professor Dr Stanislav Popov continue to conduct research and publish the results in a specialized books and textbooks.

#### **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. Stanislav Popov be elected to occupy the academic position “Associate Professor” in the Professional field: 5.3. “Communication and Computer Technologies”, scientific specialty “Modern Information Technologies”.

25.02.2026

Burgas, Bulgaria

Signature:

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