

## **STATEMENT**

**by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nadezhda Ivanova Mihaylova-Stalyanova**

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(n.s., first name, surname, last name - acad. Ph.D. in the university or scientific organization)

**on the materials submitted for the competition**

**for the academic post of Associate Professor**

**of Plovdiv Paisii Hilendarski University**

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Philology (Slavic Languages - Polish)

1. In the competition for "Associate Professor" announced in the State Gazette, no. 92/18.11.2022 and on the website of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" for the needs of the Department of Slavic Studies at the Faculty of Philology, as a candidate participated Dimitrina Hamze from Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

### **2. Compliance of the procedure with the legal requirements**

According to the submitted documents, the procedure is in compliance with the requirements of the legal framework in this field (the Higher Education Act; the Academic Staff Development Act in the Republic of Bulgaria and other related legal acts). The deadlines for the announcement of the competition and for the submission of documents by the candidate, who has also submitted all the necessary documents, have been met. The application form submitted by prof. Dr. Dimitrina Hamze's paper-based set of materials is in compliance with the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of PU.

### **3. General presentation of the procedure and the candidate(s)**

The applicant has an impressive teaching record. She teaches lecture courses (Intercultural Communication/National Symbols, History of Poland, Speech Etiquette and Business Communication in Language A, Translation Theory, Stylistics of Language A, Slavic Phraseology for Language A and B, Philosophical Values in the Slavic World) as well as seminar exercises for students of Slavic Studies. She participates in one research project as a member of the team ("Man and Woman in the Slavic World" at the Faculty of Philology of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" (FP 19-FIF-008, Research Fund).

#### **4. Biographical data and academic development of the candidate**

D. Hamze graduated in Slavic Philology (major in Polonistics) at Sofia University "St. Kl.Ohridsky". From 1995 to the present moment she has been a lecturer at Paisii Hilendarski University.

#### **General description of the candidate's activity**

The main work that D. Hamze presents in his participation in the competition for Associate Professor is the monograph *The Culture of Gender in Proverbs* (on material from Polish and Bulgarian paremiology). Plovdiv: Paisii Hilendarski University Press, 2023.

The book of D. Hamze is situated at the intersection of the fields of gender studies, cultural studies, ethno-linguistics, psychology and folk psychology. As the main contribution of her work, one can highlight her research aspiration that certain mental stereotypes of men and women should be reconsidered from a contemporary societal and cultural perspective, which in the long run would reduce aggression in society and create new trends in the value experience of society. The thesis meets the formal and substantive requirements for a habilitation thesis - a completed research of a contributory nature. The work is innovative in the field of humanities, combining diverse approaches and representing a symbiosis of different kinds of conceptualizations of masculine and feminine not only in language but also in culture in general.

The distribution of the scientific works participating in the competition for the Acad. position of Associate Professor by relevant headings, at home and abroad, is as follows:

Book: Hamze D. 2018. *Grotesk kak interkultурная ценность*. Beau Bassin: Lambert Academic Publishing, 2018, 8 scientific articles thematically related to the problems of the habilitation thesis, published in specialized scientific journals in Bulgaria, 4 articles (2 published in Bulgaria and two in Poland) related to the scientific interests of the candidate outside the problems of the habilitation thesis. One article was published in a scientific journal, refereed and indexed in world-known databases.

The topics of the scientific publications are diverse - D. Hamze studies issues of stylistics, pragmatics, especially focusing on parody and grotesque, ironic and comic both in literature and in general culture.

Two notable citations by Bulgarian authors in scholarly journals, refereed and indexed in world-renowned databases, and 6 citations in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals are submitted for the competition.

The submitted reference of scientific works meets the minimum national requirements for the academic position of Associate Professor.

## **CONCLUSION**

The candidate in the competition has presented a sufficient number of scientific works published after the materials used in the defense of the PhD . The rich set of scientific texts, briefly described above, as well as the accumulated teaching experience present the candidate as an accomplished scholar and teacher with a scientific output that meets all the necessary requirements for habilitation, and therefore I express my positive opinion that Dr. Dimitrina Hamze is eligible for the academic position of Associate Professor of Polish.

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Opinion delivered by: ..... (signature)

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nadezhda Mihailova-Stalyanova.