

REVIEW

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**Regarding: reviewed scientific works and academic activity
of Assoc. Prof. Iren Yordanova Peltekova, PhD,**

the only applicant for participation in a procedure for filling the academic position Professor, announced by the Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski” in State Gazette, Issue 67 of 28 July 2020, under professional strand 1.3. Pedagogy of training in... (Physical Education and Sports – Basketball) at the Division of „Sports Games and Mountain Sports” at the Department of Sports of Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski”.

I.Procedure details

The competition was announced for the needs of the Games and Mountain Sports Division at the Department of Sports of Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski”, according to the Decision of the Departmental Scientific Council of the Department of Sports, Department of Teacher Training, Department of Language Training, protocol №20 / 14 September 2020. I participate in the scientific jury of the competition according to Order № RD-38-445 / 23 September 2020 of the Rector of Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski”.

II.Applicant details

Iren Peltekova was born on March 19, 1967 in the city of Sofia. He graduated from the High School of Sports „Chavdar” – Sofia in 1986. In 1992 he graduated from NSA „Vasil Levski” with two specialties – „Physical Education Teacher” and „Basketball Coach”. Basketball player from 1975 to 1992 – from teenagers to women in the clubs „Locomotive” (Sofia), „Slavia” (Sofia), „September Glory” (Montana) and „HFC Marek” (Dupnitsa).

She worked as a children's basketball coach at BC „BUBA” (Sofia) from 1995 to 1997. She was a part-time professor of sports – basketball at Sofia University and NSA from October 1998 to June 1999. In 1999 she entered work at Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski” as a teacher of sports – basketball. Since 2003 he has been an assistant, and in 2005 he became a chief assistant. In 2012 he defended his doctoral dissertation and received the scientific title „Doctor” on 1.3. Pedagogy of teaching in... (Methodology of teaching basketball). In 2014 he became an „Associate Professor” in the same field. From 2001 until today he is a basketball coach for students at Sofia University, incl. of the representative student team (men) – from October 2001 to January 2003, and from February 2003 until today he is the coach of the representative team of Sofia University in basketball (women), with which in 2014 and 2015 he became National University Champion in basketball, and in 2015 and 2019 –

Student 3x3 basketball champion. Coach of the Year at Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski” for 2008 and 2014. He has a basketball qualification – III category. In 2011 he acquired an international coaching license for coach of Korfball – II level.

He is a member of the board of the Association for University Sports „Academic” from 2015 to 2019. Member of the Technical Commission on Basketball at AUS „Academic” from 2012 until today. Member of the „Jury d'Apel” of the competitions of the National Student Basketball and 3x3 Basketball Championship from 2017 until today.

He is the head of the Games and Mountain Sports Division at the Department of Sports from 2011 to 2017. Member of the Council of the Department of Sports at Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski” from 2013 to 2017. Chairman of the Commission for Attestations of Teachers from the Department of Sports from 2009 to 2017.

Member of the General Assembly and the Central Election Commission of Sofia University – from 2015 to 2019. Member of the team for quality and internal audit at Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski” – from 2017 until today. Member of the Departmental Scientific Council from March 2016 until today. Chairman of the trade union organization at the Department of Sports from 2014 until today. Deputy Director of the Department of Sports from March 2018 until today.

III. Summarized quantitative and qualitative data for the pedagogical and research activity of the candidate

The scientific production of Assoc. Prof. Peltekova, PhD fulfills the criteria for science such as truthfulness, reliability, innovation, contribution to science and practice and other features specific to scientific knowledge. The evaluation of the scientific results of the candidate, which he presents as scientometric data, written by NACID are as follows:

- Indicators in group A: a total of 50 points.
- Indicators in group B: total 100 points.
- Indicators in group G: total 271,5 points.
- Indicators in group D: total 150 points.
- Indicators in group E: total 180 points.

As can be seen, the scientometric indicators of the scientific activity of Assoc. Prof. Peltekova, PhD in all three groups (G, D and E) significantly exceed the values of the required minimum requirements, according to Law for development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria.

