

## STANDPOINT

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Regarding the materials submitted for a contest entry for taking the academic position Associate Professor at Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski” in the area of higher education: 9. Security and Defense, Professional Field: 9.1. National Security, in which **Dr. Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev** participates as a candidate.

### 1. General information about the procedure and the candidate

Dr. Ivan Stanchev fully meets the conditions of Art. 24 of ZRASRB and Art. 54 of the Implementing Regulations of ZRASRB for academic positions "associate professor", namely:

- He received a Ph.D., in the specialty "Organization and management outside the field of material production (by branches and sub-branches)". Diploma № 27677 / 21.01.2002, approved by Protocol № 21 / 05.11.2001. Dissertation topic: „Organization and tactics for detention of armed perpetrators of crimes“.

- He occupies an academic position "assistant" from 18.01.2020 until now in Plovdiv University "of Plovdiv" and in the period 01.04.1994 - 10.11.2011, consistently has held academic positions Assistant Chief. assistant and associate professor at the Academy of the Ministry of Interior.

- The seventeen scientific works presented to the jury have been published in Bulgaria or have been published in specialized Bulgarian scientific journals, they do not repeat the ones presented for obtaining the educational and scientific degree

"Doctor" as all are the author's own scientific works.

- The applicant meets the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3, respectively to the requirements under Art. 2b, para. 5 of ZRASRB.
- There is no legally proven plagiarism in scientific works.

**Personal impressions:** I know Dr. Ivan Stanchev, as a colleague and head of the Academy of the Ministry of Interior and the University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev", as well as from conferences in which we participated. He teaches competently, understandably and attracts the attention of the audience. In my contacts outside universities and conferences, I notice that he is a person dedicated to science in the field of national security, who is interested in new ideas, both in the field of policing, counter-terrorism and border security, and in the field of military education, international cooperation and history.

The candidate is a doyen of special police tactics, and is a respected and authoritative specialist for employees in all units of the Ministry of Interior who are involved in special police and counter-terrorism activities as well as among employees of the Special Operations Forces of the Ministry of Defense.

Long-term respected lecturer at the Academy of the Ministry of Interior.

## **2. General characteristics of the candidate's work**

**Main contributions** in the scientific activity of an assistant, Dr. Ivan Stanchev:

The main scientific results of the author are related to scientific research in terms of building and maintaining capabilities at the national level, which are related to counterterrorism, special police tactics, high-risk operations and border security, and the author claims that theoretically built models for training and

conducting various operations by authorized law enforcement agencies. [1, 2]

Numerous summaries of already known scientific applied results have been obtained, as well as new results related to the activity of police bodies in organizing, conducting and managing special police operations, and the special police tactics related to high-risk operations - detention of armed and resisting criminals and terrorists. [2, 3, 7, 8, 9]

It should also be noted the significant contribution of the candidate in terms of development and improvement of the modus and methodology of training police officers in the field of special tactics. The state of the training in this field has been thoroughly analyzed, new knowledge has been gained about the reasons and factors influencing the quality of this training and about proposed new forms and methods for increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of this training in the structures of the Ministry of Interior. [3, 4, 7]

Significant scientific and practical achievements can also be noted in the field of counter-terrorism. Are analyzed and systematized aspects of this phenomenon, which has not been subjected to thorough scientific inquiry, as formulated new patterns of activity and proposals have been made to change tactics and organizational structure of the Counterterrorism forces. [6, 9]

The candidate, Dr. Ivan Stanchev, develops active teaching activity and participates in the management of graduates and has a serious professional biography, which gives him the opportunity to develop as a scientist and lecturer in the field of national security.

### **3. Critical notes and recommendations**

There are no critical notes and recommendations.

## **Conclusion**

The materials presented by Dr. Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev meet all the requirements of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria. The candidate in the competition has presented enough and significant scientific papers published after the materials used in the defense of the dissertation. In the works of the candidate there are original scientific and applied contributions that have practical applicability in the field of national security.

After getting acquainted with the materials and scientific works presented in the competition, the analysis of their significance and the scientific and applied contributions contained in them, I give my positive assessment and recommend the Scientific Jury to prepare a report-proposal for selection of assistant Dr. Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev. the academic position of "Associate Professor" of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

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