

SCIENTIFIC POSITION

by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mitko Dimitrov Shoshev

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of the materials submitted for participation in the competition

for the academic position of 'Associate Professor'

at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski"

by field of higher education 3 Social, economic and legal sciences.

professional field 3.2 Psychology (Special psychology)

In the competition for 'associate professor', announced in the State Gazette, issue 40 of 14. 05. 2021 and in the website of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" for the needs of the Department of Pedagogy and Education Management at the Faculty of Pedagogy, as a candidate participates Chief Assist. Dr. Ivan Vassilev Trichkov from the Department of Pedagogy and Education Management

1. General presentation of the received materials

Subject:

By order № P33-3143 of 13. 07. 2021. of the Rector of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" (PU) I have been appointed a member of the scientific jury of a competition for the academic position of 'associate professor' in PU in the field of higher education 3 Social, economic and legal sciences, professional direction 3.2 Psychology (Special Psychology), announced for the needs of the Department of Pedagogy and Management of Education at the Faculty of Pedagogy

Only one candidate has submitted documents for participation in the announced competition:

Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Ivan Vassilev Trichkov from the Department of Pedagogy and Education Management at the Faculty of Pedagogy of Plovdiv University.

Presented by Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Ivan Vassilev Trichkov set of materials on paper is in accordance with the Regulations for the development of the academic staff of PU, and includes the following documents:

- Application to the Rector of Plovdiv University for admission to participate in a competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor";
- CV;
- Diploma for higher education with acquired educational - qualification degree "Master"; issued by Plovdiv University

- Diploma for educational and scientific degree "Doctor" (PhD), field of higher education 3 Social, economic and legal sciences, PN 3.2 Psychology (Special Psychology), issued by Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski";
- List of scientific papers;
- Information on compliance with the minimum national requirements for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor";
- Annotation of the materials under art. 65 on PRASPU, incl. self-assessment of contributions;
- Declaration of originality and authenticity of the attached documents;
- Certificate of work experience;
- Documents for educational work;
- Documents for research work;
- Other documents supporting the application.

Copies of all documents are submitted correctly in electronic form.

The candidate Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Ivan Vassilev Trichkov has submitted a total of 32 scientific papers, 4 studies, 2 monographs, 1 book, 3 textbooks and teaching aids and a list of 22 research papers. A total of 32 scientific papers are accepted for review, which are outside the dissertation and are taken into account in the final evaluation. There are no papers that are not accepted for review. The distribution of scientific papers by relevant sections, in the country and abroad, is as follows 5 publications abroad and 27 in Bulgaria. It is noteworthy that a large part of the candidate's scientific production is in scientific forums of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski", and the monographs and textbooks are published by the University Publishing House of "Paisii Hilendarski". This shows the candidate's commitment to the development of science at Plovdiv University.

2. Brief biographical data of the candidate

Ivan Vassilev Trichkov was born on June 8, 1980. In 2003 he obtained a bachelor's degree in pedagogy at the University of Plovdiv. In 2006, again at the University of Plovdiv, he acquired a Master's degree in the scientific specialty "Consultative Psychology". In 2012, after successfully defending his dissertation, he acquired the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" (PhD) in PN 3.2 Psychology (Special Psychology) at the University of Plovdiv. For the period 2008 - 2010 the candidate went through two specializations, respectively in SWU and in the Academy of Special Education - Poland.

Since 2008 the candidate has been working at Plovdiv University, first as a full-time doctoral student, in 2011 as an assistant, and from 2013 until now as a chief assistant in Special Psychology. The presented autobiographical data are a clear evidence of the educational and scientific growth of Ivan Trichkov at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

3. General characteristics of the candidate's activity

According to the attached report for classroom and extracurricular employment, the candidate Dr. Ivan Trichkov has over 12 years of work in the field of higher education as a full-time doctoral student and subsequently assistant and chief assistant at Paisii Hilendarski University

of Plovdiv. During this period, Dr. Ivan Trichkov teaches and trains students in a total of 12 disciplines, 10 of them with a bachelor's degree and 2 with a master's degree. All disciplines listed in the presented reference are in the field of special psychology.

