

TRAKIA UNIVERSITY – STARA ZAGORA



OPINION

of

Assoc. Prof. Diana Nikolova Peeva, PhD

on the materials presented by **Plamen Georgiev Petkov**, Chief Assistant Professor, PhD for participation in the competition for academic position of **Associate Professor** in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.6. Sports, scientific specialty “Theory and Methodology of Physical Education and Sports Training, Including Methodology of Therapeutic Physical Education” announced in the State Gazette issue 24/25.03.2022 for the needs of the Faculty of Economics, Department of Physical Education and Sports with the Trakia University – Stara Zagora

The opinion has been prepared on the basis of Order N 524/09.05.2022 of the Rector of Trakia University.

Brief biographical data about the candidate

Plamen Georgiev Petkov was born on May 23, 1973 in Stara Zagora. He completed secondary education at High School "Hristo Botev" (1991), graduated higher education from "Paisiy Hilendarski" University of Plovdiv as Bachelor in Elementary School Pedagogy (1997), Bachelor (post-graduate course) in Physical Education Pedagogy from National Sports Academy (NSA) "Vassil Levski" (1997) and Master degree in Physical Education and Sports from National Sports Academy (NSA) "Vassil Levski". He acquired PhD degree in scientific specialty "Theory and Methodology of Physical Education and Sports Training" at St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo.

In 1997-2010 he worked as a PE teacher and Sports. Since 2010 he has been teaching PE at the Trakia University – Stara Zagora. He speaks Russian and English at a very good level and has excellent computer knowledge.

Research and applied research activities of the candidate

The scientific papers presented in regard to the competition for "Associate Professor" can be classified as follows:

- Monograph "Optimization of strength training of students through circuit method".
- Scientific papers (12) published in high-ranked peer-reviewed journals indexed in world-famous databases of scientific information (Scopus, Web of Science).
- Scientific papers (4) in non-indexed journals with scientific reviews of publications or published in edited collective volumes.
- Citation – the list contains 8 citations.
- Projects – participation in 7 projects that have been successfully completed.
- Of all papers presented, 12 are written in English and 9 are developed independently (without co-author).

Group of indicators	Contents	Assoc. Prof.	P. Petkov, PhD, Chief Assistant Professor
A	Indicator 1	50	50
Б	Indicator 2	-	-
B	Indicators 3 or 4	100	100
Г	Sum of indicators 5 -9	200 (160 for the professional field 7.6)	675
Д	Sum of indicators 10 -12	50	100
E	Sum of indicators 13-end	-	-
Total		360	925

It can be seen that the points collected by the applicant exceed the minimum number of points required for this academic position. In this regard, the candidate meets the requirements of the Regulations for Implementation of Law for the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (LDASRB) and the Regulations on Terms and Conditions for Holding Academic Positions (RTCHAP).

Assessment of the applicant's educational and pedagogical activities

I think that the applicant's educational and pedagogical activities are purposeful and entirely

oriented to the field of this competition. My opinion is that his knowledge and activities are of high level and he is worthy to hold the academic position of "Associate Professor".

Main scientific and applied scientific contributions

The applicant's main scientific contributions are in the field of sports and pedagogical activities and training process. They are set out in details in the reference presented by Chief Assistant Professor **Plamen Georgiev Petkov**, PhD. I accept the listed scientific contributions, formulated by the applicant in his studies on main components as particularly significant.

Notes and recommendations

The high-quality design of materials presented for the competition is impressive. In regard to them I have the following recommendations for the applicant's further activities:

- To work more actively in order to implement the results of his research in practice.
- To structure and consolidate the contents of his papers in a textbook that can be used in the teaching process and by experts in practice.

Conclusion

The materials presented by the applicant for this competition meet the requirements of Law for the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria. Based on the achieved scientific results, academic and practical activities, I declare my positive assessment that Chief Assistant Professor Plamen Georgiev Petkov, PhD meets the requirements to be elected for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.6. Sports, scientific specialty "Theory and Methodology of Physical Education and Sports Training, Including Methodology of Therapeutic Physical Education".

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Member of the Scientific Panel

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