As a result of her many years of training, Assoc. Prof. Peltekova, PhD has acquired specialized scientific knowledge and specific professional skills and competencies, which she successfully applies academically and professionally, in research and project activities.

The candidate has been the leader of two national research projects and has participated as an expert in 8 more scientific and educational projects in the field of physical education and sports. Evidence of the high professionalism of

Assoc. Prof. Peltekova, PhD is found in the citation of her 50 scientific papers, which is undoubtedly valuable for all professionals.

IV. Description of the scientific works

For the procedure Assoc. Prof. Peltekova, PhD submitted for reviewing based on theoretical, scientific-applied and practical aspects, a total of 20 scientific works in the field of physical education and sports, divided into types as follows:

1. Monograph – 1
2. Book – 1 pc.
3. Textbook – 1 pc.
4. Articles and reports published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases – 2 pcs.
5. Articles and reports published in non-peer-reviewed journals with scientific review – 15 pcs.

The author's share of scientific publications is: independent author – 17 works and co-authors – 3 works, of which in one work is the first and second author, and in the third is the sixth author.

The presented scientific production can be distributed thematically as follows:

- Professional training of sports pedagogical staff, incl. future teachers of physical education and sports (scientific papers numbered 1, 3, 6, 11, 18, 20).
- Sports training of students from training-profiled groups in basketball (scientific papers with numbers 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16).
- The role of sports teachers in higher education and pedagogical communication in education as a way to improve the quality of sports education and in particular basketball (scientific papers numbered 7, 8, 9, 14, 17, 19).

V. Scientific contributions

Based on the presented publications, scientific summaries, evidence, conclusions and the overall activity of Assoc. Prof. Iren Peltekova, PhD I allow myself to systematize the main and scientific contributions as follows:

I. In the field of professional training of sports pedagogical staff:

I.1. Contribution to improving the quality of professional training of sports teachers – developed, tested and implemented in practice is an innovative model containing specific basketball tests to establish the level of technical training of students – future teachers of physical education and sports. The model serves to assess the level of mastery of basic technical skills in basketball, and to them are formed the corresponding assessment scales for men and women (scientific papers with №1, 6);

I.2. Contribution to clarifying the motivation of physical education and sports teachers to quality work (scientific work with №1);

I.3. Contribution to the management and complex practical organization of basketball competitions with a purposeful emphasis on school and student competitions – documentation, implementation, practical recommendations to teachers of FVS (scientific work with №3);

I.4. Contribution to the clarification of important professional competencies and personal qualities of FVS teachers, sports teachers and basketball coaches and the problems for their quality education in a university environment (scientific papers with №11, 18, 20).

II. In the field of sports training of students from training-profiled groups in basketball:

II.1. Contribution to the methodology of basketball training of students from study (profiled) groups during the semesters and during the training and sports practices – developed and implemented in basketball training are two methodological models, the second is the only one of its kind in our country until now. Especially valuable for the practice is the proposed set of basketball exercises for shooting in the basket and conditioning of students during sports practice before the beginning of the school year (scientific work with №2);

II.2. Contribution to the improvement of the means of physical education and sports used for fitness training of students – a specialized program based on the physical development and physical training of students before and during the school year has been developed and implemented (scientific papers with №2, 4, 5, 13);

II.3. Contribution to establishing the level of training of students and safe physical activity during basketball activities (scientific work with №10);

II.4. Contribution to improving the quality of organization of basketball classes with students – establishing the overall and motor density of the basketball lesson within two academic hours (90 min) and developing motor skills with the means of basketball (scientific papers with №15, 16);

II.5. Contribution to the preservation of the history of the development of basketball at Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski” – historical references for teachers, rankings of representative teams (men and women) at home and abroad for a 90-year period of time (scientific paper with №12).