Dr. Ivan Trichkov has developed a total of 5 curricula - 3 programs for bachelor's degree in two professional fields (Pedagogy (Special pedagogy) and Psychology). For the needs of the Department for Qualification and Professional Development of Pedagogical Specialists Dr. Ivan Trichkov has developed a curriculum again in the field of special psychology.

Dr. Ivan Trichkov presents and co-authored 3 textbooks and teaching aids for students and teachers, published respectively in 2016, 2018 and 2019.

According to the report submitted by the candidate, after acquiring "Doctor" degree, the candidate Ivan Trichkov has the management of over 50 graduates from Bachelor's and Master's degrees, and 21 of them are reflected in the report. The main directions of the diploma theses in the doctoral topics can be divided into three main groups: integrated education and inclusive education of children with SEN, Characteristics of speech and language development in children with different forms of dysontogenesis, Social aspects of the system of the relationships of children with special educational needs / children (persons) in the norm. According to the presented report, all graduates have successfully defended their dissertations.

Other activities directly related to the teaching and teaching activities of Dr. Ivan Trichkov are: preparation of reviews of diploma theses of students, examination and evaluation of diploma theses, development of exam options for semester exams of students.

Dr. Ivan Trichkov also participated as a reviewer of a collection of scientific reports of doctoral students in 2016.

In the competition for associate professor Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Ivan Trichkov participated with a total of 32 scientific papers, which are distributed as follows: 4 studies, 3 monographs, 3 textbooks and teaching aids and 22 articles and reports. The main scientific research of Dr. Ivan Trichkov is directed in two directions.

First of all, a large part of the candidate's work is focused on the study of social interaction of children with developmental disabilities, with an emphasis on children with behavioral problems (ADHD, oppositional disorders, emotional-behavioral disorders, etc.). As an element of the research activity in this direction can be pointed out the works dedicated to the study of manifestations of empathy in children with different forms of dysontogenesis.

The second research field of Dr. Ivan Trichkov is related to the study of the social identity of people with SEN. This research field includes research on national identity, personal identity and satisfaction, ethnic identity, development of social habits, development of self-acceptance and self-esteem in children with disabilities, the role and influence of the family of a child with SEN, study of the interaction between parents and school organization, etc.

In chronological terms, the first monograph submitted for review is from 2017 - "Teachers' attitudes towards the inclusion of children and students with special educational needs in the socio-educational environment." The monograph presents the candidate's

research on the impact of existing social attitudes and predispositions influencing the attitude towards people with disabilities, existing norms and stigmas, attitudes and challenges to the integration and inclusive education of people with SEN, social acceptance and barriers to integration of these faces. The topic of the monograph is extremely relevant, given the difficulties still encountered in the process of inclusive education and especially the integrated education of children with disabilities.

The monograph from 2019 "Psychological and pedagogical rules, models of good practices and recommendations for the work and education of children and students with behavioral disorders" reflects and presents the research of Dr. Ivan Trichkov on an increasingly pressing problem in modern educational institutions. Increasing the number of children with behavioral and emotional disorders poses more and more challenges to both educators and school and special psychologists. The monograph examines important specifics of the main behavioral disorders and deviations and presents basic rules, models of good practices and recommendations for work and study in children and students with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, aggressive behavior and oppositional provocative behavior.

The third monograph presented for review, "Psychological aspects of empathy in children and students with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder" is again devoted to the study of the psychological characteristics of children with behavioral and emotional disorders. The monograph is the result of Dr. Trichkov's research and follow-up of empathic patterns in children with hyperactivity disorder and attention deficit disorder. I can accept that this monograph is a direct continuation of Dr. Trichkov's research related to his dissertation. This shows his personal attitude to this research field and the continuation of research in it.

In the competition for associate professor Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Ivan Trichkov participated with a total of 22 publications as articles and scientific reports from conferences. Of these, 4 are in English, 2 in Russian and 16 in Bulgarian. 2 of the publications are in referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information publications, 3 publications are from conferences abroad. The other publications are from participations in conferences in Bulgaria and publications in Bulgarian editions. All articles directly reflect the research activity of Dr. Ivan Trichkov in the listed research areas. Of all the articles submitted for review, only one is co-authored. Dr. Ivan Trichkov also presents 4 studies for review, 3 of which are independent and 1 is co-authored. As in previous publications, all four studies reflect the specifics of the author's research in both research fields.

Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Ivan Trichkov is a co-author of 2 textbooks and 1 textbook. The textbook "Psychology of children with special educational needs" is aimed at a wide range of students from different specialties - psychology, special pedagogy, preschool pedagogy, social activities and others. In it, he develops the important topic of diagnosis and differential diagnosis of atypical development, which is the first step in supporting children with developmental disabilities. The topics for the peculiarities of children with behavioral and emotional disorders have been developed separately. The development of this topic as a separate chapter in a textbook confirms my belief in the clear focus of Dr. Ivan Trichkov on the study of children with emotional and behavioral disorders. The other two chapters developed by him are related to the psychological characteristics of children with physical disabilities and children with multiple (multiple) disabilities.

In the textbook "Strategies for working with children and students with special educational needs" Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Ivan Trichkov is the author of the part dedicated to the strategies, recommendations and models of good practices for working with children with hyperactivity disorder and attention deficit. In this part of the textbook the candidate very successfully presents the characteristics of the syndrome, the diagnostic criteria, as well as presents the strategies and guidelines for working with such a disorder.

In the textbook "Strategies and models for working with children and students with special educational needs", ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Ivan Trichkov participates in the development of 3 sections, dedicated to social acceptance and barriers for integration of people with disabilities, strategies and models for working with children and students with ADHD and strategies and models for working with children and students with oppositional - defiant disorders. The mentioned topics developed by the author in this textbook are a direct reflection of the research activity of Dr. Ivan Trichkov regarding the social interaction of children and persons with SEN and his research on children with behavioral and emotional disorders.

The candidate also presents a list of participations in a total of 9 research projects, of which 1 international and 8 national.

Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Ivan Trichkov also presents a list of a total of 10 citations, 4 of which are in monographs and 6 in articles in unrefereed journals scientifically peer-reviewed. There is no evidence of citations in impact factor journals or peer-reviewed publications.

4. Assessment of the personal contribution of the candidate

I accept the self-assessment of the scientific contributions presented for review, but I would unite the scientific directions and I would reduce the number of contributions in them. In my subjective opinion, the candidate's contributions can be combined in 3 research fields: research of children with behavioral and emotional disorders; research in the field of social interaction and social inclusion of children and persons with SEN and publishing.

5. Critical remarks and recommendations

I have no significant remarks on the candidate. I can recommend further research on emotional development and social engagement in children with other forms of mental dysontogenesis.

6. Personal impressions

Dr. Ivan Trichkov is the author of most of the articles submitted for review, shows good publishing and scientific activity in terms of independent monographs on significant issues in special psychology and special pedagogy, and with his participation as a co-author in textbooks and textbooks. The manual strengthens its qualities as a specialist in the field of special psychology. His scientific growth, in my opinion, would further support his research and pedagogical work.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I would point out that the documents and materials submitted by Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Ivan Trichkov meet the requirements of the Law for the Development

of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB), the Regulations for implementation of ZRASRB and the relevant Rules of PU "Paisii Hilendarski".

The candidate in the competition has submitted a sufficient number of scientific papers published after the materials used in the defense of ONS 'Doctor'. In the works of the candidate there are original scientific and applied contributions, which have received international recognition as a representative part of them are published in journals and scientific journals published by international academic publishers. His theoretical developments have practical applicability, as some of them are directly oriented to the educational work. The scientific and pre-teaching qualification of Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Ivan Trichkov is undoubted.

Achieved by Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Ivan Trichkov results in teaching and research fully comply with the specific requirements of the Faculty of Pedagogy, adopted in connection with the Regulations of the University of Plovdiv for the application of ZRASRB.

After getting acquainted with the materials and scientific papers presented in the competition, analysis of their significance and the scientific, scientific-applied and applied contributions contained in them, I find it reasonable to give my positive assessment and recommend the Scientific Jury to prepare a report-proposal to the Faculty Council. of the Faculty of Pedagogy for the election of Dr. Ivan Vassilev Trichkov to the academic position of 'Associate Professor' at the University of Plovdiv "P. Hilen-Darski "by professional field 3.2 Psychology (Special psychology)

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