

# STANDPOINT

For the scientific production of assoc. prof. dr. Georgi Vladimirov Ignatov - participant in a competition for the academic position of "Professor" at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" in professional field 1.3. Pedagogy of training in... / Physical education and sports-football /,

for the needs of the Department of Sports

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Georgi Vladimirov Ignatov was born on June 26, 1973. He graduated from high school in 1991. In 2001 he graduated from NSA "Vasil Levski", majoring in "Physical Education Teacher and Football Coach", then obtained a Master's degree in NSA "Vasil Levski". He has worked as a football teacher and coach at 121 high schools and Sofia Vocational High School of Tourism. From 2005 until today he is a lecturer at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" - first he was part-time, and then permanently as a senior assistant. In 2012 he defended his dissertation at the NSA, and in 2014 he became an "Associate Professor". He is the head of a department at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", he is Chairman of the Sports Club at the University, and since 2010 he is Chairman of the Technical Committee at AUS« Academic ».

As a footballer he played in several professional and amateur teams in Bulgaria. After the end of his racing career he devoted himself to football refereeing and reached the leader in "A" group with 57 matches.

In parallel with his referee career, he successfully defended a dissertation on this topic. He then became actively involved as a referee observer and a member of the Referee Committee of the Bulgarian Football Union, where he successfully passed on his experience to the young referees.

Since 2012 he has acquired the scientific-educational degree "Doctor" in the scientific specialty "Theory and methodology of physical education and sports training / incl. Methodology of therapeutic exercise.

Assoc. prof. Georgi Ignatov participated in the competition for the academic position "Professor" with 38 scientific papers. Of these, 1 monograph and 36 scientific articles, 10 of which in a foreign language and 1 studio. It is noteworthy that in most of them / 24 / he is a presenter, and in 12 he is an independent author.

He has 5 participations in national scientific and educational projects, which are closely related to his main work with students.

The candidate has participated in 13 scientific forums and conferences abroad after acquiring the academic position of "Associate Professor", as well as in 18 in Bulgaria. This shows that Ignatov has not stopped his activity in the field of sports science, which is proved by his participation in scientific and national projects. And his professional qualities, experience and knowledge are confirmed by his numerous requests to participate in scientific juries at various universities with reviews and opinions.

He is the research supervisor of three doctoral students who have successfully defended their dissertations.

There are spotted around 21 citations by various authors related to his scientific production have been noted.

The general analysis of all publications convinces us that in terms of quantitative parameters the presented scientific production fully meets the

requirements for "Professor". Georgi Ignatov's scientific work enriches the practice and theory in the field of football and football refereeing with the written monograph and the prepared scientific works.

As a football player, coach, referee and teacher, the author presents his many years of experience. In the monograph, he touches on various aspects of the training and coaching of football referees. It discusses in six chapters the concept of their development and physical preparation. Many young boys and girls who have not played sports and do not have the necessary knowledge for their training enter modern refereeing. The proposed review monograph is very useful for their future development, as well as for the improvement of referees with more experience. The latest changes in the football regulations, UEFA recommendations and pre-match instructions are followed. There is also a very good overview of the research in the field of football refereeing, because science has to go deeper and deeper into the problems of the football referee, given how much the requirements for them have increased. The football referee must correspond to the trends in the development of football and have a high level of physical training, and in parallel with it the theoretical and psychological training must be improved. In his monograph all these aspects are touched upon by the author and proposed views on their development. The functional workload of the football referee was also studied, and the top referees of Bulgaria participated in the study.

The real scientific contributions of assoc. prof. dr. Georgi Ignatov can be determined in the following areas:

1. A number of studies have been done with the students from Sofia University in the field of physical education and sports, which has led to the improvement of the educational process at the university.

2. A large-scale study was conducted in various universities on the role of the university in students' free time.

3. Tactical and technical characteristics of students-participants in the student football teams are monitored and analyzed.

4. Serious research has been carried out in the football refereeing activity for its optimization, which is extremely valuable for the practice, considering that very little research has been done in this field.

5. A modern model for training of football referees has been proposed, and the merits of Georgi Ignatov are significant for the research and implementation of new necessary aspects for football refereeing.

Assoc. prof. dr. Georgi Ignatov has proved that he is one of the serious and in-depth researchers at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski " in the field of sports and football. Based on the above and the reference made for the minimum requirements for holding the academic position, where the candidate has significant results, I confidently suggest to the respected members of the scientific jury to give their positive vote for awarding the academic position "Professor" at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski "in professional field 1.3. Pedagogy of training in... / Physical education and sports-football / for the needs of the Department of Sports of assoc. prof. dr. Georgi Vladimirov Ignatov.

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