

## REVIEW

by

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on the materials submitted for participation in a competition  
for the academic position of **Associate Professor**  
**of the Paissiy Hilendarski University of Plovdiv**  
in the sphere of higher education **2. Human Sciences**,  
professional field: **2.4 Religion and Theology (Christian Art)**

In the competition for the position of Associate Professor, as announced in the State Gazette, No. 99, of November 20, 2020, and on the internet page of the Paissiy Hilendarski University of Plovdiv for the needs of the Department of *Theology* at the Faculty of **Philosophy and History**, **Adriana Hristoslavova Lubenova** is taking part as applicant, a Head Assistant Professor from the Department of Theology, Faculty of Philosophy and History (address: 14a Victor Hugo St., Plovdiv 4000).

### **1. General presentation of the procedure and the applicant**

With order No. P33-610 of February 18, 2021, of the Rector of the Paissiy Hilendarski University of Plovdiv, I was appointed as a member of the scientific jury of the competition for the academic position of Associate Professor in the University of Plovdiv in the sphere of higher education *2. Human Sciences*, professional field *2.4. Religion and Theology (Christian Art)*, announced for the needs of the Department of *Theology* at the Faculty of Philosophy and History. The procedure of appointing an Associate Professor is conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Development of Academic Staff in Bulgaria Act and the Regulations for its application. The set of documents submitted by *Head Assistant Professor Adriana Lubenova* is in conformity with the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of the University of Plovdiv and includes the following documents relevant to the subject of the competition:

1. application form to the Rector for admittance to the competition;
2. European format CV;
3. Diploma of higher education with the educational and qualification degree of Master;
4. Diploma for the educational and scientific degree of Doctor (Ph.D.);

5. list of scientific works published before the defense of the Ph.D. degree and necessary for occupying the academic position of Associate Professor;
6. certificate of conformity with the minimal national and additional Faculty requirements;
7. annotations of the materials under Art. 65 of the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of the University of Plovdiv.
8. declaration of the originality and veracity of submitted documents and scientific works;
9. documents of teaching work;
10. documents of scientific research work;
11. documents related to artistic creative work.

The applicant *Head Assistant Professor Adriana Lubenova, PhD* has submitted a total of has submitted a total of 20 scientific works, 3 studies, 3 monographs, and a list of 14 scientific research works published as articles and conference papers.

## **2. General characteristic of the applicant's activity**

The documentation in the procedure of the of appointing an Associate Professor contains the main and necessary, according to the DASBA and the Regulations, documents of the applicant for the academic position *Dr. Adriana Lubenova*. These documents present, with a sufficient comprehensivity, her academic activity, her professional preparation and qualification in the area of Christian Art, her specialized skills and scientific production. The documents with the necessary scientific data and parameters of accounting and evaluation of the scientific and applied scientific activity of the applicant demonstrate in a sufficient degree the scientific results and achievements obtained so far and describe the academic contributions of the applicant in the sphere of research and teaching.

The teaching and pedagogical activity of the applicant is in full conformity with the specifics and the academic profile of the announced competition for an Associate Professor in Christian Art in the Department of Theology of the Plovdiv University. The preparation of the applicant, the lecturing courses, the work with students and graduation supervision, as well as the practical forms of applied and artistic creative activities in the sphere of Christian art and Orthodox iconography bear witness of the scientific theoretical and practical preparation of *Dr. Adriana Lubenova* to occupy the academic position of Associate Professor and perform successfully and fruitfully the necessary academic work as a habilitated teacher and scientific supervisor.

The applicant's scientific and applied scientific activity, as systematized and objectified in the attached scientometric table, testifies of the achieved results and contributions in academic work.

The necessary number is present of monographs, articles, diplomas and certificates, classified in the thematic of the competition. The publications, classified by type and presented in the documentation for the competition, are as follows: 1. Habilitation thesis – a monograph, 2. A monograph and a book, 3. Studies, numbering three, articles and papers numbering 11, of which, by importance, 2 articles in peer-reviewed journals with an impact factor, and 9 other articles and plenary papers in peer-reviewed publications.

The main scientific, applied and methodical contributions in the submitted scientific production are immediately relevant to the requirements of the competition for the academic position of *Associate Professor in Christian Art*. The mentioned achievements, contribution moments and immediate importance for the theological science in the sphere of Christian Art are contained in the submitted habilitation thesis and the other scientific monographs dedicated to topical research problems in the research of floor mosaics and the archaeological discoveries related to the early Christian basilica of Philippopolis.

The importance of contributions and the presence of the results of Dr. Adriana Lubenova's scientific research are established by the quotations in the works of other authors as presented in a table. The numerical indicators in the quotations of the author's publications as well as collective co-authored publications demonstrate the existence of specialized skills and ability to apply the acquired scientific competence and qualification in the academic work in the preparation of the students of Theology in the Department of Theology of the University of Plovdiv.

## CONCLUSION

The documents and materials submitted by **Dr. Adriana Lubenova** are in conformity with all requirements of the Development of Academic Staff in Bulgaria Act (DASBA), the Regulations for the Application of DASBA, and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of the Paissiy Hilendarski University of Plovdiv. The applicant to the competition has presented a considerable number of scientific works published after the defense her educational and scientific degree of Doctor (Ph.D.). The scientific and teaching qualification of **Head Assistant Professor Dr. Adriana Lubenova** is beyond doubt in the field of Christian art and the academic area of the announced competition for the position of Associate Professor.

The results she has achieved in her teaching and scientific research activity is in full conformity with the specific requirements of the Faculty of Philosophy and History adopted in relation of the Regulations of the University of Plovdiv for the Application of DASBA.

After becoming acquainted with the materials and scientific works submitted for the competition, and analyzing their importance and applied scientific contributions, I find it justified to give my positive evaluation and to recommend to the Scientific Jury to prepare a proposal report to the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Philosophy and History on the appointment of *Head Assistant Professor Adriana Lubenova* to the academic position of Associate Professor in the Paissiy Hilendarski University of Plovdiv in professional field 2.4. Religion and Theology (Christian Art).

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