

## **OPINION**

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of the materials submitted for participation in the competition

for the academic position of "Associate Professor"

of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski"

in the 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 from 14.05.20.21.g. and in the website of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" for the needs of the Department of "Pedagogy and Management of Education" at the Faculty of Pedagogy, as a candidate participates Ch. Assistant Professor Ivan Trichkov, PhD from PU "P. Hilendarski "

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

By order № P33-3143 of 13.07.2021 of the Rector of the University of Plovdiv "Pa-isii Hilendarski" (PU) I was 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 field 3.2 Psychology (Special Psychology), announced for the needs of the Department of Pedagogy and Management of Education at the Faculty of Pedagogy.

For participation in the announced competition has submitted documents only candidate Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Ivan Vassilev Trichkov from the Department of Pedagogy and Management of Education at the University of Plovdiv "P. Heeland

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

- Sample application;
- Autobiography;
- Diplomas;
- Information on the minimum national and additional requirements;
- Annotations of the materials;
- Self-assessment of scientific contributions;
- Declaration of originality and authenticity of the attached documents;
- Certificates and certificates of training;
- Reference to the citations;
  - Publications, etc.

The candidate Ch. Assistant Professor Ivan Trichkov, PhD has submitted a total of 32 scientific papers, of which: 4 studies, 3 monographs, 3 participations as co-authors in textbooks and teaching aids and 22 articles and scientific reports, 2 of which have been published in journals, refereed and indexed in world databases. All scientific papers submitted by the candidate (described above) that are outside the dissertation and are taken into account in the final evaluation, and 9 research projects are accepted for review. The distribution of the scientific papers by respective rubrics, in the country and abroad, is as follows: 3 monographs; 2 articles - indexed in world databases; 20 articles and reports in Bulgaria and abroad, published in unrefereed journals and collections with scientific review; 4 studios; participation in 3 textbooks and co-authored textbooks.

### **Brief biographical data of the candidate**

Ivan Trichkov's professional training, specializations, teaching and research activities are directly related to the announced competition in Special Psychology.

He has a bachelor's degree in Pedagogy and a master's degree in Counseling Psychology; He has several specializations in the country and abroad in the scientific specialty for which he is applying.

Ivan Trichkov is a Doctor of Special Psychology, he has considerable teaching experience in disciplines directly related to the scientific field.

Personal impressions of all materials, incl. The candidate's publications are that he has developed purposefully and motivated in the field of Special Psychology.

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

The candidate for the academic position of "Associate Professor" teaches the disciplines of Special Psychology, Psychodiagnostics, Psychological interventions in working with children and students, with behavioral and emotional disorders, Inclusive education. He works actively with students as a mentor and supervisor of graduates.

The educational and pedagogical activity fully corresponds to the profile of the announced competition course.

### *Evaluation of the scientific and scientific-applied activity of the candidate*

Ch. Assistant Professor Ivan Trichkov, PhD applied with three monographs. The monograph "Psycho-pedagogical rules, models of good practices and recommendations in the work and training of children and students with behavioral disorders" (2019) examines not only behavioral disorders, with a beginning - typical of childhood, but also offers a therapeutic model and technologies for working with children with hyperactive syndrome and attention deficit, as well as children with aggressive behavior and disorders of the same spectrum. Not only sound education but his alertness and dedication too are most required.

The monograph "Teachers' Attitudes towards the Inclusion of Children and Students with Special Educational Needs in the Social-Educational Environment" (1.2.) Is devoted to the study of the phenomenology of attitudes and stereotypes regarding the acceptance of students with special educational needs by teachers. Attitudes, stereotypes and prejudices are analyzed in connection with the inclusion of children in the educational and wider social environment. A significant empirical study was conducted, which allowed to derive scientific-theoretical and applied contributions.

The third monograph (1.3.) Focuses on the psychological aspects of empathy in children and students with hyperactivity disorder and attention deficit. This is a specific field of research in which, obviously, Trichkov has a very good knowledge. The conducted theoretical and empirical

research has a contributing character regarding the specifics and manifestations of empathy in children with hyperactive syndrome and attention deficit.

