

Gorgi Petkov, P.Ag., M.Sc., [REDACTED]  
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I am writing to express my sincere interest in the position of board member at the BC Institute of Agrologists (BCIA). With a Master of Science degree in Agriculture and a wealth of experience in the industry, I am eager to contribute my skills and expertise to the strategic direction and stewardship of the BCIA. Having read the responsibilities and expectations outlined for board members, I am confident in my ability to fulfill the role effectively. Throughout my career, I have demonstrated a strong commitment to excellence and a proactive approach to achieving organizational goals. Here are some key reasons why I believe I would be a valuable addition to the BCIA Board:

**Strategic Vision:** I have a proven track record of defining and implementing strategic initiatives in agriculture, evidenced by my establishment of the largest kiwi vineyard in Canada. From navigating regulatory processes to overseeing operations and marketing, I have experience in setting and executing long-term strategies for success.

**Financial and Operational Acumen:** As the founder of Petkov Kiwi Production, I have managed all aspects of financial and operational stewardship, from budgeting and resource allocation to logistics and sales. My experience in ensuring financial viability and operational efficiency aligns well with the responsibilities of the BCIA Board.

**Stakeholder Engagement:** I understand the importance of engaging both internal and external stakeholders in organizational governance. From collaborating with suppliers and customers to partnering with educational institutions and industry associations, I have a track record of fostering productive relationships that drive results.

**Results-Oriented Approach:** Throughout my career, I have been driven by a desire to achieve tangible results aligned with defined goals and timelines. Whether it's delivering high-quality produce to major retailers or consulting on award-winning vineyards, I am committed to making a measurable impact in everything I do.

**Commitment to Professionalism:** I uphold the highest standards of professionalism and ethics in all my endeavors. With a deep understanding of the importance of regulatory compliance and best practices in agrology, I am dedicated to promoting the public interest and upholding the values of the BCIA.

I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the transparent stewardship and strategic direction of the BC Institute of Agrologists. I am confident that my diverse background and passion for agriculture make me a strong candidate for this role.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of discussing how my skills and experiences align with the needs of the BCIA Board in more detail.

Sincerely,

Gorgi Petkov, P.Ag., M.Sc., B.Sc.



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### **Summary:**

A progressive, analytical, hardworking, goal-oriented, highly motivated individual able to work both independently and as part of a team. Great communicator with excellent management skills and a passion for agriculture, with over 25 years of experience in the field.

### **Areas of Specialization:**

- Management of all Pomo-technical and Agri-technical operations in fruits and grapevine production
- Management of the production process in fruit and grapevine nurseries
- Cultivation of Wasabi, Mediterranean, subtropical, and stone fruits
- Viticulture consulting and vineyard management
- Create successful business growing and selling kiwifruit - planting fruit trees, soil analysis and management, pruning, pollination, pest management, harvest, training employees etc.
- Having collection and trial of over 30+ different kind of fruits and 25+ kind of vegetables.

### **Work Experiences:**

**Founder, Owner, and Manager Petkov Kiwi Production - the biggest kiwi operation in Canada.**

**Apr 2008 to Present**

- Plan, soil analysis and preparation, plant, train young plants, prune, frost protection, pollination, harvest, storage, food safety, package, packing and sorting, market and sell kiwifruit.

**Viticulture Consultant for various regional vineyards** Feb 2007 to Present

- Consult, plan, and train vineyard establishment workers in growing grape vines which supply award winning wineries.

**Vineyard Manager at Pepin Brook and Backyard Vineyards** July 2009 to July 2012

- Guide, lead and train workers on proper vineyard management techniques and introduction of new for the region vineyard practices.

**Assistant Vineyard Manager at Domaine de Chaberton** May 2004 – July 2009

- Plan, guide, lead and train workers on proper vineyard management techniques and introduction of new for the region vineyard practices.

**Skilled production worker at Jones Nurseries** Oct 2003 – April 2004

**Agriculture advisor at the Macedonian Advising Service** May 2002 – Feb 2003

**for Agricultural Development, Skopje**

- Advising, introducing, and implementing new technologies to the farmers

**Assistant Manager for fruit trees and grape Nursery, Skopje** Jan 1999 – April 2002

- Nursery “Cvetan Dimov” – Export Import Skopje – company for production and turnover of all kinds of Fruit Trees and grape plants, agricultural and food products in wholesale and retailers, Skopje, Macedonia

**Agricultural Professional Consultant – Technical representative** May 1997 – Dec 1998

“AGROPIN” Co. - representative for Bayer, Dow Elanco, Du Pont etc. in Macedonia – Company for import, export, production and trade of pesticides, fertilizers, equipment, and seeds, Skopje, Macedonia.

## **Research Works:**

- “Conditions and possibilities for growing fruit nuts in Republic of Macedonia”;
- “Influence of Magnifert foliar fertilizer on growth of seedlings of Pistacia Vera”;
- “Subtropical fruit cultures in Southern part of R. of Macedonia”;
- “Resistance of some apple cultivars to more significant diseases” – 2003, Zbornik Naucnih Radova, PKB Agroekonomik, Yugoslavia.

## **Education:**

**University of St. “Cyril and Methodius”, Skopje, Macedonia** Oct 1997 – May 2002

Faculty of Agriculture, Fruit Growing Department

***Master of Agriculture Science \****

Master Dissertation Topic: “Ecological and Biological Features of Pistachio Nut in Macedonia”.

**University of St. “Cyril and Methodius”, Skopje, Macedonia** Oct 1992 – Jun 1996

Faculty of Agriculture, Fruit Growing and Viticulture Department

**Bachelor of Agriculture Science \***

**Member of BCIA – Professional Agrologist (P. Ag. # 1935)**

***\*Credential Evaluation (Comprehensive level) have been done by ICES, Burnaby, BC, Canada.***

## **Interests and skills:**

- Proficient in MS Office, Adobe Photoshop, Zoom and Corel Draw
- Hiking, swimming, playing the accordion, movies, and traveling

References available upon request.