



## **SOFIA UNIVERSITY "ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI**

### **OPINION**

**by Professor, DSc Radoslav Penev**

member of the jury, appointed by order No. RD 38-73/07.02.2024 of the

Rector of SU "St. Kliment Ohridski"

to conduct a competition for an associate professor in

field of higher education: 1. Pedagogical sciences

by professional direction 1.2 Pedagogy (Family pedagogy, Andragogy)

Faculty of Pedagogy

announced in SG No. 103/12.12.2023

#### **1. Procedure for admission of the candidate for participation.**

In the competition for professional direction 1.2. Pedagogy (Family pedagogy, Andragogy) one candidate participated - **Senior Assistant Professor Yordanka Stoynova Nikolova, Ph.D.**

**There are no violations regarding the procedure for admitting the candidate to the competition**, the document review committee has made the correct decision to admit him to the competition.

The requirements of the Regulations for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at SU "St. Kl. Ohridski" regarding the assessment of the candidate under Art. 112, Paragraph 1, according to the fulfillment of the conditions under Art. 105, para. 1 and in accordance with the results of the inquiries under Art. 107, para. 1, items 12-14,

deriving from ZRASRB, art. 21, para. 1 and the Regulations for implementing ZRASRB, art. 51, para. 1 and art. 54.

**This means that the candidate Senior Assistant Professor Yordanka Stoinova Nikolova, Ph.D. meets the conditions for eligibility to participate in the competition.**

## **2. Justification of the candidate's selection criteria.**

The guidelines for evaluating the candidate are the wording of the competition on the cipher and the derived scientific specialty, as well as the Regulations for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at SU "St. Kl. Ohridski" (in accordance with the RSARB and the Rules for implementing the RSARB) under Art. 112, Paragraph 1 and according to the fulfillment of the conditions under Art. 105, para. 1 and in accordance with the results of the inquiries under Art. 107, para. 1, items 12-14.

## **3. Candidate evaluation criteria.**

### ***3.1. Education and professional realization.***

**Senior Assistant Professor Yordanka Stoinova Nikolova Ph.D.** obtained the qualification "Specialist in Pedagogy, Teacher and Educator", specialization "Educational Management" and second major "Bulgarian Language and Literature" in 1992 at the Faculty of Pedagogy, SU "Kliment Ohridski", major "Pedagogy". In 2015, he obtained the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" after successfully defending his dissertation on the topic "Formation of communicative and speech competence among students in the initial stage of the basic educational degree through the study of Bulgarian language and literature". In the period 2017-2024, he held the positions of assistant and chief assistant at the Faculty of Pedagogy, Department of Theory of Education, and since 2023 he has been a member of the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria.

The completed specializations and courses in various Higher Schools and organizations, as well as the acquired second-class qualification, are impressive. Professionally, there is also her realization as a primary teacher, as well as the fact that she is the author of teaching aids.

**Conclusion:** In Senior Assistant Professor Yordanka Nikolova, Ph.D. has a consistent academic career and professional growth in the context of the announced competition for associate professor in professional direction 1.2 Pedagogy (Family Pedagogy, Andragogy).

### ***3.2. Applicant's teaching experience.***

According to the presented references **Senior Assistant Professor Yordanka Nikolova, Ph.D.** has the necessary experience and academic employment as a teacher in the three specialties of the Faculty of Pedagogy, related to the disciplines "Family Pedagogy", "Andragogy", "Diagnostics and Development of Learning Skills", "Project-Based Approaches in education", "Professional-personal profile of the teacher", "School for parents", "Qualification and redeployment of labor force", "Methodical requirements for the education of adults", "Family and deviant behavior of children", "Modern marriage and the modern family" in OCS "Bachelor" and OCS "Master", with the presence of electronic courses created in the Moodle learning environment.

Not without importance are the courses provided by her for activities in a practical environment outside the university, including study trips and master classes. He is the supervisor of graduates who have successfully defended their diplomas and a reviewer of theses.

There are also participations in a number of national and international projects related to the profile of the competition.

**Conclusion:** **Senior Assistant Professor Yordanka Nikolova, Ph.D.** is a teacher who implements an effective educational process for the preparation and career development of student teachers, which is evident from the specifics of the

disciplines that are part of the competition profile. There is academic professionalism in working with students and graduates as a teacher and mentor.

### ***3.3. Publication activity of the candidate.***

In the competition, the candidate participates with a scientific production that is in line with the announced competition, meets the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of ZRASRB, in accordance with Art. 24, paragraph 1 of the same law.

