OPINION
from Prof. Kostadin Kirilov Kostov, PhD,

About: Competition for the occupation of the academic position "Associate Professor" by professional direction 1.3. Pedagogy of training in/ physical education and sport - fitness disciplines/, for the needs of the Sports Department of SU "Kl. Ohridski" announced in SG No. 24/17.03.2023, under professional direction 1.3. Pedagogy of training in/ physical education and sport - fitness disciplines/, announced in SG No. 24/16.03.2018 By order No. RD 38 – 168 /19.04.2023 of the Rector of Sofia University, St. Kliment Ohridski" I am included in the scientific jury. With the protocol of the first meeting of the scientific jury No. 1/22.05.2023, I am appointed to prepare an opinion.

The candidate for the competition is  Chief  Assistant Petya Stoyanova Hristova, Ph.D., lecturer at the Department of "Individual Sports and Recreation", Department of Sports, Sofia University, St. Kliment Ohridski".

Candidate Career Profile:

Education: 1992 - 1996: Bachelor and Master, Vasil Levski National Sports Academy, Sofia.
2017 - ESD "doctor" in scientific field "pedagogy", professional direction 1.3.

Positions held:

2015–2017: assistant in professional direction 1.3. in the Department of Sports of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"

2017 – chief assistant in professional direction 1.3. in the Sports Department of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"

2021 - Head of the Department of "Individual Sports and Recreation" of the Department of Sports of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski".

Teaching activity Petya Stoyanova Hristova is a competent full-time teacher in the Department of Sports of SU "St. Kliment Ohridski".

Lecturer's courses leaded:

- "Management of sports and tourism activities", in the master's program "Physical education and sport" of the National Institute of Sports and Recreation of the SU.

- "Theory and methodology of teaching in Physical Education" in the DIUU of SU

Seminars: Study discipline "Sport" at SU "St. Kliment Ohridski".

Scientific activity:

Dissertation work ESD "Doctor" - 1 pc.

Monograph – 1 pc.

Articles in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information - 6 .

Articles in scientific journals in Bulgaria - 8.

Articles in scientific journals abroad – 5.

18 reports from scientific conferences abroad.

18 participations in scientific forums - abroad and in Bulgaria.

Participation in 5 projects - in 2 of them as a leader and in 3 as a participant. Developed and implemented 8 study programs for students of SU "St. Kliment Ohridski':

Evidence of the quality of the candidate's scientific output is the number of citations - thirty-four in number in renowned issues.

Critical notes and recommendations:  I have no critical notes and recommendations that cast doubt on the applicant's scientific contributions.

Conclusion As a lecturer at the Department of Sports of SU "St. Kliment Ohridski", Petya Hristova's scientific interests are related to the pedagogy and teaching methodology in the field of "Physical Education and Sports" in the higher education system. Getting acquainted with the scientific works of Ch. Assistant  Petya Hristova, I can say that the presented publications belong to the direction: physical education and sports in the educational system. The scientific production is mainly of an experimental nature and has a significant scientific and applied contribution. It is likely that the reviewers will dwell in more detail on its merits and weaknesses.

Getting acquainted with the career growth of Ch. Assistant  Petya Hristova, I can confidently say that she has significant research and teaching experience.

On the basis of the above evidence of Petya Hristova's academic activity, I express the opinion that the scientific research and teaching activities meet the requirements for occupying the academic position of "associate professor".

Bearing in mind the accumulated considerable practical and scientific experience over the years, I believe that I can reasonably suggest to the respected members of the Scientific Jury to vote with a positive vote and award ch. assistant Petya Hristova, doctor, academic position: "ASSOCIANT PROFESSOR", by professional direction 1.3. Pedagogy of training in/ physical education and sport - fitness disciplines/.

I myself vote "FOR" her candidacy.

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 Member of the Scientific Jury:

 Prof. Kostadin Kirilov Kostov, PhD,