

OPINION

in a competition for an academic position "**Full Professor**" in a professional field 1.3. Pedagogy of training in... (Physical education and sports - football), announced in SG no. 21 of March 13, 2020 and on the website of Sofia University for the needs of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski "(SU), Department of Sports (DS)

The opinion was prepared by: **Assoc. Prof. Iren Yordanova Peltekova, PhD**, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski ", PN 1.3 Pedagogy of training in...(Physical Education and Sports), as a member of the scientific jury of the competition according to Order № RD 38–182 / 5 / 05.2020 of the Rector of Sofia University.

Only one candidate has submitted documents for participation in the announced competition:
Associate Professor Georgi Vladimirov Ignatov, PhD
from Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski ".

I. General description of the submitted materials

In this section are presented the arguments in support of my final opinion on the materials with which Assoc. Prof. Georgi Ignatov, PhD participates in this competition. The individual indicators on which the opinion was prepared are thematically differentiated in points 1 to 8.

1. Details of the application

For participation in the competition, Assoc. Prof. Georgi Vladimirov Ignatov, PhD presented a list of 38 publications in Bulgarian and foreign scientific journals and scientific forums. As the main monographic work entitled "Current highlights in the modern overall training of the football referee. Model for physical training of football referees" has a volume of 254 pages. The other publications are distributed as follows: 1 study, 4 articles in yearbooks of universities in BG, 15 articles in scientific journals and 17 reports in proceedings of scientific conferences. It is worth noting that 2 of them have been published in reputable journals, which are referenced and indexed in a Web of Science database and 6 in EBSCO. Georgi Ignatov has publications with members of international teams and co-authored with members of the Department of Sports and Sofia University.

A reference from the Bulgarian Football Union was presented in support of the academic growth of Assoc. prof. Georgi Ignatov, PhD and his positive contribution to the development of the Bulgarian football refereeing. Numerous other documents are presented in the form of official notes and certificates from the employer, assignors and managers of scientific projects, diplomas, results from the rankings of the representative teams of Sofia University in football

(men and women), personal football and team awards, certificates from scientific conferences, documents for his doctoral students, references to the cited, photographic material and other relevant evidence), supporting the achievements of the candidate.

The documents are carefully described and systematized, which greatly facilitates the assessment to meet the necessary requirements.

The documents submitted by the candidate comply with the requirements of the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the regulations of applying the law and the Regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions in St. Kliment Ohridski ”.

2. Details of the candidate

Associate Professor Georgi Ignatov PhD graduated from NSA "Vasil Levski" in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in the following specialties: "Physical Education Teacher" and "Football Coach"; Master of Sports in School and Leisure. At the same time, he studied sports journalism at the National Sports Academy and obtained the qualification "Editor in the sports department of a newspaper, radio and television" - certificate № 5 / 6.06.1998.

In 2012 he defended his dissertation at the Department of Football and Tennis - NSA "Vasil Levski" on the topic: "Experimental justification of the methodology for training young football referees" and acquired educational and scientific degree "PhD" in: 05.07. 05 Theory and methodology of physical education and sports training (incl. Methodology of therapeutic exercise).

In 2005 Georgi Ignatov started working at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” as a part-time football assistant at the Department of Sports Games and Mountain Sports at Sports Department, Sofia University, and in 2008 he won a competition for a full-time lecturer at the same department. Since 2014 he has held the academic position of "Docent" (Associate Professor) in the Department of "Sports Games and Mountain Sports" of the Sports Department, Sofia University.

3. Assessment of compliance with the minimum national requirements and the requirements of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski” and research achievements of the candidate

The research activity of Assoc. Prof. Georgi Ignatov, PhD and the topics of the scientific papers presented by him are entirely in the field of the competition.

Assoc. prof. Georgi Ignatov, PhD meets the minimum national requirements (EOM) under Art. 1a. (New, SG No. 56/2018, effective 06.07.2018), Art. 2b, par. 2 and 3 of ZRASRB (in

PN 1.3. Pedagogy of education in...) and the requirements of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" for holding the position of "Full Professor".

According to the submitted report for the EOM, it is evident that his professional achievements exceed the EOM. In particular, there is evidence of its fulfilment of these requirements for: group A - 50 points, group B - 100 points, group D - 243.6 points, group D - 146 points, group E - 195 points.

In the Declaration under Article 115, para (1), item 5, attached by Assoc. Prof. Georgi Ignatov, PhD, and a reference made by me in the Register of Academic Positions and Dissertations of NACID, it is established that the scientific papers and citations submitted by the candidate do not repeat those from previous procedures for acquiring a scientific title and academic position. I have not found any plagiarism proven in accordance with the law in the scientific papers submitted at the competition.

