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of

Assoc. prof. Boryana Tumanova, PhD

Member of a scientific jury,
appointed with ordinance № RD 38-182/05.05.2020
of the Rector of University "St. Kliment Ohridski of Sofia

Regarding: Contest for the academic position „**Professor**“ in professional direction
1.3. Pedagogy of ...(Physical Education in – football), announced in SN, ed.
21/13.03.2020,

Candidate: Assoc. prof. Georgi Vladimirov Ignatov, PhD

Lecturer in SGMS, Sport Department, University "St. Kliment Ohridski of Sofia

Professional background

Educational and social activities of the applicant

Georgi Ignatov graduated from the National Sport Academy "Vasil Levski". He obtained Bachelor Degree for Teacher in Physical Education and Sport and for Football Coach, and Master Degree for Sport at School and Leisure. He has PhD in the professional direction of the scientific specialty: 05.07.05 Theory and Methodology of Physical Education and Sport Training (including Methodology of the Healing Physical Culture).

He works as an assoc. prof. at University "St. Kliment Ohridski of Sofia. The applicant has qualifications and skills, some of which are: development of project proposals, management and participation in projects, organization of congresses and scientific forums, international relationships. Educator, expert and researcher, Georgi Ignatov is the author of monographic work dedicated to football refereeing. In 2005, he became Physical Education Teacher of the Year, as well as Coach of the Year of Sofia University for 2010 and 2019. He was awarded by AUS for his contribution to the development and validation of the university sport in Bulgaria. He has been organizer and participant in a number of international scientific congresses, projects, scientific and practical conferences, symposiums and sport forums. At the present, he is the Head of the Department of Sports Games and Mountain Sports. He is the Chairman of "Academic-Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" Sports Club. He is also the Chairman of the Football Technical Commission at AUS "Academic". Currently he is a referee football observer as well as a member of the National Football Refereeing Commission. Lecturer at the Bulgarian Football Coaching School. He has led three

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successfully defended PhD students. He has 96 scientific works in the field of Physical Education and Sports.

For contest's reviewing, the applicant has submitted: monograph work with a volume of 253 pages; 1 studio work and 36 publications and articles, of which 13 independent.

The contributions and solutions in the scientific work of Georgi Ignatov could be considered in several directions:

Direction: Mythology in sport

The candidate enriches and expands the knowledge in the Theory and Methodology of Physical Education and Sport as well as in football and football refereeing by examining in detail its theoretic foundations and applied aspects. In his work, he develops effectively the management, policy and points out the responsible structures in the educational process in the Faculty of Sciences for Education and Arts' programme "Physical Education and Sport" of the University "St. Kliment Ohridski". (21,25,27,35,38)

The author provides theoretical information about the modern concepts in the development of football refereeing and presents his researches on optimising football-refereeing activities. He addresses the issues related to the specificity, the state and the effectiveness of this process (1,2,6)

Direction: Organization in sport

Ignatov researches, analyzes and systematizes the management of sport among the students of Sofia University. He examines and analyzes the programme "Sport" and "Sport-football", set as "electoral – compulsory" subject in the curricula of the 16 faculties of Sofia University. (4,5,24,33,36,37). The author gives basic knowledge in the field of sports activities during leisure and the role of the University as a factor for organizing students' spare time (in Bulgaria and other countries).(12,18,26,30,31). He also presents the contemporary challenges related to the physical activity of students in the field of higher education in Bulgaria. (10,11,13,20,23,28,29,34).

Direction: Scientific research.

The author has explored the areas of competencies that form the state of University Sport and in particular the student football in the Republic of Bulgaria. (7,8,9,14,15,16,17,19,22,32). Ignatov studies the students' attitude of to the subject "Physical

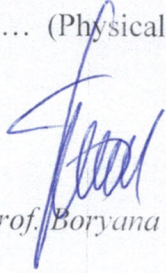
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education and sport".(5) For the first time in Bulgaria, he examines the functional load of football referees during official matches and makes important summaries and conclusions, based on the comparison and analysis for increasing football referees' the qualification. (1) Ignatov provides contemporary scientific research related to sports and technical actions and the physical work performed by leading young football referees, engaged in the Bulgarian First League matches, as well as by international football referees during international matches held in Bulgaria. (2,6) He enriches the Sports Theory with researches in football and beach football. Обогаत्याва спортната теория с изследвания свързани с женският футбол. (36,37). Ignatov makes studies and analysis in the field of women's football. (3,33)

Conclusion

All of the above mentioned facts, as well as candidate's long-standing and rich, scientific activity, his huge contribution to the development of the programme "Physical Education and Sport" of the Faculty of Sciences in Education and Arts at University "St. Kliment Ohridski", and his contribution to the enrichment of football refereeing activities in Bulgaria, give me the reason to make a positive assessment for awarding of the scientific title "Professor" to Assoc. prof. Georgi Ignatov, PhD, in the professional direction 1.3. Pedagogy of ... (Physical Education in – football),

14.08.2020


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