

## **REVIEW**

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Higher education field: 3. Social, economic and legal science;

Research area: 3.7. Administration and Management

Scientific specialization: - 05.02.24.- “Organization and management outside the sphere of material production (security and defence)”.

Higher education field: 9. Security and defence;

Research area: 9.1. National Security;

Research area: 9.2. Military Science.

Scientific specialization:

- 05.02.24. „Organization and management outside the sphere of material production (Management of security and defence)”;

- 05.12.01. „Organisation and management of Armed forces”;

- 05.12.02 “Military-political problems of security”;

- 05.12.03 “Military applied aspects of civil protection”.

on the scientific works of Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev, PhD, assistant in the Department of Political Science and National Security ”of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences (FESS) of Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”, submitted under a competition for holding the academic position of Associate professor, in higher education field 9. "Security and Defence", professional field 9.1. National Security (migration, border control, anti-terrorism) in the Department of Political Science and National Security at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences (FESS) of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

The competition was announced and published in the State Gazette in issue № 57/26.06.2020.

The members of the Scientific Jury were defined by order of Rector of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" – № R33-4133 dated 25.08.2020.

Documents for participation in the competition within the period provided by law have been submitted by only one participant – Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev, PhD, assistant in the Department of Political Science and National Security of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences (FESS)

With a decision from the meeting of the Committee for Verification of Documents and Admission to Participation in a Competition for the Academic Position of Associate Professor, Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev, PhD, was admitted to the competition.

**1. General characteristics of the research, scientific-applied and pedagogical activity of the candidate.**

The candidate in the competition for associate professor has extremely rich practical experience and competence in the field of organization and management of training and education of specialists with higher education in the field of security (high-risk police operations, anti-terrorism, border security), management, research and administrative activities, related to the positions held by him since 1983 after graduating from V. Levski National University in Veliko Tarnovo.

In 1993 he graduated master's degree in "Tactics, operational design, strategy, methodology of training in operational and tactical training, staff service; organization and management of tactical and operational-tactical formations (regiment, brigade, corps) " in "G. S. Rakovski " Defence academy.

In 2012, he defended dissertation on topic "Organization and tactics for detention of armed perpetrators of crimes" and acquired the ESD Doctor of Philosophy in the scientific specialty "Organization and management outside the field of material production (security and public order)" after training at the Higher Institute for Training officers and research / Academy of the Ministry of Interior /.

From 1994 to 2011 he holds consecutive academic positions assistant, lecturer, senior lecturer, ch. assistant and associate professor at the Academy of the Ministry of Interior.

The candidate's research activity is related to the study of problems of the modern nature, scope and content of the dynamics of changes in the field of security.

A strong interest in the problems of higher education in the field of national security has been expressed.

As a proof of his active scientific and applied activity, the candidate in the competition has submitted for review 17 independent publications consists 1092 pages, which have been published in Bulgaria. By their nature the publications are: monographic works - 2, scientific studies - 2; scientific articles - 7; reports from scientific conferences -5; textbook-1.

I accept for review all publications submitted by the candidate in the competition.

The results of the research and applied activity have been duly tested at scientific conferences and in periodicals in Bulgaria. Four of the presented publications have been published in referenced and indexed editions.

The scientific works provided by the candidate in the competition Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev, PhD under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria fully meets the requirements of the evaluation system of the indicators for holding the academic position of Associate Professor in PF 9.1. National security in terms of activities and indicators with a total of 675 points for the required 400, as follows: - group A-50 points; group C-100; group D-250, group E-120 points and group F-155 points.

The candidate has also fulfilled the additional faculty requirements for the academic position "Associate Professor" adopted by a decision of the FS of FESS with Protocol № 134 / 22.04.2019.

The works are intended for training of students, postgraduates and doctoral students. The style of the candidate in the competition is academic, thorough, understandable and accessible. The number of publications submitted for review is representative and I consider it sufficient to participate in a competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

## **2. Statement on the absence or presence of plagiarism.**

Related to the materials submitted for participation in the competition, I have not yet received and don't know of any claims for unscrupulous use of others' scientific results and publications by the candidate in the competition.

## **3. Evaluation of the pedagogical training and activity of the candidate.**

His teaching activity consists in conducting assigned lectures and exercises in academic subjects in the Department of Political Science and National Security of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" according to the current curricula: - Civil-police relations in high-risk operations; Border security; Migration and migration processes; Terrorism and anti-terrorism.

He has a total classroom employment of 285 hours.

Improving his training and developing his qualifications and competencies in the chosen scientific field, in 2006/2007 completed postgraduate training "Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management - Operational Level" at the European Police College.

## **4. Fundamental scientific results and contributions.**

The main contributions of the candidate are of scientific and scientific-applied nature and can be summarised in several main thematic areas: theoretical development of models for preparation and conduct of counter-terrorist raid operations; building a theoretical model of the system of special tactics in high-risk operations of police duties and determining the specific features of the

operations of criminal, security and border police in the fight against organized crime, from a tactical point of view.

