

OPINION

by **Assoc. Prof. Nevyana Dokova Dokova-PhD, Southwest University "Neofit Rilski" –
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of the presented materials for participation in the competition for acquisition of the academic
position of "**Associate Professor**"
at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski"

in the higher education area 1. Pedagogical Sciences,

professional field 1.3. Pedagogy of Training in... (Theory and Methodology of Physical Education
in Kindergarten)

In the competition for "associate professor", announced in the Official State Gazette, No. 32 from
09.04.2024 and on the website of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" for the needs of the
Department of Theory and Methodology of Physical Education and Sports at the Faculty of Biology,
as the only candidate participated Asst. Prof. Rositsa Hristeva Shtereva, PhD from Plovdiv
University "Paisii Hilendarski", Faculty of Biology.

1. General presentation of the procedure and of the candidate

Introduction of the procedure

By order RD -21-1182 of 07. 06. 2024 of the Rector of the University of Plovdiv "Paisii
Hilendarski" I have been appointed as a member of the scientific jury to of the competition for the
academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical Sciences,
professional field 1.3. (Theory and Methodology of Physical Education in Kindergarten), announced
for the needs of the Department of Theory and Methodology of Physical Education and Sport at the
Faculty of Biology.

The set of paper materials submitted by Dr. Rositsa Hristeva Shchereva is in accordance with
the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of PU and includes the following
documents:

- Application, CV and diploma of PhD;
- A reference of the candidate's lecture engagement;
- Reference of originality and credibility;
- Self-assessment of scientific contributions;
- List, annotation and copies of the candidate's scientific production;
- Reference to compliance with minimum national and faculty additional requirements;
- List of noted citations

Biographical reference of the candidate

Rositsa Hristeva Shchereva was born on 26.02.1963. In 1984-1988 she graduated from the University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendarski " with a Master's degree in Pre-school Pedagogy . She worked for one year (1988-1989) as a teacher in the kindergarten "Malina". Since 1989 she has been a lecturer at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski". In 2014 she obtained the degree of Doctor in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical Sciences, professional field 1.3. Theory and methodology of physical education and sports training (including the methodology of medical physical education).

In addition to the personal competences of Rositsa Shtereva, I would like to mention that she speaks English and German at a good level, and Russian at an excellent level. Asst. Prof. Rositsa Shtereva, PhD is involved in projects related to children's sports, innovative educational environment and student practices. She is also a member of the authoring team of the program system "Fairytale Paths" for kindergarten - Educational Direction "Physical Culture".

2. Description of the scientific works

Quantitative and qualitative assessment of the scientific production

The candidate Asst. Prof. Rositsa Shtereva, PhD has submitted a total of 44 scientific works, including 2 monographs, 25 scientific publications and 17 teaching aids. She is an independent author in 24 scientific works.

When evaluating the candidate's scientific quantitative data in relation to the submitted reference, it is found that Asst. Prof. Rositsa Shtereva, PhD meets the minimum national requirements, the requirements of the Regulations of the University of Plovdiv for the Development of the Academic Staff and the requirements of the Faculty of Biology for holding the academic position of Associate Professor.

The scientific production with which the Asst. Prof. Rositsa Shtereva, PhD participates in the competition for "Associate Professor" includes:

- Dissertation (submitted with abstract) - 1 pc.;

- Monograph - 2 pcs. The presented two independent monographs meet all the requirements for the formatting of this type of scientific work. Both monographic works are focused on preschool physical education. In the monographic study "General-developmental physical exercises in kindergarten" the main contribution is the proposed developed models of pedagogical situations and morning gymnastics, in which general-developmental exercises are motor content leading to the achievement of specific goals. In this regard, the scientific-applied character of this monographic work has a direct bearing on the improvement of the pedagogical practice of the children's teacher in the field of physical education.

In its turn, the monograph "The Influence of Moving Games on the Psychomotor Abilities of Preschool Children" contains original, author's technologies for the diagnosis of motor skills and

motor qualities of children in the context of moving games. In essence, both monographic studies contribute to enriching the theory and practice of preschool physical education.

