

OPINION

on the works

of chief assist. TZVETANKA TZOLOVA DILKOVA, PHD
submitted for awarding "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" academic title,
in scientific area 1. Pedagogical sciences
in professional field 1.3. The Pedagogy of Education in...,
subject area: English language teaching methodology

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CONTEST DATA

The applicant's scientific papers have been submitted for the contest for the award of the "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" academic title in the professional field 1.3. Pedagogy of Education in..., subject area: English language teaching methodology. The application procedure for the academic position has been announced in the State Journal, issue № 96 of 17.11.2023, in accordance with the requirements of the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria.

CANDIDATE DATA

The only applicant for the announced by Sofia University "St Kliment Ohridski" contest for the award of the "associate professor" academic title, chief assistant **Tzvetanka Tzolova Dilkova, PhD** obtained Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English Philology at Classical and New Philology faculty at Sofia University "St Kliment Ohridski". In May 2017, **Tzvetanka Dilkova** completed her doctoral studies in professional field 1.3. Pedagogy of Education in ..., and defended successfully her dissertation thesis titled "Learning strategies for translation in English language teaching for students in chemistry and technologies – methodological dimensions".

Dilkova's work experience began in 1996. From 2004 to 2009 she worked as an English teacher at "Foreign languages" section at the Department of humanitarian studies and quality of education ensuring at University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy, Sofia.

From 2009 to 2019 chief assistant Tsvetanka Dilkova worked as an English teacher in the "Basic Education" department of the College of Management, Trade and Marketing, Sofia. Since 2019, the candidate has been an assistant professor in professional field 1.3. Pedagogy of Education in... (Methodology of foreign language teaching - English language teaching) in the Department of Foreign Language Teaching Methodology at the Faculty of Classical and Modern Philology of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". Ch. Ass. Tsvetanka Dilkova professionally carries out her teaching activities in the methodology of teaching English as a foreign language, which includes the use of e-learning for students in a number of specialties at the Department of Methodology of Foreign Language Teaching at Faculty of Classical and Modern philology.

All mentioned above related to the teaching and work experience of Chief Assistant Tsvetanka Dilkova, PhD fully meets the requirements of announced application procedure for an academic position.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCHES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

In connection with his application for the contest chief assistant Tsvetanka Dilkova, PhD has submitted 16 scientific papers. These include a monograph, a published book based on a defended dissertation, 14 articles published in scientific journals, or published in edited collective volumes. Her major scientific work regarding the subject area of the contest is her monograph titled "Linguacultural aspects of modern English language students' textbooks".

The monographic paper offers an overview of the linguistic-cultural aspects in modern English language textbooks, and English language learning 'curricula in Bulgarian secondary schools have been examined and analyzed. Based on the interrelationship between historical, linguistic and cultural developments of English language as a prerequisite for successful acquisition of the target language, a brief overview of English language teaching' studies and practices were outlined. English language for specific purposes' teaching in Bulgarian secondary schools, the place of linguacultural studies in modern foreign language teaching and the linguacultural aspects of certain students 'textbooks designed for use in Bulgarian schools were examined.

The candidate has written a number of scientific publications that clarify key issues related to some specific features of methodology of English language teaching.

The scientific contributions of the works presented by Chief Assistant Tzvetanka Dilkova, PhD in view of her application for the contest are systematized in two main areas as follows:

1. Linguacultural and linguadidactic aspects of English language teaching
2. English language for special purpose teaching

CONCLUSION

Chief Assistant Tzvetanka Dilkova, PhD has presented valuable scientific research papers and contributions in the field of pedagogical science, but mostly to the specifics of foreign language teaching methodology in the field of university education. Her candidacy for the contest meets all the requirements and criteria of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria. All mentioned above has been the reason to give my definite **positive assessment** of the scientific works of the candidate. I am fully convinced to recommend to the Honorable Scientific Jury **to give their positive vote for** Chief Assistant Tzvetanka Dilkova, Ph.D. to be awarded the "Associate Professor" academic title in professional field 1.3. Pedagogy of Education in..., (Subject area: English language teaching methodology) at department of Foreign Language Teaching Methodology, the Faculty of Classical and Modern Philology at Sofia University "St Kliment Ohridski".