

Attitude

by Prof. DSc Tania Yordanova Todorova

University of Library Studies and Information Technologies (ULSIT)

about the scientific publications of Assoc. Prof. DSc Tsvetanka Hristova Pancheva, presented at the competition for occupying the academic position “Professor” in field of higher education 3. Social Science, Economic Science and Law, professional field 3.5. Public Communications and Information Sciences (Book Science, Librarianship and Bibliography - Digitization of Cultural Heritage, Regional Information Systems), for the needs of the Department of Library and Information Studies and Cultural Policy at Faculty of Philosophy at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, published in SG, 93/11.26.2019.

Contest information. Grounds for submitting the opinion: Participation in the scientific jury for conducting a competition for occupying the academic position “Professor”, in accordance with Order No. PД38-38/17.01.2020 of the Rector of Sofia University Prof. Dr. Habil. Anastas Gerdzhiakov.

General characteristics of the applicant's activity (biographical information, teaching, participation in research teams, practical activity)

Since September 2014, Assoc. Prof. DSc Tsvetanka Pancheva is a lecturer at the Department of Library and Information Studies and Cultural Policy at Faculty of Philosophy at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”. Her long professional career as a library specialist and researcher is affiliated with the National Library “St. St. Cyril and Methodius” and with the Sofia City Library. In the period 2009-2014 she was the Head of the Digital Library Department of the National Library “St. St. Cyril and Methodius” - a position that highlights her as an expert practitioner on the subject of this competition. The teaching activity of Tsvetanka Pancheva for AY 2018/2019 includes more than 600 teaching hours. As a part-time lecturer, she teaches undergraduate and master's courses at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” in the period 1995-2014 and at University of Library Studies and Information Technologies from 2004 to 2018. She has authored two dissertations, titled: “Local Studies in Bulgaria: Bibliographic and Book Sciences

Approach” (2018, Doctor of Science) and “Current State and Problems of organization of Local Librarianship and Bibliographic activity” (1994, PhD). She is a leader and member of research teams of a number of projects with national and European funding.

She is actively engaged in expert and consulting activities as a member at the International Association for Bulgarian Studies (2014-), the Bulgarian Library and Information Association (1991-), the Union of Local Studies in Bulgaria - a founding member (1990-) and at the National Council for the Digitization of Cultural Heritage (2012-2014).

Applicant's scientific and applied activity (Evaluation of the publications submitted for participation in the competition)

Assoc. Prof. DSc Tsvetanka Pancheva is a professional and scholar with consistent and in-depth scientific interests and publishing activities on the issues of digitalization, digitalization in libraries and standards for information discovery of digitized sources; international digital libraries and portals; Bulgarian local studies, local bibliography and local electronic information; retrospective national bibliography and personal bibliography.

The presented by Tsv. Pancheva documentations and materials proved the fulfillment of the minimum scientific-metric national requirements under Article 2b from Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the requirements for occupying the academic position “Professor” under the regulations and rules for its implementation at Sofia University.

A total of 26 publications were presented - 2 monographs; one documentary study in three volumes (co-authored, separation protocol attached), 4 studies (1 co-authored) and 19 articles and reviews (4 co-authored). Relevant to the competition issues are the attached bibliographic data for participation as a scientific editor of 4 bibliographic works. From the scientific articles - 7 titles are in foreign languages, and 2 of them have been published, with some changes, in Bulgarian and in foreign language.

It is necessary to emphasize that in the documentation are duly presented references for indexed and cited publications of Assoc. Prof. DSc Tsvetanka Pancheva. They prove the knowledge and presence of her works in scientific communication at national and international level.

Achievements and original scientific contributions (major scientific and applied contributions)

The presented works for participation in this competition for “Professor” highlight original scientific contributions in several thematic areas: *history, theory and contemporary dimensions of Bulgarian local studies* (monograph "Book projections of local or Bulgarian local studies from the National Revival until today" (2019)) [No. 2] and other publications); *traditions and transformations of the regional bibliography* (the monograph “Bibliographical and digital dimensions of the Bulgarian local studies” (2019) [№1] and other works); *the digitalization of written cultural heritage in terms of achievements, problems and perspectives*. In the third thematic area, the candidate submits 1 studies and 9 articles. In them the scientific contributions are related to research on the following sub-topics: digitalization in Bulgarian libraries; digitalization and digital collections of the National Library “St. St. Cyril and Methodius”; digitalization and digital local history collections as part of the local literary heritage; international digital libraries; personal bibliographies (Prof. Al. Teodorov-Balan, Dr. M. Stoyanov, Dr. D. Ivanchev, Ts. Tsvetanov, Prof. M. Kovachev, etc.). The editorial and reviewer activity of Tsv. Pancheva is a valuable contribution, also.

Here I will focus on the original and contributory nature of the two major works presented for that competition.

The monography “Bibliographical and digital dimensions of the Bulgarian local studies” (2019) [No. 1] fills a gap in Bulgarian scientific literature. The new knowledge is in the examination of local bibliography by interpreting a complex of problems, such as: clarifying the terminological boundaries of the concept; the detailed presentation of its species structure; issues of digitalization of local documents and the impact of digitalization projects and their products on the system of local bibliography (creation of digital resources with local content; building information structures for searching and accessing the digital regional resources; establishment of new services, etc.).

The main contributions of the second monographic study entitled “Book projections of local or Bulgarian local studies from the National Revival to the present day” (2019) highlight the complex nature of the research and the extensive chronological period during which local history in Bulgaria is studied. The chosen by Tsv. Pancheva research approach is original. The publications and databases of retrospective and current national bibliography of Bulgaria serve as

a methodological basis, which allows for a multifaceted analysis of the literature and periodicals on local history in a wider context. The bibliometric analyses is based on a number of features. Through the processing of this large set of data the author highlight not only the specificities of the local publishing activity, but also the personal achievements of prominent figures and researchers, and the transformations in the very paradigm of local studies in the different periods of their development. I accept the author's view that a special contribution of the study is the in-depth study of the development of theoretical research in that scientific field.

Assoc. Prof. Pancheva contributes in preparation of students at library and information sciences with development and teaching of various academic disciplines, such as “Digitalization”, “Local Bibliography”, “Regional Studies and Local History”, “Local Electronic Resources”.

Recommendations

Assoc. Prof. Tsvetanka Pancheva purposefully accumulates her professional and scientific achievements in the field of digitalization of cultural heritage and regional information systems. My recommendation is to continue participating in various forms of communication of scientific results at home and abroad, as well as teaching in academic forms of education and in various continuing education trainings for professionals.

Conclusion

The scientific works presented by Assoc. Prof. Tsvetanka Pancheva for participation in the competition for academic position “Professor” are selected in view of their thematic and conceptual connection with the announced competition. The summary of the publications correctly systematizes and reflects to the achieved original research results.

Her profile of a competent scientist, lecturer and practitioner in the relevant thematic area is complemented by achievements in project, review, editorial and expert activities.

Based on the presented documentation and on the familiarizing with the pedagogical practice and teaching activity, as well as the scientific publications and contributions of Assoc. Prof. DSc Tsvetanka Pancheva and according to Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”’s regulations for applying the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and rules for its implementation I declare that the candidate meets the requirement for occupying the

academic position “Professor” in field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional field 3.5. Public Communications and Information Sciences (Book Knowledge, Librarianship, Bibliography - Digitization of Cultural Heritage, Regional Information Systems), for the needs of the Department of Library and Information Studies and Cultural Policy at Faculty of Philosophy at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, according the competition, announced in SG, 93/11.26.2019.

03/09/2020 Prepared by:

Prof. DSc Tania Todorova