

OPINION

from Full Prof., Vanya Matanova, PhD, DSc

for competition for Associate Professor in the professional field

3.2 Psychology (Psychology in childhood and adolescence),

announced by Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski "

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1. General

Two candidates are participating in this competition : Dr. Kamelia Doncheva Hancheva, PhD, from Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski "and Dr. Manol Nikolov Manolov from VTU "St. St. Cyril and Methodius . "

The candidate Dr. Hancheva submitted relevant documents certifying academic position, educational and scientific degree Doctor of Psychology (PhD, 2013), 3.2 Psychology-Child and Adolescence Psychology, protected with a thesis entitled "Protective mechanisms and parents's coping strategies and adaptive functioning of the child". Dr. Hancheva successively been Assistant at the Department of General, Experimental and Genetic Psychology of Sofia University "Sv. Kliment Ohridski "(1999-2005), since 2005 she has been the senior assistant in the same department. The teaching activity is entirely in this competition and is as follows: 15 courses in Bachelor's program and three in Master's programs in Sofia University, in Bulgarian and English. In the period 2013 - 2018 she is a part-time lecturer at the International Psychoanalytic University - Berlin, Germany, where he teaches Developmental Psychology and Social Trauma.

The candidate Dr. Manol Manolov has submitted relevant documents for a PhD in social psychology with a thesis on "The interactive models to reduce the social isolation of custom groups" protected in 2018 in the University "St. St. Cyril and Methodius". Dr. Manolov has been an Assistant (2017-2019) and Senior Assistant since July 2019.

Submitted documents and records of both candidates meet the requirements of Law of development of academic staff and the Regulations of Sofia University "St.. Ohridski ".

2. Habilitation work

The candidate Dr. Kamelia Hancheva, Ph.D., presented the habilitation work "Mentalization and early stages of socio-emotional development". This scientific work meets the requirements for monograph and thematically meet the announced competition and the Regulations on the conditions and procedure for acquiring scientific degrees and academic positions at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski " . The second monograph presented is based on a dissertation thesis, which is not reviewed for this competition but is being evaluated.

Dr. Manolov presented an habilitation work on the topic of "Self-Discrimination", which by formal criteria can be considered as a monograph - more than 100 pages and scientific review. The subject of this work is not in the area of the announced competition.

3. National requirements for occupation of the academic position- Associate Professor

Dr. Kamelia Hancheva has provided a reference to supporting evidence regarding the minimum national requirements, in accordance with the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on development of academic staff. For groups A, B and C, indicator 1, 2 and 3 have accumulated 225 points - for PhD 50 points, for habilitation work 100 points and a book on the basis of the dissertation - 75 points.

Reportedly reference for group D- for academic positions Associate Professor, indicators from 4 to 10 Dr. Hancheva has 217,6 points at a minimum requirement 200 points. Dr. Hancheva has provided references for 3 citations in SCOPUS - 45 points, two citations in a monograph - a total of 65 points , with a minimum requirement of 50 points.

Dr. Manolov in group A, B and C, respectively, the indicator 1, 2 and 3 has collected the necessary 50 points for PhD. The presented habilitation work does not correspond to the requirements and the theme of the competition and therefore the corresponding points cannot be awarded.

The indicators in Group D, from 4 to 10 of the Implementing Regulations of Law on development of academic staff, the applicant claimed to 257.5 points. The information provided shows that the real points are 232.5 years, which fully complies with the requirements of the Law on development of academic staff.

With regard to the citations of Dr. Manolov , the corrected points are 55, which meets the requirements of Law on development of academic staff.

4. Publications

Dr. Camellia Hancheva participates in the competition with two monographs, one of which is based on a dissertation, five book chapters in collective monograph. Another 15 articles, studies and reports in the writings of scientific peer review and in edited collective volumes and 8 published abstracts from congresses and conferences .

In reference of scientific productions of Dr. Manol Manolov listed one monograph, two co-authored monographs and 19 publications - articles, book chapters and conference presentations. For participation in the competition Dr. Manol Manolov has presented 8 publications, which he claims to be a monograph, two co-authored monographs, 4 articles and a part of book.

4. Research activities and scientific contributions

Research activities of Dr. Hancheva are in the field of child and adolescent psychology. Her habilitation work on a very topical topic, Mentalization, is highly appreciated, even more so there are very few quality publications in our specialized literature. In habilitation work Dr. Hancheva uses an interesting approach based on the analysis of 3 myths. This gives the opportunity to unleash her potential as an in-depth researcher, refined in her analyzes and assumptions, and delicately conveying her ideas and quests. Through the theory of mentalization the monograph presents a perspective on early childhood development. The in-depth analyzes of the various theories and views give grounds for the author to posit that emotional development involves a complicated interaction between the cognitive, emotional, physiological and socio-cultural systems.

A considerable part of her publications presented the refugee children. The text discusses traumatic roots and consequences of experiences related to violence, coercion and loss. Are analyzed and protected they are factors contributing the integration experience. More complicated is emotional coping deduction of refugee children.

In the scientific production of Dr. Hancheva also analyzes the concept of social trauma. Social trauma is of great practical importance to all who have experiences with armed or ideological conflicts and totalitarian regimes.

The research activity of Dr. Manol Manolov is very heterogeneous, but is predominantly in the field of social psychology. This scientific production may be highly regarded, but it concerns a different subject area, not the area of the announced competition.

The monograph Self-discrimination, as the author himself writes, is useful in the context of social, political, and organizational psychology. Described and defined a Self-discrimination, referred the strategies of the our story. The main part of the monograph is to consider historical literature, interesting approach, which leaves messages to young people.

The monograph "The many faces of the Self" is an attempt to portray contemporary Bulgarian adolescents and young people in terms of their personal orientation and life meaning. A pilot program to promote pro-social behavior among students through virtual interaction is presented and the perceptions of young people on topics of everyday life, motivation, cyberspace and others.

The "Psychology of parental styles in the field of meaning in life" discussed the children in the context of family and belonging, as a result of parenting. Research among Dr. Manolov's youth has identified knowledge but a lack of awareness that is of significant practical importance.

5 . Teaching

The teaching activity of Dr. Kamelia Hancheva is in the field of child psychology. Apart from being a lecturer at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" , she also has international teaching experience at the International Psychoanalytic University - Berlin . Her entire teaching activity is in the field of this competition.

Teaching of Dr. Manol Manolov associated with conducting classes and seminars in social psychology, psychological research, legal psychology, comparative psychology, child and adolescent psychology, political psychology, Ethnopsychology , business psychology, social and ethnic conflicts.

Conclusion

The review of documents and analysis of the scientific and teaching activities Dr. Hancheva and Dr. Manol Manolov shows that both candidates meet of requirements to Law on development of academic staff and rools of application in the Sofia University "St. Cl. Ohridski " .

Dr. Kamelia Hancheva develops and conducts a significant part of the courses in the field of Child and Adolescent Psychology. Her scientific output is in the field of the announced competition.

Scientific production and teaching of Dr. Manol Manolov to a much lesser extent corresponds to the theme of the announced competition.

All this gives me reason to propose to the Honorable Scientific Jury to support the candidacy of Dr. Kamelia Doncheva Hancheva for Associate Professor in the professional field3.2 Psychology (Psychology in childhood and adolescence) at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski ".

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Member of the Scientific Jury:.....
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