

STATEMENT

by **Prof. Dr. Ilin Alexandrov Savov**

Academy of the Ministry of Interior, Police Faculty, Department for Operational and Investigative Activities

№ 44508 in the Register of Scientific Activity in the Republic of Bulgaria

Register for academic positions and dissertations at NACID-

<https://ras.nacid.bg/dissertation-preview/40139>

from the submitted materials for participation in a competition for the academic position "Associate Professor" of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" in the field of higher education 9. Security and defense; professional field 9.1. National Security (migration, border control and anti-terrorism), with a single candidate - Dr. Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev, Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science and National Security at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences (FESS).

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

This statement was prepared on the basis of an order of the Rector of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" - № P33-4133 from 25.08.2020, according to which I was elected a member of the scientific jury.

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 documents submitted under the competition correspond to the requirements of under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of Bulgarian Scientific Law. The scientific production of the candidate fully meets the requirements of the evaluation system of the indicators for holding the academic position of "associate professor" in the professional field 9.1. National Security. The competition procedure has been followed.

From the curriculum vitae attached to the documentation for the competition, it is evident that the candidate has a master's degree in "Command and Staff, Operational and Tactical" (Military Academy "GS Rakovski"), a master's degree specialty and "Border Troops" - military specialty, as well as the educational scientific degree "Doctor" after successful defense in 2002 of a dissertation on "Organization and tactics for detention of armed perpetrators of crimes." at the Higher Institute for Officer Training and Research / Academy of the Ministry of Interior /.

In the period from 1994 to 2011 holds consecutive academic positions: assistant, lecturer, senior lecturer, chief assistant and associate professor at the Academy of the Ministry of Interior.

It is evident from the documentation of the competition that the candidate has a high classroom and extracurricular employment in the disciplines:

- Civil-police relations in high-risk operations;
- Border security;
- Migration and migration processes;
- Terrorism and anti-terrorism;

Dr. Stanchev's intensive pedagogical practice is complemented by the preparation of curricula, thematic plans, as well as his participation in department councils, which is proof of his pedagogical skills.

Dr. Ivan Stanchev for participation in the competition has presented 17 scientific publications as follows:

- 2 monographs;
- 1 textbook;
- 2 scientific studies;
- 7 articles;
- 5 scientific reports.

Dr. Stanchev's publications are related to the scientific field of the competition and were issued after receiving the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in 2002.

2. Evaluation of the pedagogical training and activity of the candidate.

The scientific apparatus shows good knowledge of the author about the researched problem, namely:

- Operations in response to terrorist acts;
- Special police tactics;
- High-risk police operations;
- Training for action in high-risk situations;
- Security and border police operations.

The monographs also have a documentary basis with adequately cited underline sources.

The candidate is acquainted with a large number of studies in the field of monographic works, which gives me reason to say that he is aware of the weight and importance of the research and correctly interprets the literature.

The goals of the monographic works are achieved by deriving, summarizing and systematizing the available knowledge in connection with the studied subject.

I accept the scientific and scientific-applied contributions to which the author has claims:

- the conceptual foundations of the counter-terrorist raid operations have been laid;
- the essence and content of the counter-terrorist raid operations are revealed and assessed;
- the conditions for success of the counter-terrorist raids are synthesized;

- a theoretical model of the environment in the raid counter-terrorist operations has been built;
- the essence, the characteristic features and the elements of the high-risk situations are theoretically considered;
- revealed and differentiated factors of the external and internal environment, influencing the preparation and conduct of high-risk operations;
- the concepts of command and control in high-risk operations, the content of the planning, organizing and controlling phases are defined and command-control technologies for use in operations are proposed;
- the main parameters of the studied operations are established: place and time where they are carried out;
- the conditions for collection and analysis of information on the situation, planning, organization, conduct and completion of security and border police operations, the tactical characteristics of the security and border police operations are analyzed and evaluated;

The methodology used in the monographic research meets the stated claims for scientific research and helps to solve the tasks.

I positively evaluate the scientific and journalistic activity of the candidate. Literary awareness in the attached publications can be accepted. I accept without a doubt that the publications are the personal work of the candidate.

The analysis of the scientific works of Dr. Ivan Stanchev presented to me for an opinion gives me reason to believe that he has scientific knowledge and research abilities.

The submitted works of the candidate have a significant contribution to the enrichment of the theoretical concepts in the field of security and internal order in the country.

The achieved results in the research and scientific-applied activity confirm Dr. Ivan Stanchev as a researcher with a certain individuality and own style of work.

3. Critical remarks and recommendations

I have no special remarks on the scientific production of the candidate. I find that it meets the requirements for holding an academic position in theoretical and methodological terms.

4. Conclusion.

Based on the above findings and conclusions in the opinion, I accept that the works submitted for evaluation of the candidate correspond to the theme of the announced competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in professional field 9.1. National Security.

I believe that the candidate meets the requirements of the Academic Staff Development Act and the Regulations for its implementation.

Given the above, I give a POSITIVE EVALUATION to the participant in the competition and propose to the scientific jury Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev to take the academic position of Associate Professor in the field of higher education 9. Security and Defense, professional field 9.1. National Security (Migration, Border Control and Anti-Terrorism) at the Department of Political Science and National Security at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences (FESS) of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

13.10.2020
Sofia

Statement given:
Professor Dr. Ilin Savov