

STANDPOINT

by **associate professor Youri Pavlov Ianakiev, PhD**, lecturer at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski", Faculty of Education, Department of Psychology

on the scientific works and educational activities

by

Associate Professor Kirilka Simeonova Tagareva, PhD,

participant in a competition for the academic position of "professor" in field of higher education

3. Social, economic, and legal sciences, professional direction 3.2. Psychology (Educational and age psychology - Child psychology)

1. General presentation of the procedure and the candidate

The competition for the occupation of the academic position "professor", area of higher education 3. Social, economic, and legal sciences, professional direction 3.2. Psychology (Pedagogical and age psychology - Children's psychology) was announced by the University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendarski" and published in the Official Gazette, no. 92 of 18.11.2022. The Standpoint was assigned by decision of the scientific jury, determined by Order of the Rector of Plovdiv University No. RD-21-69 on 18.01.2023.

Associate Professor Kirilka Simeonova Tagareva, PhD from Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" is the only candidate in the competition. Presented in connection with the competition were 62 scientific papers and they include: 1 monograph, one textbook in co-authorship, 3 studies and 55 articles and reports and one study tool.

The scientific publications for the current competition are outside the works for awarding of the educational and scientific degree "doctor" and outside the list with publications on the candidate's first habilitation, described at the registration in NACID and are accepted for review.

I believe that the research papers, citations, doctoral students' guide, and participations in projects fit the national requirements for taking up the academic position "professor", field of higher education 3. Social, economic, and legal sciences, professional direction 3.2. Psychology, regulated in the Law on the Development of Academic composition in the Republic of Bulgaria (New - SG No. 56 of 2018, in force from 06.07.2018) and the Regulations for its implementation.

No violations of the competition procedure have been found.

2. General characteristics of the applicant's activities

Associate Professor Kirilka Simeonova Tagareva, PhD has a master's degree (1984) in Education from The Higher Pedagogical Institute in Blagoevgrad. She acquired the educational and scientific degree "doctor" in Educational and Age Psychology in 1993. Since 2010 she has been an associate professor in Educational and Age Psychology at the Department of Psychology of the University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendarski".

Associate Professor Kirilka Tagareva, PhD is the head of the Department of Psychology, is a member of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Education. She is a manager of the master's programs in "Positive Psychology" and "Applied psychology".

She has been the research supervisor of five successfully defended doctoral students. She has participated in scientific juries in several Bulgarian higher schools in ZRASRB.

3. Evaluation of the personal contribution of the candidate

The scientific production of Associate Professor Tagareva, PhD is dedicated to the research of significant and current problems in the field of Child Psychology. These scientific studies are focused on communication, attachment, and the parental attitude towards the child.

The habilitation work with which Associate Professor Tagareva, PhD applied for the competition is: Tagareva, K. S. (2020). "**Communication, attachment and parental attitude in childhood**" S., 148 p., Spectrum, ISBN 978-619-188-464-3; COBISS.BG-ID – 43032072.

I believe that the applied integral approach, combining communication with adults, peer communication, attachment, and parenting attitude, is precise in relation to the set goals and objectives. My general assessment is that the monograph by Associate Professor Kirilka Tagareva, PhD is a comprehensive and completed scientific work on child psychology, dedicated to current a problem, thoroughly and systematically researched and analysed. Significant theoretical and practical contributions have been derived from the project.

Regarding the candidate's other scientific works, I can make the following summaries: in accordance with the systems approach in child psychology, articles, studies, and reports have found their place, in which analyse problems related to communication and inclusion of the child, creative motivation, self-esteem, parenting.

4. Scientific contributions. Different age periods were studied, several psychological constructs, their specific features, and interrelationships, based on which are derived models, applicable in practice.

5. Teaching activity. Associate Professor Kirilka Tagareva, PhD conducts lecture courses for students at OKS (educational and qualification degree) "Bachelor" and OKS "Master". They are in the field of child psychology and communication psychology.

The educational profile and accumulated professional experience of Associate Professor Kirilka Tagareva, PhD as a teacher and researcher are in accordance with the requirements for occupying the academic position "professor" under professional direction 3.2. Psychology (Pedagogical and age psychology - Child psychology).

CONCLUSION

Bearing in mind what has been said so far, I can do the following conclusions.

- Associate Professor Kirilka Tagareva, PhD has the necessary teaching and research experience.
- **Meets the national requirements** for occupying the academic position "professor" in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic, and legal sciences, professional direction 3.2. Psychology.
- Presents for review scientific production with undisputed scientific and applied contributions.

All this gives me reason to give my **positive evaluation** and to recommend to the Scientific Jury to propose to The Faculty Council of the Pedagogical Faculty of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendarski" University, Associate Professor Kirilka Tagareva, PhD to be selected for the academic position of "professor" in professional direction 3.2. Psychology (Pedagogical and age psychology - Child psychology).

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Referee:

(signature)

Assoc. Prof. Youri Ianakiev, PhD