

Minute nº3
Ref. ³ CCMAR/BD/07/2022

I - INTRODUCTION

On the 10th day of May two thousand and twenty-two, at 10 hours and 00 minutes, the jury nominated by the CCMAR board of Directors on 02/03/2022, met by video conference, for the meeting 2 of the call Ref. CCMAR/BD/07/2022. The meeting was held for the award of a Doctoral Fellowship through the project with reference EEA.BG.CALL4.012.2020/PT-INNOVATION-0081 named as “BlueForests Seaforests for blue carbon - natural capital from nature-based solutions.” funded by Mecanismo Financeiro do Espaço Económico Europeu (MFEEE 2014-2021) within Área Programática Desenvolvimento de Negócios, Inovação e PME’s do Programa Crescimento Azul. The nominated jury was composed by Dr. Aschwin Engelen, researcher at CCMAR (President of the jury); Professor Rui Santos, Professor at Algarve University, coordinator of the project at CCMAR, researcher and team leader (member) and Professor Ester Serrão, Professor at Algarve University, coordinator of the project at CCMAR, researcher and team leader (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 21/04/2022. During the period of prior hearing candidate Javier Jimenez sent an email on April 21st at de 19:44 saying:

Dear members of the jury,

Thank you for your efforts so far. I would kindly like to ask you for a clarification on the Criterion 4 (Published scientific articles) of the selection process. I am probably mistaken, but according to open sources none of the other applicants seems to be author or co-author of a publication. Out of interest, I would like to get more information about the compilation of the score. If collaborations in published articles are included please take into account the research output of project Operation Posidonia listed in my CV (DOI: [10.1016/j.biocon.2021.109308](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biocon.2021.109308).)

I apologize for the inconvenience and thank you,

III – CONCLUSION

Concluded the period of prior hearing of the candidates candidate Javier Jimenez requested clarification on the criterion 4 (Published scientific articles). The jury included here scientific contributions such as the candidate his contribution to a conference presentation and that is why his score despite not being co-author on a publication did receive a score. Although Javier might have contributed to the by him mentioned publication, he is not a co-author nor is he

listed in the acknowledgements for contributing. As such we can not give him a higher score on criterion 4. We acknowledge that he is a very good candidate for a project as Blueforest.

The selection committee remains unanimous with the provisional decisions taken in minute 2. In accordance with the presented elements the candidate Hannah Julia van Duijnhoven meets the conditions for selection. For this reason the selection committee proposes to the CCMAR board of Directors the approval of this decision.

Table 1 – Final Ranked classification

Candidate	Final Classification	Ranking
Hannah Julia van Duijnhoven	17.9	1st
Javier Jimenez Herrero	16.6	2nd
José Cristiano Freitas Vieira	14.1	3rd

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.



Dr. Aschwin Engelen



Professor Rui Santos



Professor Ester Serrão

Approval by the Board of Directors

Annex 1

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, nowhere, with no one, knowing the consequences of 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.

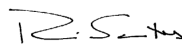
Thus, we declare under word of honor that we will not evaluate candidates with whom we have a conflict of interest, for what we will require our immediate replacement.

Date: 10-05-2022

By the members of the Jury:



Dr. Aschwin Engelen



Professor Rui Santos



Professor Ester Serrão