

## STATEMENT OF OPINION

**Regarding: Competition for Awarding the Academic Position of „Professor“ in the Professional Field 2.1. Philology (Bulgarian language – sociolinguistics),** indicated by Sofia University “St. St. Climent Ohridski” in the State Gazette ed. 65/16.08.2019

**Candidate: Associate Prof. DSc Krasimir Manolov Stoyanov**

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The competition for the academic position of “Professor in Bulgarian language – sociolinguistic”, university education 2. Humanitarian studies, professional division 2.1. Philology and “Bulgarian language” specialty, has been appointed in the Bulgarian State Gazette ed. 65/16.08.2019 for the needs of the Department of Bulgarian language and specialized education for foreigners in the Sofia University “St. St. Climent Ohridski”. The only candidate who has applied in the contest is Associate Professor PhD Krasimir Manolov Stoyanov from Sofia University. Documents presented in compliance with the Law for academic body’s development in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules for the law’s implementation, as well as the Rules for the requirements for acquiring scientific titles and hiring in academic positions at the Sofia University “St. St. Climent Ohridski” have been organized in a rather chaotic and non-esthetical way that hampers orientating and assessing the scientific achievements of the candidate.

### **1. Professional development**

Krasimir Manolov Stoyanov has acquired a Master’s Degree in Bulgarian Language Philology in 1980 and at present has a 39 years’ lecturing experience, 37 of which as a full-time lecturer at the Sofia University. Following a full-time PhD program and a successful graduation, he becomes a Doctor of Philology in 1997, named Doctor of Philological studies since 2018, and since 2003 is titled an Associate Professor of Bulgarian language.

### **2. Characteristics of the scientific, teaching and applied studies**

#### **2.1. General review of the materials presented**

Associate Prof. DSc Krasimir Manolov Stoyanov has presented two lists of his scientific work that comprise of his monographs, studies, articles, textbooks and reviews, some of which have been published before the first habilitation and probably have been used for it. An enquiry in the NACID proves his matching to the minimum scientific metrics (415 points, 27.XII.2019). Meanwhile the candidate does not point out the exact publications that he is participating in the contest with as some of the listed and registered in the NACID articles do not meet the criteria in terms of structure and volume. In compliance with the lawfully imposed requirements only the materials related for the present contest should have been presented herein or it should have been stated in a clear manner and in a separated list which ones have been used for the first habilitation in 2003, due to which only materials published after that period will be reviewed.

Associate Prof. PhD. Krasimir Manolov Stoyanov is applying for the academic position of Full “Professor” with 1 monograph, 4 studia и 20 articles (2 of these articles being less than 2 pages long and hence can not be classified as scientific articles while 4 others have been published before the first habilitation for the title of „Associate Professor” while only articles published after that period should be reviewed.

The academic position of Full “Professor” requires awards and new achievements after the acquisition of the Associate Professor title that are proved in an own list with 22 quotes with 2 of them being autoquotes and should be excluded. Additional attestation is a successfully defended PhD under the guidance of the candidate.

## **2.2. Key scientific, teaching and applied contributions**

### **A. Scientific contributions**

The candidate lists 22 scientific contributions in addition to 11 contributions from the habilitation. A deliberate and mechanical adding of the intro „A scientific contribution is...” at the beginning of the resume of any of the articles does not allow a comprehensive overview in full scale. Had scientific researches been grouped by areas, themes and problems, it would have been possible to summarize the achievements and to identify specific contributions.

Associate Prof. DSc Krasimir Manolov Stoyanov acts as a lecturer, linguist and a scientist with an active citizen’s and social positions that explains the diversity and scope of his scientific and journalistic interests. The publications for the competition can be generalized in the following thematic areas:

- ***Sociolinguistic***

In this aspect a special attention has to be drawn the habilitation of Kr. Stoyanov - the monography “Linguists of Bulgarian in the first decade of socialism (1944-1954) ISBN, edited Cyril Tzankov, Znak `94 Veliko Tarnovo, 2019 is with a total volume of 243 pages, of which 195 main body and 43 pages applications and bibliography list. It is identified with the international standard number ISBN 954-8709-8305-54-9, published in Bulgarian by the publishing company “Znak 94“, Veliko Tarnovo in 2019, format 60/84/16 (A5). A reviewer is stated Professor PhD Dimitar Velinov but the review is not published in the book as required for any scientific monograhly participating in a competition. However, this role is taken by the summary of Academic Mihail Videnov.

