

PEER REVIEW

by Dr. Krasimira Georgieva Fileva-Ruseva, Associate Professor at Prof. Asen Diamandiev Academy of Music, Dance and Fine Arts – Plovdiv

of the materials submitted for participation in the competition for occupation of the academic position of “Associate Professor”

in Paisii Hilendarski Plovdiv University

under: Higher education field 8. “Arts”

Professional field 8.3. “Music and Dance Arts” (History of Music)

(name of scientific specialty)

Assistant Professor Antoniya Peneva Baleva, PhD, from the Music Department of the Faculty of Education, participates in the competition for occupation of the academic position of “Associate Professor”, announced in State Gazette, Issue 92 dated 18.11.2022 and on the website of Paisii Hilendarski Plovdiv University for the needs of the Music Department of the Faculty of Education.

1. General presentation of the candidate

Assistant Professor Antoniya Peneva Baleva presents 3 monographs, 37 articles and reports, of which 6 are co-authored, 1 self-developed study aid and 2 co-authored study aids. The presented publications have a variety of topics – some are related to innovations in education and to the musical education of children. Others are specifically aimed at the history of music. The candidate’s interests in philosophy and aesthetics also stand out. The subject matter of the three monographs is differently related to the specialty, for which the competition has been announced – the history of music.

2. General characteristics of the activities of the candidate

Assistant Professor Antoniya Baleva has been cited in 12 publications. She also documents participation in 5 national research projects (2 of them conferences of the Music Department) and in 1 international project. The considerable number of presented materials in co-authorship (6 articles and reports, 2 study aids, and participation in a total of 6 research projects) suggest a skill for teamwork. The creation of study aids, such as chrestomathies, speaks of placement of an emphasis in Baleva’s pedagogical work on the awareness of the students. The participation as a presenter and performer in joint concerts of lecturers and students from the “Pop and Jazz Performance” specialty testifies to the candidate’s broad musical interests. Since the type of participation of Antoniya Baleva in the performances of student choirs is not clearly mentioned, I will not comment on these activities.

3. Critical remarks and recommendations

I do not have any.

CONCLUSION

The documents and materials presented by Assistant Professor Antoniya Peneva Baleva, PhD, meets the requirements of the Act for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its implementation, and the relevant Regulations of Paisii Hilendarski Plovdiv University.

Assistant Professor Antoniya Peneva Baleva has presented a significant number of scientific works published after the materials used in the defense of the educational and qualification degree "Doctor". The candidate's works include original scientific and applied contributions that have received international recognition, some of which have been 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 the academic work. With this, Antoniya Baleva's scientific and teaching qualifications are proven.

The achievements of *Assistant Professor Antoniya Peneva Baleva* and her results in the educational and scientific research activities correspond to the minimum national and additional requirements of the Faculty of Education, adopted in connection with the Regulations of the Plovdiv University for the application of the Act for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria.

After getting acquainted with the materials and scientific works presented for the competition, and analyzing their significance and the scientific, scientific-applied and applied contributions contained therein, I find it reasonable to give my **positive assessment** and to recommend to the Scientific Jury to prepare a report-proposal to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Education for the election of Assistant Professor Antoniya Peneva Baleva, PhD for the academic position of "Associate Professor" at Paisii Hilendarski Plovdiv University under Higher education field 8. "Arts", Professional field 8.3. "Musicology and Art of Music" (History of Music).

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Prepared by:

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