**REVIEW**

**on the competition for occupying the academic position of**

**“Associate Professor”   
 in Professional field 1.3. Pedagogy of education in**

***specialty Methodology of education in ...,***

***(Physical education and sports - fitness disciplines*)**

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**with a candidate: Ch. as. Petya Stoyanova Hristova, Ph.D.**

**Member of the scientific jury: As. Prof. Maya Borisova Chipeva**

**1. General characteristics of the candidate's research and applied scientific activity**The one and only applicant in the competition is chief assistant Petya Stoyanova Hristova, Ph. D. , professor in Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski“ in sports - fitness disciplines (aerobics, calanetics, low-intensity interval training, high-intensity interval training, gymnastics for correct posture and stretching). She completed her higher education at Vasil Levski National Sports Academy - bachelor's and master's degree (1992 - 1996) with two majors: physical education teacher and sports management. In 2017, she defended her dissertation and obtained the scientific degree "Ph. D.". Ch. as. Petya Hristova , Ph.D., participates in the competition for associate professor with 1 monograph, 3 publications, published in different scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information (Web of Science) and 11 articles and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals and edited collective volumes.   
All 15 presented scientific publications are in the field of the competition.

Under the Rules on the Conditions and Procedure for Acquiring Science

Degrees and Holding Academic Positions in Sofia University ”St. Kliment Ohridski” in Professional field 1.3. Pedagogy of education in... with the presented scientific papers, the applicant has 405 points in total.

**2. Assessment of the candidate's pedagogical training and activity**

Ch. as. Petya Stoyanova Hristova, Phd, holds a number of management positions: from 2021 until now she is the Head of the "Individual Sports and Recreation" Department of the Department of Sports; from 2022 until now she is an authorized representative of the Department of Sports of SU for National Center for Information and Documentation (NACID); from 2021 until now she is a member of the Council of the Department of Sport of SU; in the period 2018–2021 she was a member of the Attestation Commission of the Department of Sports of SU; from 2016 until now she is responsible for the study discipline "Sport" at the Faculty of Philosophy of the SU.   
  
Coach in SC „Sports Club Akademik – Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski“; Member of the Technical Commission of NUC (National University Championship) on Aerobics; Member of the Technical Commission of NUC for Cheerleading Sports.

She holds a lot of honors and awards in the national university championships, as a coach of the representative teams in aerobics and cheerleading sports of SU "St. Kliment Ohridski".

**3. Basic scientific and applied scientific contributions**

The scientific output of the candidate in its quantity and content fully corresponds to the profile of the announced competition.

The content of the publications distributed in each of these areas gives reason to point out important contributions to the theory and practice of pedagogy and teaching methodology in the discipline "Physical Education and Sport" in the higher education system in general and fitness disciplines in particular. The scientific research in the presented publications enriches and modernizes the theory and practice of the study discipline of Physical Education and Sports and of the fitness disciplines. A strong side of scientific production is the practical orientation. The problematic topics, presented in the publications, are based on an interest in the meaning and purpose of physical education and sports as part of general education.

The applicant's author reference is submitted for 5 citations.

Petya Hristova has participated in 5 research projects – in 2 of them as a leader and in 3 of them as a participant. One of the projects is international.

**4. Significance of the contributions to science and practice**

The significance of the contributions to science and practice are indisputable. They have a theoretical, methodical and practical-applied character. The author successfully analyzes the characteristics of the pedagogy and teaching methodology of the discipline "Physical Education and Sport" in the higher education system.

The quantitative indicators of the criteria for occupying the academic position "**Аssociate Professor**" have been met.

**OVERALL CONCLUSION**

Ch. as. Petya Stoyanova Hristova, PhD, is an authoritative university professor. Her sports teaching activity has had a direct impact on her scientific research and research. The scientific production presented for the competition has а significant applied value.

Based on familiarization with the presented scientific works, their importance, the scientific and applied contributions contained in them, as well as the candidate's proven pedagogical skills, I find it reasonable to offer Ch. as. Petya Stoyanova Hristov, Ph.D., to occupy the academic position "**Associate Professor**" in the professional direction 1.3. Pedagogy of the training in the specialty Methodology of training in ...,

Physical education and sports - fitness disciplines.

**05.06.2023 г. MEMBER OF THE JURY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Assoc. prof. Maya Borisova Chipeva