Associate Professor Georgi Ignatov, PhD, for twelve years as a full-time lecturer at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", shows diligent scientific and creative activity, which can be summarized as follows: 43 participations in scientific forums and conferences - 30 of them in Bulgaria, the remaining 13 abroad; 22 participations in national projects (as a participant in the preparation, development and implementation of projects, member of a research project - 21 and project manager - 1); multiple participant as a member and Chairman of scientific juries for acquiring an academic position and scientific degree - over 70 participations; reviewer of books and scientific-methodical articles and reports; permanent participant in sports forums, practices and round tables organized by the Department of Sports.

4. Characteristics and evaluation of the teaching activity of the candidate

As a lecturer at the Department of Sports and a specialist in "Sports", "Football" and "Methods of teaching football", the teaching activities of Associate Professor Georgi Ignatov PhD are significant in volume and diverse in content.

Associate Professor Georgi Ignatov, PhD is a lecturer at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" in six disciplines. He has developed lecture courses, lectures and conducts exercises in the bachelor's degree in the compulsory disciplines "Methods of teaching football", "Methods of teaching PE to students from V - VIII grade" and "Methods of teaching PE to students from IX - XII grade" in the Faculty of Education and Arts (FNOI); Conducts lectures and exercises in the compulsory discipline "Sports - Football" for students (Master's degree) in Law at the Faculty of Law (LA) of Sofia University and practical exercises in the same discipline for students from all faculties, where the curriculum includes the discipline "Sports". Conducts practical exercises in the discipline "Sports training in football (men); For the

master's program "Sports Activities and Tourism". He has developed a lecture course and lectures in the compulsory discipline "Optimization of FVS training" at FNOI during the academic year.

Associate Professor Georgi Ignatov, PhD was the scientific supervisor of three doctoral students (all of whom successfully defended their doctoral dissertations). He works actively and dedicatedly with the doctoral students and has a number of publications with them, again in the field of sports - football.

5. Scientific and scientific-applied achievements of the candidate, in the presented materials for participation in the competition

The scientific papers presented by Assoc. Prof. Georgi Ignatov, PhD for participation in the competition contain original, relevant and significant for the theory and methodology of physical education sports-football research results, professional training of students and training of football referees.

The author's claims of the candidate according to the scientific publications submitted for participation in the competition are in the field "Pedagogy of training in physical education and sports football" can be grouped and summarized as follows:

Group 1: New approaches to increase the efficiency of the learning process of students majoring in "Physical Education and Sports" - future sports and teaching staff.

Group 2: New approaches for organizing sports activities in the free time of students at home and abroad.

Group 3: Sports-methodical models for training in football and futsal (men and women) in university conditions, enriching the theory and methodology of FVS - models for training in football and futsal for students from profiled groups; models for training in football and futsal for students from the representative student teams, as well as current characteristics of the state of University sports in general and in particular at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski".

Group 4: Author's model (the only one so far in our country) for the training of football referees, including: the physical, psychological and sports-technical side of the training of young football referees.

Based on the analysis of the provided materials, it can be summarized that the scientific and scientific-applied contributions of the candidate in the identified areas lead to new knowledge and expand the existing knowledge in the field of physical education and sports-football.

According to the report presented in 38 publications, the candidate has 21 citations, two in a journal indexed in the Web of Science, one in a journal indexed in Scopus, one in a monograph and the rest in scientific articles and reports.

6. Critical remarks and recommendations

I do not have critical remarks and recommendations to the submitted works for review. I would recommend Assoc. Prof. Georgi Ignatov, PhD to write textbooks and manuals for students from Sofia University in his subjects.

7. Personal impressions of the candidate

We have known Assoc. Prof. Georgi Ignatov, PhD since 2005, when he was hired as a part-time teacher of the football course at the Department of Sports Games and Mountain Sports, which he still leads. Even then, I was impressed by the responsibility and commitment with which he treats teaching and coaching and the attention to students, his knowledge of football and refereeing is comprehensive and up to date.

I have witnessed his professional and scientific growth, we teach together in DS, FNOI and other faculties of Sofia University, so I can confidently say that he is a good teacher and colleague who can be relied on.

By joining the department, Assoc. Prof. Georgi Ignatov, PhD won the respect and trust of colleagues and logically since 2017 he is the head of the department, where his personal qualities of principle and tolerance are manifested.

8. Conclusion on the application

After getting acquainted with the materials and scientific papers presented in the competition and based on the analysis of their significance and the scientific contributions contained in them, I confirm that the scientific achievements meet the requirements of ZRASRB, the Rules for its application and the relevant Rules of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" for holding the academic position of "Full Professor" in the scientific field and professional direction of the competition.

I give my positive assessment of the candidacy.

II. OVERALL CONCLUSION

Based on the above, I recommend the scientific jury to propose to the Council of the Department of Sports at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", to elect Associate Professor Georgi Vladimirov Ignatov PhD to take the academic position of "Full Professor" in a professional field 1.3. Pedagogy of training in... (Physical education and sports – football).

19.08.2020 г.

Jury member:

Assoc. Prof. Iren Peltekova, PhD