

## **REVIEW**

By Associate Professor Jasmin Todorova Tsankova, PhD at South-West University “Neofit Rilski” - Blagoevgrad, Member of the Scientific Jury as set in Order by the Rector of the Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” No. RD 38-445 / 23.09.2020.

**In regards to:** Contest for appointing the academic position “PROFESSOR”

### **I. Information about the contest and its procedure.**

Contest for appointing the academic position “Professor” in professional strand 1.3. Pedagogy of education in ... (Physical education and sport – basketball), announced in the State Gazette, Issue 67 / 28.07.2020, as well as on the website of the SU for the needs of the Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” (SU), Department of Sports (DS). No violations have been performed during the different stages of the announcement procedure for the competition.

### **II. Information about the contest candidate.**

There is one candidate who participates in the announced competition – Assoc.Prof. Iren Yordanova Peltekova, PhD. She has graduated from high school in 1986 at Secondary Sports School “Chavdar” (CCY „Чавдар”) - Sofia. During the period 1988-1992, she has graduated with bachelor's and master's degrees from the NSA “Vasil Levski” with the two university majors: Teacher of Physical Education and Sports (PES), and Basketball Training Coach. In 2012, after the defense of a dissertation thesis on the topic: “Methodology for teaching basketball in the environment conditions of university education”, Iren Peltekova was awarded the scientific degree “Doctor” of Pedagogical Science (PhD) 1.3. Pedagogy of education (Methodology of basketball education and training).

The candidate, Assoc.Prof. Peltekova, was a long-time basketball player: from 1975 to 1979 in a students’ sports school at 81<sup>st</sup> Primary School, Nadezhda Municipality - Sofia; 1979-1986 and 1991-1992 at “Lokomotiv” (Sofia) - adolescents, girls, women - Group A; 1986-1987 at the women’s team of

“September Glory” / “*Septemvriyska Slava*” (Montana), and at the women's team of “Slavia” (Sofia) from 1987 to 1988.

After her active competitive activity, Iren Peltekova has worked as a basketball coach at BC “BUBA”, and a part-time associate lecture at the NSA “V. Levski” and the Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, and has achieved the following successes: Student basketball champion with NSA team (women) - 1999; Student basketball champion with the team of Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” (women) - 2014 and 2015; Student champion as a 3x3 basketball coach with a team of Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” (women) - 2015 and 2019. As of 2003, after a contest procedure, she was appointed Assistant of Sports – basketball at the SU; Chief Assistant as of 2005, and an Associate Professor in 1.3. Pedagogy of education in... at the SU “St. Kliment Ohridski” as of 2014. During her pedagogical work she participated in, and was the compiler and creator of, a series of curricula: in “Sports-basketball” for faculties and specialty majors at the Sofia University; in “Sports - sports development and improvement in basketball” for the Department of Sports; in “Sport-1” and “Sport-2” for the Faculty of Journalism and Mass Communication (FJMC), majors Public Relations, Journalism, Book Publishing, and Communication Management; in “Methodology of education and training in handball” for the PES at the Faculty of Science in Education and Arts (FSEA); in “Methodology of education and training in basketball” for the PES at the FSEA; in “Sports preparation and training – modern trends and approaches” for the PES at the FSEA; in “Sports and health education” for the PES at the FSEA. Professional engagement and active participation in the activities of the Department of Sports and other faculties at the SU.

In my opinion, the above-stated information about the candidate, regarding her scientific-educational degrees, the occupied academic positions, the applied scientific and public activity, are in full compliance with the necessary requirements for the competition for appointing the academic position “Professor”.

### **III. Characteristics of the presented scientific work and publications.**

The presented scientific work and publications by Iren Peltekova, for the contest for a “Professor” appointment at the professional strand 1.3. Pedagogy of education in PES (Basketball), are the following:

1 monograph, 1 book, 1 textbook (teaching/study aid materials), 2 articles in a referenced and indexed journal (Web of Science), 3 articles in scientific journals in our country, 3 articles in journals abroad, 8 papers (report articles) published in proceedings of International scientific conferences in our country, and 1 paper report published in the proceedings of an International scientific conference held abroad. All of the 20 submitted scientific works and publications are in compliance and correspond with the specialty area of this contest.

Supervision of one successfully defended Doctoral candidate.

According to all data from the applied report for meeting the minimum national requirements per Art.2b from the Law for Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (LDASRB) for the scientific area 1. Pedagogical science, professional strand 1.3. Pedagogy of education in ..., the candidate meets all criteria with the respective values in groups, as follows: A – 50 points; C – 100 points; D – 271 pts; E – 150 pts; F – 180 pts. The values on these criteria utterly comply and exceed the set requirements for taking the position of “Professor” at the Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”.

#### **IV. Scientific and applied-scientific contribution.**

The thorough review of the submitted scientific work by Assoc.Prof. Iren Peltekova, allows the following summaries to be made for the scientific and applied contributions of her scientific developments:

1. In the field of sports training of students from training-profiled groups in basketball – publications with numbers (2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16). The methodology of basketball training of students from study (profiled) groups during the semesters and during the training and sports practices, developed and implemented in basketball training two methodological models, the second one being the only one of its kind in our country so far; improving the means of physical education and sports used for fitness (condition) training of students – developed and implemented a specialized program based on physical development and physical training of students before and during the school year; establishing the level of training of students and safe physical activity during basketball training practice activities; improving the quality of organization of basketball classes with students – establishing the overall and motor (motive-power) density of the basketball lesson within two academic hours (90 minutes)

and developing motor skills with the means of the basketball game; history of basketball at the Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, historical references for teachers, rankings of representative teams (men and women), in Bulgaria and abroad, for a 90-years’ period of time.

2. In the area of the competencies of the sports trainers / lectures at the higher-education institutes – “Feedback” (feedback collected) from the students, as a tool for improving the quality of education in sports and particularly in basketball – publications with numbers (7, 8, 9, 14, 17, 19). Studying and research of various aspects in the self-assessment of the personal and professional qualities of the teachers, and the assessment of these qualities by the students – feedback and level of coincidence (matching) between the self-assessment and assessment scores; study of the impact of students’ feedback on improving the quality of education – timely addressing and correction of the identified problem topics, through communication between the parties involved in the pedagogical process.

## **V. Conclusion.**

The analysis of the submitted for review scientific publications and the accompanying documentation in regards to the scientific-research, educational and public works and activities of Iren Peltekova, are sufficient grounds, with full confidence from my part to suggest to the Council of the Department of Sports at the Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, to grant and appoint Assoc.Prof. Iren Yordanova Peltekova, PhD, the academic position of “Professor” in the professional strand 1.3. Pedagogy of education in ... (Physical education and sport – basketball).

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Member of the Jury: .....

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