

REVIEW

by Prof. Doctor of Psychological Sciences Majana Milcheva Mitevska

Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski"

on the materials presented for participation in the competition

for the academic position of "**professor**"

at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski"

in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic, and legal sciences professional direction 3.2. "Psychology" (Pedagogical and developmental psychology - Child psychology) announced in the State Newspaper, issue 92 of 18.11.2022.

In the competition for "professor", announced in the State Newspaper, issue 92 of 18.11.2022 and on the website of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" for the needs of the "Psychology" department at the Faculty of Pedagogy, as a candidate **Associate Professor Kirilka Simeonova Tagareva, PhD** from Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

1. Overall presentation of the received materials

By order No. P33-RD-21-69 dated 18.01.2023 of the Rector of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" (PU), I have been appointed as a member of the scientific jury of a competition for the academic position of "professor" in the PU in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic, and legal sciences, professional direction 3.2. Psychology (Pedagogical and age psychology - Child psychology), announced for the needs of the Department of Psychology at the Faculty of Education.

To participate in the announced competition, Associate Professor Kirilka Simeonova Tagareva, PhD submitted documents - the only candidate from Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

The set of materials on a paper carrier, submitted by Associate Professor Kirilka Simeonova Tagareva, PhD is in accordance with the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of the PU and includes the following documents:

1. A request to the Rector;
2. Autobiography in European format;

3. Diploma of higher education with acquired educational and qualification degree "master" - original with appendix;
4. Diploma for educational and scientific degree "doctor" - original;
5. Certificate of academic position "associate professor" - original;
6. List of scientific works;
7. Scientific activities (copies of publications);
8. Certificate of compliance with the minimum national and additional faculty requirements;
9. Declaration of originality and authenticity of the attached documents;
10. Annotations of the materials under Art. 76. from PRASPU (in Bulgarian and English):
 - 10.1. annotations of the materials under Art. 76. from PRASPU in Bulgarian;
 - 10.2. annotations of the materials under Art. 76. from PRASPU in English;
11. Self-evaluations of contributions (in Bulgarian and English):
 - 11.1. self-evaluations of contributions in Bulgarian;
 - 11.2. self-evaluations of contributions in English;
12. Citation list and copies of cited publications;
13. Separating Protocols;
14. Certificate of work experience;
15. Documents for academic work;
16. Research activities;
17. Documents according to the additional requirements of the Pedagogical Faculty;
18. Other documents.

Associate Professor Tagareva, PhD has submitted a total of 48 scientific works for review under the procedure, including 1 monograph, 3 studies, 42 articles, 1 chapter of a collective monograph in co-authorship, and 1 instructional manual.

The listed scientific works are accepted for review - they are not inducted into the dissertation and are considered in the final evaluation. The scientific works on the dissertation and the habilitation for "associate professor" and the scientific activities outside the issues of the competition are not reviewed. The distribution of scientific activities under relevant headings, in the country and abroad, has complied with the necessary requirements of the Regulations of the PU. Documents (in the form of official notes) for participation in additional projects, other than those initiated by the PU, have also been presented.

To the **Minimum national requirements** for the scientific, teaching and/or artistic-creative or sports activities of candidates for acquiring a scientific degree and for the acquirement of the academic position of "professor" in scientific fields/or professional fields from the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic composition in the Republic of Bulgaria, **The Faculty of Pedagogy** sets the following **additional requirements**:

1.1. A minimum of 80 points is additionally required from the candidate to the number of points formed for the indicators of group G.

To the number of points formed for the indicators from group G, candidate Associate Professor K. Tagareva, PhD has an additional **382.4 points**.

1.2. The candidate must participate in the competition with at least two publications in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in the world databases with scientific information (Scopus and/or Web of Science) in the scientific specialty of the competition.

