

STATEMENT

done by: Prof. Ivan Marazov, Dr.Sc., member of the Scientific Jury according to the Order of the Rector of Sofia University (No. PΔ 38-104/ 09.02.2022),

concerning the competition for the academic position “Associate Professor” in professional field 2.2. History and Archaeology/ Archaeology/ Architectural archaeology, announced in the State Gazette (No. 103/ 10.12.2021).

Dr. **Daniela Stefanova Stoyanova** is the only candidate in the competition, announced for the academic position of Associate Professor in the Department of Archaeology, organized at the request of the Council of the Faculty of History (No. 4/ 26.01.2022). She participates with a habilitation thesis titled: *“Roof Tiles and Architectural Terracottas from Apollonia Pontica (6th c. BC – 3th c. BC)”*, Sofia, St. Kliment Ohridski University Press (2022), submitted for discussion, together with 20 selected publications – studies and articles according to the enclosed list.

The monograph with which D. Stoyanova participated in the competition is a convincing proof of her scientific qualities. She not only analyzed and identified the remains of monumental architecture in Apollonia, but also proposed a reconstruction of the covering and decoration of temple buildings with decorative ceramic elements. This is a difficult task that requires extreme observation and precision in the processing, classification, and location within the building of the fragmentary material. It should be noted that much of it was uncovered with her personal involvement. The overall picture is convincingly recovered.

Daniela Stoyanova also participated in the competition with many scientific publications: studies and articles, reports in prestigious Bulgarian and foreign scientific journals and series. They are devoted to the problems of architectural archaeology – her main scientific field. Her most significant

contribution is the analysis of Thracian tomb architecture. Such examples are the texts on the doors in Thracian tombs and this scholarship is summarized in the important study in the *Companion to Ancient Thrace* (2015). As well as the work on the ruler's residence at Kozi Gramadi and the research on the Thracian city at the Sbornyanovo complex, in the archaeological team of which she participates.

Particularly noteworthy is that D. Stoyanova is not only a lecturer, and she is not a cabinet scholar also, but works mostly with artefacts from her own archaeological research and personal processing of materials in museums. This testifies to the precision of her work and suggests the reliability of her conclusions about the place of details in the overall architectural complexes and their dating.

D. Stoyanova has been a participant (and leader) in numerous archaeological teams, and her collaborative research and publications testify to her ability to work in a team.

Δ. Stoyanova applies an interdisciplinary and comparative methods that allow her to deploy her material within the broad field of ancient architecture.

The contribution of the texts proposed for the competition to Bulgarian and Classical archaeology is undoubted. They are all evidence of accumulated field experience and great scientific potential. Her work with the artefacts themselves is impressive, showing precision in her description and analysis and convincingness in her conclusions and reconstructions. Her in-depth work with written and archaeological sources, with the works of national and foreign researchers on the architectural archaeology of monuments in the lands of the Thracians, makes her one of the prominent scholars in this field.

In conclusion, considering all the contributions, I propose to the scientific jury to award to assistant professor **Daniela Stefanova Stoyanova** the academic position of **Associate Professor**.

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