Ch. Assistant Professor Trichkov has the competencies to purposefully set and research hypotheses in the field of special psychology. The research itself is in-depth and is distinguished by its practical results and value.

Articles published in scientific journals and proceedings of scientific conferences, incl. in secondary databases can be grouped in several thematic areas related to the announced competition:

1. Social acceptance, attitudes, inclusion of children, students and adults with disabilities (2.1 .; 3.6 .; 3.19.);
2. Support, therapy and models for inclusion and integration of children and students with emotional and behavioral problems (2.2; 3.5; 3.8. 3.17.);
3. Training and education of children and students with learning difficulties (3.1; 3.3 .; 3.11 .; 4.3.);
4. Nature of syndromes and disorders in children and students (3.2; 3.12; 3.18; 4.2.);
5. Socio-psychological and affective development of the personality of children and adolescents (normal and pathology) (3.4; 3.10 .; 3.13 .; 3.14 .; 3.15 .; 3.16 .; 3.20 .; 4.1.);
6. Special education and Pedagogical competencies of the resource teacher (3.7 .; 3.9 .; 4.4.).

The textbooks and teaching aids in which Ivan Trichkov is a co-author are dedicated to the research and creation of strategies and methods for working with children and students with special educational needs (5.1 .; 5.2 .; 5.3.). They can be used by students and professionals as an orientation and methodological guidelines for working with target groups.

As noted above, two of the articles have been published in literature sources indexed in world databases; the other articles and reports are published in journals and Proceedings of scientific conferences. All articles are scientific in nature.

#### *Contributions (scientific, scientific-applied, applied) and citations*

The candidate's contributions to the academic position of "Associate Professor" can be summarized as follows:

1. The specifics and manifestations of the Hyperactive Syndrome with Attention Deficit Disorder in Children and Students have been purposefully and thoroughly studied; creating a model for working with these children.
2. The specifics of empathy in students with ASDV have been studied;
3. The genesis and the specifics of the behavioral and emotional disorders, typical for the childhood and adolescence, are studied;
4. Models and guidelines have been created to help pedagogues and others. specialists to work with students with behavioral disorders and learning difficulties;
5. Issues of socialization and inclusion of students with behavioral difficulties and deficits for learning in school practice are studied.
6. In didactic terms, the author has participated in the writing of teaching aids for students.

The candidate for associate professor is cited by other authors in scientific journals, which means that his publications are evaluated positively. The citations are essentially in a positive sense, ie. the authors accept the theses of I. Trichkov.

The monographs are written in a high scientific style, they contain empirical research. On this basis, significant scientific-theoretical and scientific-applied contributions and generalizations are derived.

The candidate's contributions can be assigned to the group: "proving with new means of significant new aspects of already existing scientific fields, problems, theories, hypotheses; creation of new classifications, methods, constructions, technologies; obtaining corroborating facts'.

I believe that the contributions are the personal work and merit of the candidate.

The candidate covers the quantitative indicators of the criteria for holding the academic position of "associate professor".

### **3. Critical remarks and recommendations**

I have no critical remarks or recommendations.

## CONCLUSION

The documents and materials submitted by ch. Assistant professor Ivan Trichkov, PhD meet all the requirements of the law on the development of academic staff in the republic of bulgaria, the regulations for its implementation and the relevant regulations of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

The candidate in the competition has presented a significant number of scientific papers published after the materials used in the defense of the educational and scientific degree 'doctor'. In the works of the candidate there are original scientific and applied contributions, which have received recognition as two of them have been published in journals and scientific collections, indexed in world databases. His publications have practical applicability, and some of them are directly oriented to the educational work. The scientific and teaching qualification of ch. Assistant professor Trichkov is undoubted.

Achieved by Ch. Assistant Professor Ivan Trichkov, PhD results in teaching and research fully comply with the specific requirements of the Faculty of Pedagogy, adopted in connection with the Rules of Plovdiv University for the implementation of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria.

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

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