

STATEMENT

From Professor Emilia Evgenieva, PhD

on materials, for associate professor competition
at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"
in area of high education 1. Pedagogical science,
professional direction 1.2. Pedagogic

In the competition for "associate professor", declared in Bulgarian state Gazette, number 57 from 26.06.2020. As the only participant, assist. Prof. Blagovesna Stoyanova Yovkova participates with 1 habilitation work, 1 monograph on dissertation, 12 articles and reports in referenced and indexed scientific publications, 9 articles and reports publications in unreferenced journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes. The monographs and articles has full text content and with authenticated publication. There is a reference with the university library in SU "St. Kliment Ohridski" about high factor of influence of publications.

The overall scientific production of the candidate includes: 2 monographs, 30 articles, 1 studios, 3 textbooks, 1 guide.

The minimum requirements for holding this position are as follows:

Group A. 50 points,

Group C. 100 points,

Group D. 268.8 points,

Group E. 225 points.

The scientific production of the participant covers the minimum requirements for the appointment of an associate professor.

1. Short biographical data on the participant

Blagovesna Stoyanova Yovkova has completed two master's programs – "Bulgarian language and literature and lecturer in secondary schools" and "Special pedagogy, hearing-speech rehabilitation", and since 2010 she has acquired an educational and scientific degree "PhD". Since 2013 he has been a lecturer in the Faculty of Pedagogy

In the presented biography, assist.prof. Blagovesna Yovkova points her internship as a teacher at the school for hearing-impaired children at “Prof. Decho Denev PhD”. This period corresponding with her master degree of special education. This fact shows her responsible attitude to professional realisation.

The same responsible style of development is observed in terms of her training in a PhD program. During this period she did international specialization. The disciplines she covers are aimed at strengthening her research skills.

Last, but not least, is the specialization in the use of IT in training, in which area are her main publications on the competition for associate professor.

The facts presented by assist. Prof. Blagovesna Yovkova PhD are evidence of her systemicity and purposefulness in the stages of training and professional development and realization. Qualities that are significant for the position of associate professor for which she applies.

2. General characteristics of the applicant's activities

The scientific and scientific and applied activities of the participant could be presented in several directions:

- ICT in education
- Training of children and adults with special portfolios
- Inclusive education

In these areas are also guided lecture courses and exercises. Addressed in continuity the problems covering the subjects in undergraduate and master's programs developed by assist. prof. Yovcheva, PhD, present a certain integrity. The theory and methodology of e-learning are clarified in terms of the design of the electronic environment, the problems of creating electronic resources, the design and specificity of the assessment in the electronic environment.

Participation in projects is also directly related to the sought-after digital environment of the training process in lecture courses. Since 2008, interest has focused on the processes that take place in the electronic environment of education and circumcised education. It is working on the issues of the transfer of good practices, the establishment of the Integrated University Center, the development and improvement of the potential of university lecturers, as well as work on the issues of evaluation in the electronic environment. Thus, for the last ten years, the participant's

attention has been on the problems of the digital environment and the possibilities for its full application in education and higher education in particular.

3. Scientific and scientific-applied contributions

The main research interests, the scientific and scientific and applied achievements of The Ace. Dr. Blagovesna Yovcheva can be separated in terms of:

- The preparation of future pedagogical specialists
 - Creating prerequisites in the process of professional preparation of students from pedagogical specialties for building digital competence and skills for working in a virtual environment.
 - Development of "serious games" for the formation of practical skills in future specialists.
 - Exploring opportunities for persons with special training needs in higher education institutions
 - Opportunities and access of persons with special educational needs to education and higher education. The main aim in the participant's habilitation monograph and a major part of the articles presented in the contest. The main trends in the development of the topic are described and the positive and limiting effects of the entry of interactive electronic resources into the process of training children and students with special educational needs, in particular with impaired hearing, are systematized. The results of the surveys present the picture with regard to the trainers (educators and teachers) as well as to the learners.
 - Study and description of the specifics in the development of the conditions of the digital environment for training of persons with special needs, subject to research, development and analysis in the projects and publications there on them from 2012 – 2019. An analysis shall be carried out first of all of the information of the teaching staff about the differences and needs of students with special needs for a different approach in the learning process, as well as the readiness of teachers to do so. It also analyzes the possibilities of different electronic formats to provide a more accessible environment for both teachers in the preparation of the learning content and students in their absorption.

- Practical training of hearing-impaired students in school pronunciation.
- The teaching aids have a practical application of modern trends in the training of hearing-impaired students in the beginning of the new digital literacy.

4. Assessment of the participant's personal contribution.

The personal contribution of assist.prof. Blagovesna Yovcheva for the development of information technology in the training process is significant and its practical aspects are applicable. Since most of the publications are in a team, it shows her possibility for working in the joint field of difference and commensurateness of points of view and strategies.

5. Critical remarks and recommendations.

In the publications of the assist.prof. Yovcheva has clearly highlighted analytical moments of leading theories, which are simple analyzed in terms of international and national strategies and policies in the field. Finding this interaction would be contributing to the next stage of its science-applied searches.

Conclusion

The documents and materials submitted by assist.prof. Blagovesna Yovcheva meets all the requirements of the Law on Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria.

The participant in the competition has submitted a sufficient number of scientific papers published after the materials used to protect the ONS "PhD". In the work of the candidate there are original scientific and applied contributions, which have received international recognition as a representative part of them are published in journals and scientific collections published by international academic publishing houses. Its theoretical developments have practical application, some of which are directly oriented towards the learning work.

After familiarization with the materials and scientific papers presented in the competition, the analysis of their significance and the scientific, scientific and applied contributions contained therein, I find it reasonable to give my positive assessment and propose to the esteemed Specialized Jury to award her the academic position "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical Sciences, Professional Direction 1.2. Education.

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