- Publications in scientific issues - 25 pcs. One of them is in a journal indexed in world databases. Of all the articles, 18 are independent and the remaining 7 are co-authored.

The scientific publications of Asst. Prof. Rositsa Hristeva Shtereva are mainly in two main areas:

- Preschool Physical Education;
- Teaching of students in higher education.

The most important among the scientific contributions in the proposed articles in the field of preschool physical education are the following:

- Enriching the theory of the polyfunctionality of mobile play in the context of kindergarten physical education, which supports and optimizes the practical implementation of preschool physical education;

- Development and implementation of an author's diagnostic toolkit for checking the achieved educational results in the educational field "Physical culture";

Generalizing a comprehensive picture on the development of fundamental natural and applied movements throughout the preschool period, which is crucial in organizing the pedagogical technology for the formation of motor skills of children from 3 to 7 years of age, etc.

In terms of the contributions in the scientific publications concerning the training of students in higher education, it can be said that they are mainly aimed at improving the theoretical and methodological-practical training of students based on the competency approach in higher education.

- Teaching aids - 17 pcs. 4 of them are independent and 13 in co-authorship. Most of the teaching aids are related to the organization and conduct of physical education in kindergarten. The main contribution here is the participation of Asst. Prof. Rositsa Hristeva Shtereva in the development of didactic programs for preschool education and the implementation in practice of original pedagogical technologies for physical education of 3-7 year old children.

The total number of citations is 14, which is an indicator of the scientific interest to the works of Asst. Prof. Rositsa Hristeva Shtereva.

3. Lecturing Activities

As a lecturer at the Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" Asst. Prof. Rositsa Hristeva Shtereva is involved in the training of students in the "Bachelor", "Master" and postgraduate courses at the Faculty of Pedagogy and the Faculty of Biology. The courses taught by Asst. Prof. Rositsa Hristeva Shtereva's teaching disciplines are in line with the announced competition for the academic position of Associate Professor in Pedagogical Sciences and professional field 1.3. (Theory and Methodology of Physical Education in Kindergarten). The announced competition is secured with more than the required lecture hours.

4. Critical remarks and recommendations

I have no critical remarks to the presented scientific production of the candidate for associate professor Asst. Prof. Rositsa Shtereva.

No forms of plagiarism were found in the scientific works of the candidate for associate professor Asst. Prof. Rositsa Shtereva.

CONCLUSION

The documents and materials, presented by Asst. Prof. Rositsa Hristeva Shtereva meet all the requirements of the Law for the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (Law for the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria), the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law for the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the relevant Regulations of Plovdiv Paisii Hilendarski University.

The candidate in the competition has submitted a sufficient and significant number of scientific works published after the materials used in the defense of the Educational and Scientific Degree "Doctor".

In the candidate's works there are original scientific and applied contributions that have received international recognition as a representative part of them have been published in journals and scientific collections published by international academic publishers. His theoretical developments have practical applicability, as some of them are directly oriented to teaching work. The scientific and teaching qualification of Asst. Prof. Rositsa Hristeva Shtereva is undoubted.

The achievements of Asst. Prof. Rositsa Hristeva Shtereva results in teaching and research activities fully comply with the minimum national and additional requirements of the Faculty of Biology, adopted in connection with the Regulations of Plovdiv University for the implementation of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria.

Having acquainted myself with the materials and scientific works presented in the competition, analyzing their significance and scientific, scientific-applied and applied contributions contained in them, I find it justified to give my positive assessment and to recommend the Scientific Jury to prepare a report-proposal to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Biology for the election of the Asst. Prof. Rositsa Hristeva Shtereva to the academic position of Associate Professor at the University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendarski" in the following fields of higher education 1. Pedagogical sciences, professional field 1.3. Pedagogy of training in...(Theory and methodology of physical education in kindergarten).

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