

STATEMENT

By Prof. Nezabravka Nikolaeva Gencheva, PhD

On Materials Submitted in Relation with Participation in

Contest for the Occupation of Academic Position Associate Professor

Announced by Plovdiv University Paisii Hilendarski

Under Higher Education Area 1. Pedagogic Science, Professional Field 1.3.

Pedagogy of Physical Education (Theory and Methodology of Physical

Education and Sports Training, Including Kinesiatrics Methodology)

Assistant Prof. PhD Silvana Venelinova Boeva is the sole candidate participating in the Associate Professor contest, as announced in State Gazette issue No. 96 of 20.11.2018 and on the internet site of Plovdiv University (PU) Paisii Hilendarski for the needs of Physical Education Theory and Methodology Department within the Pedagogy Faculty of PU Paisii Hilendarski.

Summary presentation of the procedure and the candidate

1.1. Brief CV. Assistant Prof. PhD Silvana Venelinova Boeva has graduated Vasil Levski High School of Sports in Plovdiv. In 1987 she graduated the National Sports Academy Vasil Levski (Higher Physical Education and Sports Institute Georgi Dimitrov) with majors Master - Volleyball Coach, and Physical Education and Sports Teacher. Since 1988 till now she is Assistant Professor at PU Paisii Hilendarski. She has a Master degree from Plovdiv University Paisii Hilendarski in Economics with major in Human Resources Management. In 2013 she defended a PhD thesis for acquiring educational and scientific degree PhD with theme Modular Education in Physical Education and Sports at Primary School (Work Models for Physical Fitness Enhancing).

1.2. Summary of presented materials. The candidate, Assistant Prof. PhD Silvana Venelinova Boeva participates in the contest with: 2 educational books in co-authorship; 1 textbook in co-authorship; 2 monographs; 19 articles (12 as sole author and 7 in co-authorship, out of which in 4 her name is listed first).

The candidate has been cited in 4 monographs and 10 articles and studies in non-referred journals with scientific review, included in the NACID list.

3. Summary characteristic of candidate's activities

3.1. Educational-pedagogical work. Assistant Professor, PhD Silvana Venelinova Boeva is a lecturer with active educational-pedagogical work. She covers the required educational engagement, as per the Department's curriculum by reading the educational disciplines Theory and Methodology of the Physical Education, Methodology of the Physical Education at the Primary Stage of the High School, Theory and Methodology of the Sports Training and Volleyball Education Methodology. Besides that, the candidate reads to Bachelor educational-qualification degree at PU Paisii Hilendarsli affiliates in Smolyan and Kardzhali, as well as various theoretical courses under master programs Sports at School and Primary and Pre-School Pedagogy of the Plovdiv University and its affiliates in Kardzhali and Smoljan. PhD Silvana Venelinova Boeva has essential contribution in the preparation of the educational plans of majors Physical Education Pedagogy, Primary School Pedagogy and Primary School Pedagogy Education in Foreign Language, in organizing, supervising and evaluating students' pedagogical practicum and undergraduate pedagogical practicum. The candidate has rendered competent methodological assistance to 3 students who participated in scientific student forums and she has been supervisor to 2 graduates. PhD Boeva Boeva has actively participated in the accreditation procedures of the major, in committees for awarding 5th and 4th qualification degrees to Physical Education and Sports teachers.

3.2. Scientific, scientific-applied and implementing activities. The reference presented on the publications (monographs, articles and reports) as part of the Associate Professor contest shows that PhD Silvana Boeva is the author of 2 monographs, total of 19 publications, all in the Bulgarian language. All materials have been published after the materials used for the defense of the

PhD educational-scientific degree. The first monograph, Educational Process in the Physical Education and Sports at Primary School – Problems and Prospects, reflects the problems accompanying the educational process in the physical education at the primary school stage and the concepts for its development. The second monograph, Physical Training of Children of Primary School Age – Theoretical Grounds and Practical Application, is related to the educational-tutorial process optimization in the physical education and sports of schoolchildren of primary school age in relation with their motor skills development. In most of the publications (a total of 12) Assistant Prof. Boeva is sole author. The rest (7) are in co-authorship and the respective co-authorship declarations are enclosed. Analyzing the candidate's scientific production three main research fields may be outlined. The first is related to research on children's physical fitness and physical development (1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 13, 14, 17, 19, 21). In the second field there are two publications regarding the methodological training of the pedagogical staff in the area of physical education and sports (2, 12). The third scientific direction (2, 4, 5, 6, 14, 18) covers innovations in the educational contents of the physical education and sports. Besides the scientific publications the candidate has participated in three scientific-research projects (two national and one international).

4. Contribution

The candidate's scientific production is definitely up-to-date, innovative and of scientific-applied significance. In my opinion, of greatest contribution are the publications in the area of the research related to development of the physical training and capacity components in the case of small schoolchildren and to finding effective approaches for the physical education system modernization. Both monographs are related to that and they may serve as a valuable theoretical-methodological manual for physical education and sports specialists. Another part of the scientific production analyzes the main problems in the sports-pedagogical staff's education and outlines the main criteria for

professional qualification enhancing. I evaluate very high the candidate's personal contribution to the scientific and educational-lecturing activity because of her active participation in the educational plans and programs preparation, in program accreditations, the organization of various scientific forums, in students' scientific advising and practicum, and other.

5. Critical remarks and recommendations

The whole scientific production of the candidate is in the Bulgarian language. I do recommend more publications in indexed Bulgarian and international specialized editions.

6. Conclusion

In conclusion, the materials presented for review by Assistant Prof. PhD Silvana Venelinova Boeva qualify with regards to the minimum scientific-metric indicators for the occupation of the academic position Associate Professor, as per the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on the Scientific Staff Development in the Republic of Bulgaria and the respective PU Paisii Hilendarski Regulations. No plagiarism was found. The candidate is a versatile and recognized specialist in the physical education methodology field and is a lecturer with great professional experience.

Having in view the above-said I give my positive vote and recommend the Scientific Jury to prepare a report-proposal to the Pedagogy Faculty Council of PU Paisii Hilendarski for the election of Assistant Prof. PhD Silvana Venelinova Boeva for the academic degree Associate Professor under Professional Field 1.3. Pedagogy of Physical Education under scientific specialty Theory and Methodology of Physical Education and Sports Training, Including Kinesiatrics Methodology.

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