Associate Professor Kirilka Tagareva, PhD participated in the competition with two publications in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in the world databases with scientific information (Scopus and/or Web of Science) in the scientific specialty of the competition:

- Tikhomirova T. N., Tagareva K. S., Kuzmina Y. V., Malykh S. B. (2022). Adaptation of the Russian-Language Version of the Questionnaire "Intrinsic Motivation and Ability of Self-Perception". Siberian Journal of Psychology. № 84. 27-48. ISSN 1726-7080, Ref. Web of Science : http://journals.tsu.ru/psychology&journal_page=archive&id=2225; DOI: 10.17223/17267080/84/2

- **Tagareva, K.**, Gereva, M. (2022). Creative motivation and flourishing: Individual-psychological aspects. Philosophy. 31, No. 2, 172-190, NION "Az-buki" (ISSN 1314–8559) <https://azbuki.bg/en/uncategorized/tvorcheska-motivacziya-i-proczaftyavane-individualno-psihiologicheski-aspekti>; <https://doi.org/10.53656/phil2022-02-06>

1.3. A minimum of 30 additional points is required from the candidate in addition to the number of points obtained for the indicators of group D.

To the number of points formed for the indicators from group D, candidate Associate Professor K. Tagareva, PhD has an additional minimum of **615 points**.

1.4. The candidate must be the author or co-author of an educational aid.

Associate Professor Kirilka Tagareva, PhD is the **author of an educational aid**.
Tagareva, K. (2017). Early Childhood Developmental Psychology. Diagnosis. Plovdiv, Paisii Hilendarski University Publishing House, p. 171, ISBN 978-619-202-223-5

The candidate has supervised five successfully defended doctoral students.

Associate Professor Kirilka Tagareva, PhD is registered in the list of habilitated persons with scientometric indicators at NACID. <https://ras.nacid.bg/dissertation-preview/37840>

2. Brief biographical information (of the candidate)

The candidate, Associate Professor Kirilka Simeonova Tagareva, PhD is a "Doctor of Psychology" - 05.06.05 Pedagogical and Age Psychology, "associate professor", 05.06.05 in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic, and legal sciences, professional direction 3.2. Psychology / Pedagogical and age psychology - Child psychology /, announced for the needs of the "Psychology" department, Pedagogical faculty.

She speaks Russian and English

Member of the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria, Society of Psychologists in Bulgaria.

Participates in the editorial boards of several scientific publications.

Participates in Expert Groups at the National Accreditation Agency.

The teaching, scientific and professional experience is related to the announced competition.

3. General Characteristics of the Candidate's Activity

Assessment of educational and pedagogical activity

Pedagogical experience at a university during the last active year of the candidate (minimum number of points – 30). The candidate has 148 points. It can be seen from the study load reports that Associate Professor Kirilka Tagareva, PhD has the necessary annual horary consisting of lectures, seminars, extra-auditory classes, provided with the corresponding author's aids with lectures at OKS Bachelor and Master.

Evaluation of the candidate's scientific and applied scientific activity

The scientific and scientific-applied activity of Associate Professor Kirilka Tagareva, PhD is expressed in publications, articles in refereed and indexed journals, teaching aid, monograph, participation in scientific forums.

No monographs, articles, testimonies classified by topic or other feature and reduction due to coincidence or overlap (with participation in other procedures) were found.

The distribution of scientific works in the country and abroad is as follows: 39 in the country and 9 abroad: by type: monograph – 1 issue; articles published in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world databases with scientific information - 2 copies; articles and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes - 40 issues; studies published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes - 3 issues; chapter of a collective monograph -1 in co-authorship; instructional manual – 1.

According to the language in which they were written in: Bulgarian - 36 copies; in Russian – 9 issues; in English - 3 copies.

By number of co-authors: independent – 39; with one co-author – 7 issues; with two co-authors – 1 issue; with three co-authors - 1 issue.

The project activity of Associate Professor Kirilka Tagareva, PhD has so far been associated with participation and management of twelve intra-university and general-university projects in the field of the competition.

Contributions (scientific, scientific applied, applied) and citations

The content analysis of the main scientific, scientific-applied, applied and methodological contributions indicates that different age periods, a number of psychological constructs, their specific features and interrelationships were studied, based on which models applicable in practice were derived.

Special attention should be paid to the presented **monograph - habilitation thesis**: Tagareva, K. S. (2020). "Communication, attachment, and parent-child relationship in childhood". S., 148 p., Spectrum, ISBN 978-619-188-464-3; COBISS.BG-ID – 43032072, as well as on a published **chapter of a collective monograph** Tagareva, K. and G. Slavcheva-Andonova (2022). Psychological aspects of development of key competencies through application of electronic educational resources. – In: Development of key competences through

the application of electronic educational resources. Plovdiv University Publishing House. ISBN 978-619-202-803-9. 38-65.