As a result of long-term work and systematic development, the monograph impresses with its depth and the scope of the problem discussed. The analysis and conclusions drawn prove the author’s search for new parameters for researching the work of the Bulgarian linguists in the dynamic and active period. Having a clear composition of introduction, ten chapters and a conclusion, it introduces chronological order of the main events in the Bulgarian linguistics clarifying the theoretical frames, criteria and principles in the period 1944-1954. Chapters III, VII and IX can be outlined as ones with significant impact as the author analyses and summarizes the language reformation in Bulgaria in the 1945 with the imminent political aspect and stumbling of the linguists. Focused at the work and inputs mainly of the linguists Al. Teodorov-Balan, L. Andreychin, Vl. Georgiev, St. Stoykov, St. Mladenov, P. Mutafchiev, Kr. Cholakova, D. Mircheva and others, with a precise dissection of some of the most prominent developments in the field of the Bulgarian language. Hence the candidate achieves significant conclusions for the new functions of the language in the country in the period of 1944, its se as a political tool, the development of a new vocabulary standard and the development of the language in that period.

Similar are the contributions of Kr. Stoyanov in the article “Language policy in the Bulgarian newspapers after the end of WW II (1944-1956)“, „(Re)formation of the language

identity in the war front (1944 -1945.)“ , „Ritualized Slogan Lexis in the Bulgarian Press during the Times of Violent Contradiction in Ideologies (1944-1947)“, „Language policy and the social progress “.

Current topics regarding language discourse, male and female speech are outlined in the study “The female and male speech in the Bulgarian lifestyle magazines”, in the articles “Syntactical markers for social adultery in speech“, „Why did the jeans moved to the hot dog” , „Names for city accents in Sofia“. As a significant input I defy expanding the diapason of the scientific view through the detailed analysis of specific communicational situations in the analysis „Verbal aspects of children’s curiosity“.

• *Methodological and didactical aspects of foreign language teaching* are identified in two articles in the scientific search of the candidate.

### **B. Lecturing**

Associate Prof. PhD Krasimir Manolov Stoyanov has 39 years of lecturing experience; however, in the materials presented there is evidence only for one course of lectures in Istanbul.

### **C. Scientific-applied activity**

Associate Prof. Krasimir Manolov Stoyanov’s participation in international and national initiatives is an answer to the imperatives of the academic activity – development of modern applied Bulgarian linguistic through various projects and initiatives. Through diverse activities as co-establisher for the International sociolinguistic association he puts into practice all scientific competences and demonstrates adequate academic entrepreneurship, much needed in the 21st century. An expression of modern thinking and subtle reactions to students’ attitude is his work as a director at the National Society of Socio-linguistic in DEO-ICS. Candidate’s journalistic activity is marked with significant public impact together with his role as a member of CEM (Council for Electronic Media), division „Linguistic”.

### **3. Personal impressions**

I have known associate Prof. PhD Krasimir Manolov Stoyanov for 30 years as a studious and conscientious scientist and lecturer, as an active participant in scientific forums and as an innovative author, coordinator and participator in significant social activities.

### **4. Summary**

Associate Prof. DSc Krasimir Manolov Stoyanov is a competent Bulgarian linguist with lasting interests and real achievements in the area of applied philology. I consider that the scientific articles and his social activity in the scientific and public activities of Bulgaria represent associate Prof. PhD Krasimir Manolov Stoyanov as a complete scientist and a responsible lecturer deserving the academic title of “Professor”.

The documents and materials presented satisfy the requirements of the Law for the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria as well as the Rules and Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff and the Regulations for the Educational Activity at Sofia University “St. St. Climent Ohridski”. I hereby suggest that the Scientific Committee, as well as the Academic Council of Sofia University “St. St. Climent Ohridski”, to cast a favorable vote for the application of Associate Prof. PhD Krasimir Manolov Stoyanov for the academic position of *Full Professor* in the specialty of 2.1. Philology (Bulgarian language – sociolinguistics).

**02.I.2020 Reviewer: Professor PhD Violeta Tacheva**



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