**In structural terms**, the scientific production of Senior Assistant Professor Yordanka Nikolova, Ph.D. as a sum of all publications includes 43 such, dissertation, monograph, studies in print, 9 participations with reports in proceedings of international scientific conferences held abroad, 10 participations with reports published in proceedings of international conferences , held in Bulgaria, 15 participations with reports published in proceedings of national conferences and 6 articles published in scientific-methodical journals published in Bulgaria.

The author participated in the competition with 22 publications - monographs, articles and reports published in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information, articles and reports published in non-refereed journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes, studies, published in a non-refereed peer-reviewed journal.

24 citations related to the contest profile were noted.

**In terms of content**, the defining part of the publications of Senior Assistant Professor Dr. Yordanka Nikolova Ph.D. according to the wording of the competition, with the following main emphasis: the role of the family as a determining factor for personal development; increasing the life-pedagogical culture of parents; approaches and technologies stimulating the educational

motivation of adults; optimization of the educational process in higher education institutions in a practical-applied plan through the application of new methods and tools.

In the monograph "Perspectives on family life and parenting in the context of family pedagogy", the author examines problems of modern society related to the role of an unfavorable family environment as a factor in provoking aggressive and deviant behavior and the unpreparedness of modern parents to fully fulfill their functions in the context of "creating lasting family relationships and responsible parenting" through unified educational orientations, mastering and applying an inductive technique, including listening, understanding, putting the child in the place and absence of "infantile amnesia".

On the basis of this rationale Senior Assistant Professor Dr. Yordanka Nikolova Ph.D. conducted an experimental study aimed at establishing the readiness of young people for family life and parenthood in the context of the factors that influence them, the qualities of partners, life experience, ideas about family, the role of "parent" and the model of parental behavior, the presence or absence of topics related to family education in school subjects. There are also formative projections related to activities in the educational system for building competences for life in a partnership and parenting. The conclusions summarize the achievements of the development, in the monograph there is the interrelationship between the thematic highlights included in the competition profile.

The main highlights of the studies, articles and reports submitted for participation in the competition are in the context of the candidate's monograph and the profile of the competition.

**Senior Assistant Professor Yordanka Nikolova, Ph.D.** covers and

exceeds the scientometric indicators related to the minimum national requirements for participation in the competition.

**Conclusion:** Structurally, the candidate Senior Assistant Professor Yordanka Nikolova, Ph.D. meets the minimum national requirements under Art. 26 of the ZRASRB for scientific field 1. Pedagogical sciences for the occupation of the academic position "associate professor". In terms of content, the publications have scientific merit and are on the topic of the competition.

### ***3.4. Scientific contributions of the candidate.***

I accept and agree with the submissions made by the applicant.

Broadly speaking, they can be summarized as follows:

#### **Theoretical contributions.**

- The relationship between the positive relations between family partners as a prerequisite for the adequate social-personal development of their children is analyzed and conceptually substantiated;

- There are methodological parameters and guidelines for stimulating positive family upbringing through a developed system of activities for the formation of competences for life in a family and parenting in a school environment;

#### **Practical and experimental contributions.**

- There is an approved author's model for researching and stimulating the values of young people related to family life, their views on the significant qualities that a modern partner should possess, the roles of the woman and the man, of the mother and the father in the family and in the upbringing of the child, the style and methods of upbringing preferred by the respondents in the family;

- The author's approach combines qualitative and quantitative research methods for data collection - survey and projective method of incomplete sentences.

**Conclusion:** The candidate Senior Assistant Professor Yordanka Nikolova, Ph.D. has made scientific and practical contributions in the field of family pedagogy and andragogy.

**Question for the candidate.**

How valid is the hypothesis about the influence of mass communication media on the relationship of young couples and as a projection, as models of parental behavior?

**Conclusion and selection proposal for the competition.**

- The candidate in the current competition meets the requirements of the RSASR, the Regulations for its application, the minimum national requirements and the additional requirements of the "St. Kliment Ohridski" from the Regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at SU "St. Kliment Ohridski".

This gives me the reason to propose with conviction to the members of the respected Scientific Jury to prepare a report-proposal to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Pedagogy at SU "St. Kliment Ohridski" **for awarding the academic position of "associate professor" in the field of higher education: 1. Pedagogical sciences, Professional direction 1.2. Pedagogy (Family pedagogy, Andragogy) of Senior Assistant Professor Yordanka Nikolova, Ph.D. for the needs of the Faculty of Pedagogy, SU "St. Kliment Ohridski".**

**Date: 20.03.2024 Member of the Scientific Jury:**

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