

POSITION

of

Assoc. prof. Boryana Tumanova, PhD

Member of a scientific jury,
appointed with ordinance № RD 38-445/23.09.2020
of the Rector of University “St. Kliment Ohridski of Sofia

Regarding: Contest for the academic position „***Professor***“

Field of Higher Education: 1.3. Pedagogy of ... (Physical Education and sport in – basketball).

Candidate: Assoc. prof. **Iren Yordanova Peltekova, PhD**

Lecturer in section “Sports games and mountain sports” in the Sport Department of University “St. Kliment Ohridski of Sofia

In the State newspaper № 67, the University “St. Kliment Ohridski” of Sofia has announced Contest for the academic position „***Professor***“ for the sport Department’s needs.

Within the statutory period, only a single candidate has submitted all required documents, accompanied by evidence, who is Ass. prof. Irene Yordanova Peltekova, PhD.

Bibliographic data:

The candidate graduated from the National Sport Academy "Vasil Levski" in 1992 with Master Degree in: Teacher in Physical education and Sport and Basketball Coach.

Since 2012, she has PhD in the professional field 1.3. Pedagogy of training in (Methodology of basketball training).

Since 2014, she has been Assoc. prof. in University “St. Kliment Ohridski” of Sofia, in the scientific field: 1.3. Pedagogy of Physical Education and Sport (Basketball).

Scientific data:

The submitted materials prove that all the requirements of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in Republic of Bulgaria as well as the Rules of the Procedure of University „St; Kliment Ohridski” regarding the necessary criteria for participation in the contest, are met.

Professional background:

Applicant's teaching and public activities

Since 2003, Assoc. prof. Peltekova teaches basketball to students from all faculties of University "St. Kliment Ohridski". She has lectures in the subjects: „Sport preparation – modern trends and approaches“, „Sport and health education“, „Educational sport-organizational practice“ and „Organization of sports events and sports championships“ in the Faculty of Educational Studies and Arts' programme "Physical Education and Sport".

The applicant is and has been coordinator and participant in a number of scientific congresses, projects and scientific – practical conferences in Bulgaria and abroad. She has extremely rich professional experience in both the teaching and research fields.

Assoc. prof. Peltekova was Head of Department of Sports Games and Mountain Sports in the period 2012-2017.

Since 2018 to the present, she has been Deputy Director of the Sport Department.

Since 2001, she has been the coach of the university's basketball team.

Scientific and projects activities:

Ass. Peltekova has presented a list of 66 scientific works, 20 of which (including monography, book, textbook, 2 articles in referenced and indexed magazines, 3 articles in scientific magazines in Bulgaria and 3 abroad, 8 reports in scientific conferences in Bulgaria and 1 abroad), have been selected by the candidate for her participation in the contest.

The contributions and decisions in the scientific work of Assoc. prof. Peltekova can be conditionally grouped in several directions:

- Professional training of sports pedagogical staff;
- Basketball sport training of university's students;
- Competence of sports pedagogical staff in the higher education institutions.

In the first direction stand out the author's contributions for the Theory and Practice of Pedagogy of Physical Education and Sports training (basketball). The training in the professional field "Pedagogy of Physical Education and Sport" in all universities in Bulgaria, has been successfully and competently systemized. The competence of the lecturer in sport in the Theory and Practice of university basketball training, as well as the organization and

management of the learning process in universities has been enriched. The author also contributed to the management and organization of basketball competitions with focus on schools and universities competitions (1, 3, 6, 11, 18, 20).

I consider it that the author's particular contribution in her listed scientific production, is the practical focus and the assistance for students, university students, teachers, lecturers and athletes.

The focus of the scientific developments in this direction I put on the monography of Assoc. prof. Iren Peltekova. Her work is very well structured, consistently introduces, and reveals to us the specifics of the problem discussed. The innovative model developed and implemented in practice, contains specific basketball tests for the establishment of the level of technical training of students-to be teachers in Physical Education and Sports, refers to the Pedagogy of teaching basketball in universities thus increasing the quality of the professional training of future teachers in Physical Education and Sports, clarifies their competences and problems. The detailed analysis of the basketball game logically overflows into a practical-applied storyline with serious contributions, such as the developed specialized system for evaluation and control of the technical skills for both female and male students in the programme "Physical Education and Sports" – the future sports pedagogical specialists. Developed, approbated and implemented in practice is also an innovative model of eight specific basketball tests.

The second direction includes researches directly related to the professional competence of Assoc. Peltekova, affecting the sports training of students enlisted in basketball sport classes (2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16). The author raises serious problems related to the methodology of basketball training of university students, improving the quality of the organization of the activities as well as the History of Basketball at University "St. Kliment Ohridski". Two methodical models are differentiated, and I would pay particular attention to the second one, which is one of a kind in our country. The author's scientific search led to the proposed particularly valuable set of basketball exercises for shooting in the basket and conditioning training of students during sports practice before the beginning of the academic year (2). I especially appreciate the specialized program tested and implemented in practice, based on students' physical development and physical training before and during the academic year, which to my opinion, contributes to improving the means of Physical Education and Sport (2, 4, 5, 13). With a similar scientific idea are the results of applied Ruffier and Dixon tests, which contribute to establishing the level of student training and safe physical exertion during basketball activities (10).

The third direction I would define, as the author herself proposes, as studies in the field of the competencies of sports teachers in universities (7, 8, 9, 14, 17, 19). The students' feedback gives us the opportunity to establish the effect and the quality of the teaching and learning process. Reveals the relationship between self-assessment and evaluation (7, 8, 9, 14), as well as the possibilities for correcting the problems identified (17, 19).

Critical notes and recommendations:

I do not have any critical notes on the materials presented.

Personal impressions:

My personal impressions are formed by long-standing duty relationship and observations on the work and competence of the candidate. A professional with proven pedagogical, research and authority qualities, whom I highly appreciate as responsible, erudite and correct to the university lecturer occupation.

Conclusion

The in-depth analysis of the materials and documentation submitted to me for evaluation, regarding teaching, scientific and project work, proves the effectiveness of Assoc. prof. Peltekova, as a candidate who fully meets the requirements for acquiring an academic position "professor".

I declare my positive assessment and propose to the Honorable Scientific Jury to award the academic position "**Professor**" in the Higher Education's field: 1.3. Pedagogy of... (Physical Education and Sport - Basketball) to Assoc. prof. Iren Yordanova Peltekova, PhD.

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