

STANDPOINT

By: Prof. PhD Aleksandar Ivanov Marinov,
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member of scientific jury, appointed by the Rector of Plovdiv University”,

Order № P33-4133 from 25.08.2020

Regarding: Competition for awarding the Academic Position “Associate Professor” in
National security (Migration, Border control and Anti-Terrorism),

announced in Official Journal No. 57/26.06.2020

1. General information about the procedure and the candidate

In the competition takes part a sole candidate - Ivan Stanchev, PhD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and National Security, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences at the University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendarski".

According Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria Act (DASRBA), to the evaluation stage of the procedure are admitted candidates, fulfilling the requirements, including fulfillment of the minimal national requirements. The verification of the file, namely the information regarding the mentioned fulfillment, accepted by the Faculty Commission, responsible for the check-up of the candidates in the competition, proves that Assistant Professor Ivan Stanchev is in line with the requirements and should be admitted to the evaluation stage of the procedure.

The candidate Assistant Professor Ivan Stanchev, PhD has submitted for participation in the procedure 17 papers, including 2 monographic studies. All submitted publications are admitted to evaluation, since none of them duplicates papers submitted in procedures for other scientific degrees and positions.

My overall assessment of the research and pedagogical preparation and activities of the candidate is very positive - as of a serious scientist, a good expert in the field of internal security, and an established researcher on counter-terrorism, public order, border security and others.

2. Brief outline of the candidate's professional and scholar career

Dr. Ivan Stanchev has 11 years of experience as a border officer, and then in the Academy of the Ministry of Interior. During the past 26 years he has been intensively engaged in pedagogical and scientific activities, initially as a lecturer, senior lecturer and chief assistant at the Academy of the Ministry of Interior; later he held various managerial positions at the Academy - Associate Professor, Head of Department, and Deputy Dean. He was a part-time lecturer at the University of Ruse. Since January 2020 he has been an assistant at the University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendarski".

Having in mind the quantity and quality of his works, the candidate can be characterized as a renowned researcher in a very specific field of police theory and practice, working hard to implement scientific results in practice, and as a proven educator he successfully promotes his research on planning and organization of activities related to homeland security, public order, border protection and counter-terrorism.

3. Evaluation of the scholar and applied contributions of the candidate

The candidate's main contributions are allocated in the field of theoretical and applied research and academic achievement.

Accepting the self-assessment of the applicant, I'd like to stress the significance of two main groups of contributions.

First, the field of theory and practice of on high-risk operations is enriched, namely the influence of various aspects of the environment on the preparation, planning and conduct of anti-terrorist raids; methods of training of specialized police, security and other forces; models, approaches and methodology for preparation of counter-terrorist raid operations=

Second, organization, role and evaluation of specialized police forces training, in particular of the special police tactics as a basic educational discipline in the preparation of the forces for participation in high-risk operations. In addition, methods, principles, techniques and procedures for

their implementation are pointed out; some requirements for training are described and modern approaches and models for preparation and conduct of high-risk police operations are proposed.

Last, but not least, some new aspects of border security in terms of mass migration are revealed, including modern requirements for the organization, the preparation and the structure of the forces necessary for their implementation.

I assess the scientific and applied contributions as real and important. They fill a serious gap in the theory and practice of security science, as well as in the training and use of modern specialized police, security, military police and other forces to counter terrorism, to deal with crises and to minimize the risks for the security of society, citizens and government.

Dr. Stanchev's contributions represent further development and enlargement of the body of knowledge, as well as a successful attempt to outline possible ways to increase the effectiveness of special police training, through the use of active training methods. It becomes clear from the submitted documents that they are being used in the educational process of "Paisii Hilendarski" University of Plovdiv.

4. Evaluation of the personal contribution and authorship

The scholar texts and corresponding contributions are with no doubt personal work of the candidate Ivan Stanchev. I accept entirely the self-assessment of the contributions.

5. Critical remarks and recommendations

I have no significant critique on the publications submitted and the applicant's past activities.

CONCLUSION

The scholar production and contributions of Assistant Professor Dr. Ivan Stanchev are entirely in line with the requirements of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria Act (DASRBA) and other corresponding regulations. The qualification of the candidate is solid and well proven.

These results give me compelling reasons to propose to the honorable scientific jury to vote unanimously for the awarding of the academic position "Associate Professor" in the professional

field 9.1. National security (Migration, Border control and Anti-Terrorism) to Assistant Professor Ivan Stanchev, PhD.

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