

## **OPINION**

**on a competition for holding the scientific position “PROFESSOR”, on Professional direction 1.3. Pedagogy of Physical culture and sports education (basketball), Sport Department of Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski”, Sofia “Sport games and mountain sports” Department, announced in SN, issue. 67/28.07.2020  
by Prof. Galina Petrova Diakova, PhD**

### **1. DATA OF THE COMPETITION**

The competition announced is for a Professor on Professional direction 1.3. Pedagogy of education on Physical culture and sports (basketball), for the needs of Sport Department of Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski”, Sofia, “Sport games and mountain sports” Department announced in SN, issue.67/28.07.2020.

The only Applicant in the competition is Ass. Prof. Iren Yordanova Peltekova, PhD who has been on a regular labour contract at the Sport Department of Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski”, Sofia since 1999.

**The procedure on the competition has been observed. There are no infringements.**

### **2. DATA OF THE APPLICANT**

Ass. Prof. Iren Peltekova is a lecturer at Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski“, on Sports, Basketball-sport, Methods of basketball teaching, Sport and Health education and Sport preparation – contemporary tendencies and approaches.

She defended a dissertation paper in November 2012 on the theme „Methods of education on basketball at the conditions of university education“.

She attained an academic rank in October 2014. The Applicant has been a Deputy Director of Sport Department since March 2018 up to now, Head of „Sport Games and mountain sports“ Department, in the period 2011 –

November, 2017. She has been a Head of Master's programme „Sport activities and tourism“, since October 2016. Her scientific interests are in the fields: Sport Pedagogy and Physical culture; Methods of education; Basketball; University sport; Sport Psychology; Sport and Health; Professional preparation of students.

She is a scientific head of three doctoral students - one of them has defended a dissertation.

Iren Peltekova has been connected to basketball since her childhood. As a contestant and trainer she has gained prestigious results at state and international tournaments.

Her professional development could be divided into two directions – teaching and training practices, winning valuable medals and awards. The development of Ass. Prof. Peltekova has been marked by high professionalism, devotion and big results in both directions.

The Applicant possesses excellent organizational skills and competencies, realized in an extremely wide social activity, including membership and heading in organizations, boards and editorial staffs. Iren Peltekova shows high responsibility, communication skills, creativity and team work skills, at the realization of the responsibilities undertaken as a lecturer, trainer and head at Sofia University.

She has participated eight scientific projects, being a head on two of them.

Language command - Russian - level B1/B2 and English language - level A2/B1. Technical skills - Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point, Publisher), some knowledge on graphic design (PhotoShop), Internet.

### **3. DESCRIPTION OF SCIENTIFIC PAPERS AND SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS**

The research activity of Assoc. Prof. Peltekova, PhD and the topics of the scientific papers presented by her are entirely in the field of the competition. Assoc. prof. Peltekova, PhD meets the minimum national requirements (EOM)

under Art. 1a. (New, SG No. 56/2018, effective 06.07.2018), Art. 2b, par. 2 and 3 of ZRASRB (in PN 1.3. Pedagogy of education in...) and the requirements of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" for holding the position of "Full Professor".

I have not found any plagiarism proven in accordance with the law in the scientific papers submitted at the competition.

The Applicant for holding the academic position „PROFESSOR” has presented summarized information of the publications presented for participation at the competition:

1. Monograph – 1 copy
2. Book – 1 copy
3. Reference book – 1 copy
4. Articles in Reference and Indexed Journals – 2 copies (Web of Science)
5. Articles in scientific journals in Bulgaria – 3 copies
6. Articles in scientific journals abroad – 3 copies
7. Reports from Scientific conferences in Bulgaria – 8 copies
8. Reports from Scientific conferences abroad – 1 copy

Scientific contributions could be distributed into the following areas:

- Professional preparation of sport-pedagogical personnel (future teachers on physical education and sport) – six publications with numbers 1, 3, 6, 11, 18, 20.
- Sport preparation of students from educational-profiled groups on basketball – eight publications with numbers 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16.
- Competencies of sport teachers at higher schools – „Feedback” by students, as a way for improvement of the quality of education on sport and basketball in particular – six publications with numbers 7, 8, 9, 14, 17, 19.

The developed and approbated scientific investigations are author's ones, original and innovation. The presented publications have a strong practical

direction and update the theory and practice of the subjects the Applicant is teaching on. They are with underlined scientific-theoretical and practically-applied contribution and are distinguished by aspiration towards approaching the education on basketball in higher school in the Republic of Bulgaria to the level of European standards.

Monograph „Assessment of the technical skills on basketball. Professional preparation of teachers on Physical culture and sports” is something new for the sport literature here. It is directed to university lecturers, sport experts, trainers, teachers on Physical culture and sports, contestants. It contains important for the sport science theoretical and investigation part. Specialized system for assessment and control of technical skills on basketball has been developed in it for both sexes from the specialty „Physical culture and sports“, basing a developed, approbated and introduced into practice innovation model, from eight specific basketball tests.

In the book „University basketball”, two models for education on basketball have been developed, one of them being unique of the kind here until now, and the developed aggregate of basketball exercises for shooting and condition preparation of students is with a certain significance for the practice.

Educational guide “Basketball competitions. Organizational directions and refereeing“ is with an important practical contribution.

Iren Peltekova is a participant at 39 national and international scientific conferences in the country and abroad.

The Applicant in the competition indicates 15 quotations.

#### **4. TEACHING ACTIVITY**

Ass. Prof. Dr. Iren Peltekova delivers lecture courses and ensures the education by lectures at Sofia university to students – Educational Qualification Degrees „Bachelor“ and “Master“. She is engaged with practical and seminar exercises on subjects, that are obligatory form of education, one of them being both in elective and optional form of education. She has contact classes and out-

contact-classes engagements, the first one prevailing. She developed and applied seven educational programmes into the educational process, for students from SU „St. Kliment Ohridski“. The educational employment of the Applicant covers fully the requirements of the competition announced for the academic position „Professor“.

## **5. CONCLUSION**

Ass. Prof. Dr. Iren Peltekova possesses an excellent theoretically-applied preparation. She is an established scientist and esteemed university lecturer. Her papers contain valuable theoretic, practically-applied contributions to the sport science. Her nomination on the present competition covers all requirements and criteria set by the Law for development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulation for its application and normative requirements of SU „St. Kliment Ohridski“. It is a ground enough for giving our positive vote regarding her election on the academic position “PROFESSOR”, on Professional direction 1.3. Pedagogy of education on Physical culture and sports (basketball) recommending the esteemed members of the specialized jury to confirm this vote.

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