

Minute 3

I - INTRODUCTION

On the 23rd of August of two thousand twenty-two, at 16:00 hours, the jury nominated by the CCMAR board of Directors on 11-07-2022, met for the meeting 3 of the call Ref. CCMAR/BINGAM/25/2022. The meeting was held for the award of 01 Research Fellowship for a person with a Master Degree (Bolsa de Investigação não conducente à obtenção de grau académico para pessoa com Mestrado) within the research project: **Carbono Azul (S-ECO-05/2022)** “*Compensação da pegada carbónica através de projetos de carbono azulS-ECO-05/2022*” funded through own revenues. The nominated jury was composed by Dr. Carmen B. de los Santos researcher at CCMAR (president of the jury), Dr. Ana Alexandre, researcher at UALG and CCMAR (member), and Professor Rui Santos, Professor at Algarve University, and researcher at CCMAR (member), and had the following agenda items: decision about the final result following the end of the right of prior hearing of the candidates.

II – CLAIMS

The communications of the provisional results were sent to all the candidates on 05-08-2022. During the period of prior hearing a claim was received on 05-08-2022 from David Gallo Velez at 10:04 a.m.:

Dear members of the jury, Regarding the provisory results for the call with reference “CCMAR/BINGAM/25/2022” I would like to address the requirements for which my candidature was not accepted:

1. Requirement 1: Hold a MSc degree recognised by a Portuguese University. Answer: I graduated from the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in Water and Coastal Management (University of Bologna/ Universidad de Cádiz / Universidade do Algarve) and, up to my knowledge, this degree is valid all through the European Union. Attached you will find my diploma supplement and certificate of completion.

2. Requirement 3: Experience in meta-analysis and systematic review. Answer: As part and as the initial step to develop my master thesis titled “Integrated Assessment of the Magdalena Estuary and Delta Socio-ecological system” I had to do a systematic review of several data sources, especially considering that my assessment was based, primarily in secondary information. For this purpose, I used the PRISMA methodology and used CITAVI Reference Management Software as a tool to accomplish this process.

3. Requirement 4: Having a valid driving licence. Answer: Attached you will find a copy of my international driver licence which is valid until the 8th of March 2025. That licence allows me to drive in many countries around the world, including Portugal. Additionally, should I have the opportunity of staying in Portugal for a period longer than 6 months, I am willing to obtain a Portuguese/European driver license.

4. Requirement 7: Knowledge in data analysis with R programming language. Answer: Despite not being an expert in this topic, I do have some experience using R programming for exploratory data analysis of water and sediment quality datasets. I am currently working on improving my skills in this area.

I hope this helps to clarify part of the information for which I was not particularly clear in my cover letter or for which did not upload supporting documentation, perhaps due to the size constraints of the platform for the application.

III – CONCLUSION

Concluded the period of prior hearing of the candidates, there was received a claim from David Gallo Velez. The jury has analysed the claim and decided to *keep the initial evaluation since the candidate did not present the documents and information supporting the requirements during the application period, as requested in the call. The jury also refers to the fact that the absence of the supporting documentation (diploma) is not justified by size limitations, since the application platform had 6 MB to upload the diploma.* The

announcement was clear saying that non-compliance with the requirements justifies exclusion from the procedure and that non-compliance with the mandatory submission documents/information determines the immediate rejection of the application. For that reason, the selection committee remains unanimous with the provisional decisions taken in minute 2, in accordance with table 1.

Table 1 – Final Ranked classification

Candidate	Criterion 1	Criterion 2	Criterion 3	Final Classification
Javier Jimenez Herrero	20	15	15	17.0
Simon von Sachsen-Coburg und Gotha	20	20	19	19.8

In accordance with the presented elements the candidate Simon von Sachsen-Coburg und Gotha, meets the conditions for selection. For this reason, the selection committee proposes to the CCMAR board of Directors the approval of this decision. With no other item on the agenda, the meeting of which these minutes were drawn up was closed, with 2 pages, and annex, which after being read and approved were signed by the members of the jury.

Doctor Carmen B. de los Santos

Doctor Ana Alexandre

Professor Rui Santos

Approval by the board of Directors

Annex

Statement of no conflict of interests

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We, the undersigned, fully understand the confidential nature of the assessment process and agree not to disclose or discuss its materials, no where, with no one, knowing the consequences of a misconduct.

We further declare that we have no direct or indirect financial, economic or personal interest that could compromise our impartiality and autonomy as members of this Jury.

Thus, we declare under word of honor that we will not evaluate candidates with whom we have a conflict of interest, for what we will require our immediate replacement.

Date: 23rd August 2022

By the members of the Jury:

Doctor Carmen B. de los Santos

Doctor Ana Alexandre

Professor Rui Santos