***Scientific contributions:***

= The conceptual foundations of counter-terrorist raid operations have been laid. On them can be built the elements of the preparation of the forces for special operations in the army and specialized formations of the Ministry of Interior for conducting independent and joint operations - works - 1, 4, 5, 10

= The essence and the content of the counter-terrorist raid operations are revealed, the classification of their types and forms is made, as the conditions for success of the counter-terrorist raids are synthesized - works - 1, 3, 7, 9;

= A theoretical model of the environment in raid counter-terrorist operations has been built through the characteristics of the organizational structure of terrorist organizations and terrorist actions, the forms and methods for carrying out terrorist activity - works - 1, 4, 5, 6, 10;

= A theoretical model of the system of special tactics has been created, which includes an organizational structure for action in high-risk operations, arrangement of the forces and means, procedures, techniques, tactical actions, methods, operations - works - 2, 3, 7, 9, 14,16;

= The main parameters of the studied high-risk police operations are proposed: place and time where they are conducted; the number of involved employees; the duration of active tactical actions; used tactical and other methods - works - 3, 9, 14, 16,17.

***Scientific-applied contributions:***

= Theoretically, the high-risk operations of police squads for detention of armed perpetrators of crimes, counter-terrorism operations, restoration of public order in riots, the peculiarities of the preparation and conduct of these operations are reviewed - works - 1, 3, 4, 12;

= Through a systematic scientific analysis the concepts of command and control in high-risk operations, the content of the planning, organizing and controlling phases are studied and command control technologies for use in operations are proposed - works - 1, 3, 4, 7, 10,12;

= The dependence of the effectiveness of high-risk police operations on the quantity and quality of data on the situation, the used tactical methods are defined, as the specific features of the operations of criminal, security, border police in the fight against organized crime from a tactical point of view - works - 2 , 3, 4, 7, 13, 14;

= The main elements (factors) of the pedagogical system that influence the effectiveness of training for action in high-risk operations have been developed and the methodology for training for action in high-risk operations has been proposed, including specific principles - works - 4, 9, 14, 16.

Through his research and applied research, the candidate, Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev, PhD expands the scope of the category apparatus through which the

scientific theory and practice for the formation of the educational and scientific field "Security and Defence" carries out its relationship with other sciences.

## **5. Evaluation of the importance of the contributions to science and practice.**

The scientific and teaching activity of the candidate in the competition, Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev, PhD is focused mainly on the expansion and enrichment of scientific knowledge regarding the study of operations in response to terrorist attacks. The candidate in the competition further develops the scientific theory, which not only describes, but also systematizes, summarizes and offers an intellectual approach to the principles and approaches for success of counter-terrorist raids.

The work of Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev, PhD on the topic of his doctoral dissertation "Organization and tactics for detention of armed perpetrators of crimes" is continued and this topic take a central place or as an aspect in some of the publications that followed the defence of the dissertation in 2002.

This fact in itself eloquently testifies to the stability of the scientific interests of the candidate for the academic position of "Associate Professor" - Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev, PhD in the scientific field of the competition, reflected in his research.

The scientific-research activity of the candidate has a visible influence among the scientific circles in our country. The candidate's contributions have measurable significance in the professional field - 9.1. "National Security".

The works of the candidate are cited in publications with scientific review (7 citations, one of them abroad), for which the relevant evidence is presented.

He takes an active part in the development and updating of doctrinal and tactical publications and is involved as an expert in working groups in the field of research of law enforcement agencies in high-risk situations arising in the course of combating crime and maintaining public order.

## **6. Critical notes on the presented works.**

Some critical remarks can be made to the materials submitted for review:

- The bibliography of the used and cited literature in some of the publications is not provided according to the requirements of the Standard for bibliographic citation – BDS / ISO 690: 2011;

- There are inaccuracies, repetitions and editorial errors in the design of some of the works, which do not reduce their scientific value but worsen the possibilities for quick perception;

- The main part of the published scientific papers unfortunately concerns a strictly specific audience - the training security system, which narrows the possibilities of the candidate in the competition for active participation in scientific exchange, presentation and defence of innovative scientific ideas to the increasingly critical scientific community in the field of security.

These lapses are technical in nature and do not reduce the value of the results achieved by Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev, PhD, proving his ability to successfully develop, independently and in a team, issues important for the theory and practice of effective neutralization of threats in high-risk conditions.

**7. Conclusion.**

The documentation and scientific production provided by the candidate in the competition Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev, PhD, meet the requirements of Art. 24 (1) of LDASRB and Article 77 (1) of the Regulations for its application.

On the basis of the presented scientific works, their significance, the scientific, scientific-applied and applied contributions contained in them, I find it reasonable to propose the candidate Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev, PhD, to take the academic position of Associate Professor in higher education field 9. "Security and Defence", professional field 9.1. National Security (migration, border control, anti-terrorism) in the Department of Political Science and National Security at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences (FESS) of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

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