

## OPINION

by **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hrisula Nedyalkova**

of a dissertation on the topic:

### **MODEL FOR STIMULATING EMOTIONAL-VOLITIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN PRESCHOOL AGE**

for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "Doctor PhD"

**Scientific field:** 1. Pedagogical sciences

**Professional field:** 1.2. Pedagogy (Preschool pedagogy)

**University:** SU "St. Kliment Ohridski"

**Faculty:** Faculty of Educational Studies and the Arts

**Department:** Preschool and Media Pedagogy

**Doctoral student:** Assistant professor Miroslava Volodieva Andonova

**Research supervisor:** Prof. Ph.D. Radosav Penev, DSc

#### **1. Compliance of the procedure with the current regulatory framework**

As a member of the scientific jury, appointed by order No. RD-38-273 of 02.06.2025 of the Rector of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", I received all the documents and materials necessary for the procedure for acquiring the educational and scientific degree "Doctor PhD" from Asst. Miroslava Volodieva Andonova. They meet the requirements of the ZRASRB and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" and prove that the individual stages of the doctoral student's individual plan have been implemented successfully and on time.

#### **2. General biographical presentation of the candidate (education, qualifications, professional experience, etc.)**

Asst. Prof. Miroslava Volodieva Andonova holds a Bachelor's degree in Geography (with teaching qualification) (2010) from the Faculty of Educational Sciences and Arts - Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", a Master's degree in Preschool Pedagogy (2019) also from the Faculty of Educational Sciences and Arts at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski".

In the period 2021-2025, she is a full-time doctoral student, transformed into part-time, in the professional field 1.2. Pedagogy in the doctoral program in Preschool Pedagogy at the Department of Preschool and Media Pedagogy of the Faculty of Educational Sciences and Arts at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski".

Asst. Prof. Miroslava Andonova started her career in 2012 as a children's coach at the Orange Fitness Sports Club Association, Sofia. In the period 2019 – 2022, he is a teacher at DG No. 12 "Lilia", Sofia.

Since 2022, she has been an assistant professor at the Department of Preschool and Media Pedagogy of the Faculty of Educational Sciences and Arts at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" with the subject of academic employment in the following disciplines: Pedagogy of Mathematical Culture in Preschool Age, Pedagogical Technologies of Game Interaction and Applied Techniques for Creativity in Kindergarten.

### **3. Actuality of the issues of the dissertation work**

The dissertation work has made a successful attempt to optimize the educational environment in preschool institutions by developing and testing a theoretical-experimental model for stimulating the emotional-volitional development of children. Considering the importance of emotional-volitional development as an element of the overall development of the personality and as an important psychological-pedagogical process ensuring the successful personal development of the child in preschool age with a focus on future successful social and life realization, I believe that the relevance of the issues to which the dissertation work is dedicated is indisputable. The chosen topic is dissertable and significant.

### **4. Structure and content of the dissertation work**

The presented dissertation work is structured in accordance with the scientific standards required for this type of work. Its content includes: introduction, six chapters, conclusion and conclusions, bibliography and applications. The content of the dissertation also includes the author's contributions of the doctoral student.

The dissertation has a total volume of 215 pages, of which 196 are the main text, 9 pages are the bibliography and 10 pages are the appendices. The text is illustrated by 44 tables, 26 graphs and 7 figures. The bibliography includes a total of 115 sources: 65 titles in Cyrillic, 30 in Latin, 7 with regulatory documents, 7 electronic resources, as well as 6 software systems for kindergarten and their associated sets.

No plagiarism has been found in the dissertation.

### **5. Scientific-theoretical and practical-applied contributions**

I accept and confirm the contributions reflected by the doctoral student, emphasizing the following:

Undoubtedly, the most significant contribution, along with those in theoretical and practical terms, is the effect of the results of the application of the theoretical-experimental model for stimulating the emotional-volitional

development of preschool children "Little children with big emotions", based on game, artistic and communicative strategies.

The model, with empirically proven effectiveness, would support the emotional-volitional plan and the future social well-being of preschool children. Here I would also like to express my congratulations to the scientific supervisor - Prof. Ph.D. Radosav Penev, DSc.

## **6. Abstract**

The abstract corresponds to the content of the dissertation work and presents its results comprehensively and correctly.

## **7. Publications on the topic of the dissertation work (content and fulfillment of scientometric requirements)**

A total of 3 independent publications on the topic of the dissertation work are presented. They are reports printed in a collection of scientific and practical conference organized by the Foundation for Scientific and Practical Education, and in a collection of reports of pedagogical specialists and doctoral students presented at a round table organized at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" (electronic resource). As a number, they meet the minimum national requirements for acquiring an educational and scientific degree "doctor".

## **8. Personal impressions**

I have no personal impressions of doctoral student Miroslava Volodieva Andonova

## **9. Notes, recommendations and questions**

Question: How would you apply the results of applying the model from your dissertation work in your future academic activities?

## **10. Conclusion**

In conclusion, based on the proven scientific contributions and achievements, I give a *positive* assessment of the dissertation work of Assistant Professor Miroslava Volodieva Andonova and propose to the esteemed scientific jury to award her the educational and scientific degree "doctor" in the field of higher education: 1. Pedagogical Sciences, professional field: 1.2. Pedagogy (Preschool Pedagogy).

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The author of the Opinion:.....

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