The habilitation thesis focuses on the specific features accompanying the development in childhood, brought out in the title. The main contribution resulting from the analysis of the central operational constructs of the model - the forms of communication (situational-personal; situational-business; extra-situational-cognitive; extra-situational-personal) - for Bulgarian culture stands out. Their parameters and indicators are identified as psychodiagnostics criteria. The dialogue with the reader is conducted skilfully through the prism of the in-depth scientific explanation of the studied psycho-social processes. Special attention should be paid to the new empirical evidence of the conditions under which communication with a peer occurs: the step-by-step establishment of a need for communication with a peer and the disclosure of subjective qualities in him. The effectiveness of a special method for the development of children's relationships in preschool age, consisting of a complex of 12 joint games, which can be used by psychologists and teachers in kindergartens to build good peer relationships at 5-6 years of age, has been empirically proven.

The monographic work presents a current issue, which is presented and analysed in depth. The other works presented in the competition confirm the competent assessment in the studied areas of understanding of child development, social adaptation and socialization, identity, and tolerance. Teaching aid Tagareva, K. (2017). Early Childhood Developmental Psychology. Diagnosis. Plovdiv, "Paisii Hilendarski" University Publishing House, p. 171, ISBN 978-619-202-223-5 builds on the acquired knowledge of students majoring in "Psychology" and unfolds the significant role of psychological knowledge in forming a value-rational approach to education and students' life activities.

The citations presented are a total of 98, mainly in recent years. Among them: citations in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information - 4 issues; citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review - 37 items; citations or reviews in non-refereed journals with scientific review – 57 items.

Main scientific and teaching-methodological contributions in the works of the candidate

The contributions in the works of Associate Professor Kirilka Tagareva, PhD can generally be characterised as:

- Highlighting socialization in the context of child development communication, speech, subject activity, play.
- Revealing and proving the factors of communication with adults and peers in modern society.
- Formulated new ideas through understandings of situational communication with a close adult on attachment relationships in children aged one to three years.
- Bringing out multiple aspects of the parental relationship in the modern discourse of its practical application - a Bulgarian version of the diagnosis of the parental relationship in relation to the personal and normative beginning is proposed.
- A new, original diagnosis of communication with the adult and the speech of children aged five-six years is proposed, with a description of the main parameters, indicators, diagnostic situations, evaluation scales, protocols, and recommendations for drawing up the diagnostic conclusion.
- Early childhood intervention programs for at-risk children and their families are offered.
- A system for the clinical assessment of attachment disorders is presented and new empirical evidence is provided for the specificity of emotional attachment in institutionalised children.

4. Assessment of the candidate's personal contribution

In the relevant publications presented in the contest, the formulated contributions and obtained results are the personal merit of the candidate Associate Professor Kirilka Tagareva, PhD.

5. Critical remarks and recommendations

I have no significant critical comments regarding the applicant's scientific and publication activity that would change my positive assessment.

6. Personal Impressions

Candidate Associate Professor Kirilka Tagareva, PhD has proven her administrative and organizational experience.

CONCLUSION

The documents and materials presented by *Associate Professor Kirilka Simeonova Tagareva, PhD* meet all the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB), the Regulations for the Implementation of ZRASRB and the relevant Regulations of PU "Paisii Hilendarski".

The candidate in the competition has submitted a **sufficient** number of scientific works published after the materials used in the defence of the ONS "doctor" and for the position of "associate professor". The candidate's works include original scientific and applied contributions published in journals and scientific collections issued by international academic publishing houses. Her theoretical developments have practical applicability, and some of them are directly oriented to academic work. The scientific and teaching qualifications of *Associate Professor Kirilka Simeonova Tagareva, PhD* are **unquestionable**.

The results achieved by *Associate Professor Kirilka Simeonova Tagareva, PhD* in the educational and research activities **fully correspond** to the minimum national and additional requirements of the Faculty of Pedagogy, adopted in connection with the Regulations of the PU for the application of ZRASRB.

After getting acquainted with the materials and scientific works presented in the competition, analysing 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 Associate Professor Kirilka Simeonova Tagareva, PhD to the academic position of "Professor" at PU "Paisii Hilendarski" in: field of higher education 3. Social, economic, and legal sciences professional direction 3.2. "Psychology" (Pedagogical and developmental psychology - Child psychology).

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