III. In the field of the role of sports teachers in higher education and pedagogical communication in education, as a way to improve the quality of sports education and in particular basketball:

III.1. Contribution to the clarification of important aspects in the self-assessment of personal and professional qualities of teachers and the assessment of these qualities by students – feedback and level of coincidence between self-assessment and assessment (scientific papers with №7, 8, 9, 14);

III.2. Contribution to clarifying the impact of student feedback on improving the quality of education – timely correction of identified problem topics through communication between the parties involved in the pedagogical process (scientific papers with №17, 19).

The presented scientific production in a wide range, its content, results and conclusions give me reason to define the author as a leader in the problems of basketball and in particular basketball in higher education in our country. From the analysis of the scientific production of Assoc. Prof. Peltekova, PhD impresses the high competence and interpretation of scientific research.

The scientific production proposed by Assoc. Prof. Peltekova, PhD, meets the requirements for the academic position of Professor.

VI. Academic and scientific research activities

When reviewing the published data on the teaching and research activities of Assoc. Prof. Peltekova, PhD, it is found that the conditions of the Regulations on the terms and conditions for obtaining scientific degrees and holding academic positions at Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski”. In particular, the announced competition has a full study load with the relevant compulsory and elective courses.

Assoc. Prof. Iren Peltekova, PhD is a keynote lecturer of Sports and Mountain Sports Division at the Department of Sports at Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski”.

It is extremely important to note that Assoc. Prof. Peltekova, PhD leads the course „Methodology of teaching basketball” with the accompanying lectures and exercises in the specialty „Physical Education and Sports” at the Faculty of Education and Arts since its inception in 2009. to this day. The lecture course on the subject „Methodology of teaching handball” leads to the same specialty. Iren Peltekova is the founder and head of the master's program „Sports Activities and Tourism” also at the Faculty of Education and Arts from 2016 until today, where she teaches three main disciplines.

According to my personal impressions, she is the author of a number of innovative approaches for the needs of educational work with students from specialized basketball groups, those from the specialty „Physical Education and Sports” at the Faculty of Science, Education and Arts and of course with students participating in basketball. team of the University. She is also the author of her own lecture courses, teaching students at the Faculty of Journalism and Mass Communication. This fact testifies that she is well prepared to create, present and update the content of her lecture courses. In terms of content, the created courses reveal the classic look of pedagogical science, but also its modern achievements, further illustrated with numerous examples from practice. All this makes them not only theoretical and applied, but also especially useful and attractive to a wide audience of students, PhD students, professionals.

Assoc. Prof. Peltekova, PhD is the research supervisor of one defended doctoral student and two in the procedure, as the topics of their dissertations are a kind of continuation of scientific research and many years of research experience. In this way, she practically shares with them her effective ways and practices of how to teach and how to achieve high quality research and publication.

Assoc. Prof. Peltekova, PhD is a member of the editorial board of the Yearbooks of the Department of Sports and the Proceedings of the International Scientific Conference, organized by the Department of Sports at Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski” – from 2014 until today. She has 39 participations in scientific conferences, of which 30 in Bulgaria and 9 abroad. He has more than 20 participations as a member of Scientific Juries in the

pedagogical areas 1.3 and 7.6 of them 4 as a reviewer. All this testifies that she invests many years, consistent and purposeful efforts in her academic training and in achieving high professionalism.

The presented production for review does not duplicate works by other authors and there is no plagiarism.

No violations were found during the competition.

VII. Conclusion

Based on the overall analysis of the presented scientific production, my long-term personal impressions, I believe that the candidate for the academic position „Professor” Assoc. Prof. Iren Yordanova Peltekova, PhD has the necessary professional, pedagogical and scientific training. Iren Peltekova is a respected lecturer with rich practical and excellent theoretical training. She is an example of a sports pedagogue in the system of higher education, which successfully combines research with specific teaching and work. He enjoys respect among students and colleagues.

Based on the above and the qualities of the candidate, I confidently propose to the Distinguished Members of the Scientific Jury to award Assoc. Prof. Iren Yordanova Peltekova, PhD – the academic position „Professor” under 1.3. Pedagogy of training in... (Physical Education and Sports – Basketball) for the needs of „Sports Games and Mountain Sports” Division at the Department of Sports at Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski”.

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