

OPINION

on the announced competition for the academic
position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education

2. Humanities, professional direction 2.2. History and archaeology, scientific specialty
New and most recent history (incl. History of the Balkan peoples), announced in State
Gazette no. 65 of 28.07.2023 with a single candidate.
Chief Assistant Professor Petar Stoyanov Parushev, Ph.D.

Chairman of the scientific jury: Assoc. professor. Dr. Gita Nikolova Yovcheva
University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" – Burgas

1. General and biographical data

Chief Associate Professor Petar Stoyanov Parushev, Ph.D., is the only candidate for the announced competition for associate professor in the field of higher education 2. Humanities, professional direction 2.2. History and archaeology, scientific specialty "New and most recent history (including History of the Balkan peoples)", announced in SG no. 65 of 28.07.2023 from the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas for the needs of the Department of "History and Philosophy" - Faculty of Social Sciences. He graduated from "Dimitar Polyakov" High school in Burgas in 1991 and then the university of "St. Cyril and Methodius" - the city of Veliko Tarnovo, majoring in Balkan studies in 1996. In 2008, Petar Parushev successfully defended his thesis to obtain the educational and scientific degree "doctor" at the Institute of Balkan Studies at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia. Since 2011, Petar Parushev has been working as an assistant in the Department of History and Philosophy at the University of Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas, and one year before that he was a part-time teacher in the same department. In 2013, after successfully passing the competition, he was elected as the main assistant.

2. General description of the presented materials:

32 scientific publications were submitted for participation in the competition, of which 30 articles in non-refereed journals with scientific review (Indicator D 7) and 2 studies published in non-refereed journals with scientific review (Indicator D 9). 1 book was published based on a defended dissertation work (Indicator D 5). Out of all 32 publications, 5 are in English, 17 in Bulgarian and in all of them the candidate is an independent author. 15 of the presented scientific publications were reported at conferences - 15 of them at international and national conferences in Bulgaria.

15 citations were found and noted in scientific works, of which 1 in scientific publications referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information (Indicator D 12), 6 in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review (Indicator D 13), 8 in non-referenced peer-reviewed journals (Indicator D 14). There is 1 participation in a national scientific educational project (Indicator E-18). 2 university textbooks have been published (Indicator E-22).

The candidate in the competition meets the general criteria, and on certain indicators he even exceeds the minimum national requirements and the requirements of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas. He defended a dissertation for the award of the "Doctor" Ph.D. degree - indicator A - 50 points. He has published a habilitation thesis - monograph

according to indicator B - 100 points. According to group of indicators D - 405 points (32 publications), 15 citations according to group indicators D - 105 pts. For participation in national scientific or educational projects and an international project and published university textbooks under indicator group E – 55 pts. This makes an altogether total result of 715 points, which is above the required minimum of 700 points.

3. Main scientific contributions

The main scientific contributions of Chief assistant Petar Stoyanov Parushev, PhD, can be summarized in the following directions:

- Habilitation thesis - monograph titled "The Bosnian crisis of 1908-1909, the Great Powers and Bulgaria" - An attempt was made to critically evaluate the existing and accessible literature dedicated to the Bosnian crisis of 1908-1909. A complete picture of the events of the period under consideration is presented, and the topic is developed on the basis of serious evidentiary material. With the factual material presented, with the summaries and conclusions therein, the essence and content of the individual aspects of the researched problem are clarified within the specified chronological order.

- Articles devoted to separate scientific problems - the Bosnian (Annexation) crisis of 1908-1909 - diplomatic and political aspects, the creation of the Albanian state and Bulgarian diplomacy (1912 - 1913), the Serbian exit to the Adriatic and Bulgarian diplomacy during the First Balkan War, military and diplomatic aspects of the Balkan Wars (1912-1913) through the eyes of the Bulgarian diplomatic representatives, the attempts of the Entente and the Central Powers to attract allies on the eve and during the First World War, presented through the eyes of the Bulgarian diplomatic representatives in Constantinople, Bucharest, Burgas and the region during the preparation and course of the Ilinden-Preobrazhensky Uprising (1903), the fate of the Jews from Burgas in the period 1942-1943, the accommodation of refugees in Burgas for the period from the end of the 1920s till the beginning of the 1930s.

4. Educational and teaching activity

From 2010 to 2011, the candidate was a part-time assistant in the Department of History and Philosophy at the University of Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas, from 2011 to 2013 he was a regular assistant, and from 2013, after successfully passing the competition, he was the main assistant. Ch. assistant professor Petar Parushev, Ph.D., conducted lectures and exercises in 4 academic disciplines ("History of the Balkan Peoples", "Historiography", "Economic History", Practice in Museums and Libraries") with students from "Bachelor" degree and 1 academic discipline ("History of the Balkan Peoples"), with students from "Master" degree studying at the Faculty of Social Sciences. He taught seminars on "History of Bulgaria after the Second World War" and "History of Bulgaria (1878-1944)". The academic workload of chief assistant professor Dr. Petar Parushev over the years has exceeded the 400 hours accepted by the University, correspondingly 200 hours for half of the activities of a regular position.

He has developed lecture courses: 2 new in the subject "History of the Balkan Peoples", "Historiography" for the students of the specialty "Bulgarian Language and History" and "History and Philosophy", „Bachelor" degree, regular form of education; 1 in the subject "History of the Balkan Peoples", for the students of "Master" degree, master's program "Innovations in the teaching of history in the secondary school", broad profile, full-time and part-time study.

He has developed 6 new curricula for the "Bachelor" degree, full-time form of study and 2 for the "Master" degree, full-time and part-time form of education. Guidance of 2 graduates and 3 students for participation in the student scientific conference.

In accordance with the schedule for the certification of teachers from the Department of History and Philosophy, he was certified with a very good grade (Protocol No. 03/08.11.2021)

5. Critical notes and recommendations

I have no criticisms.

6. Personal impressions and opinion about the candidate

I have known Petar Stoyanov Parushev, PhD, and I have personal impressions of his qualities. My impressions of the candidate are decidedly positive, as he is a thorough and precise researcher and educator with proven capabilities. He is a very organized, punctual, and positively social person, possessing many skills, including working successfully in a team. All this creates very good conditions for his future work.

CONCLUSION

The scientific activity of Chief assistant Petar Stoyanov Parushev, Ph.D., meets the requirements laid down in the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for the Terms and Conditions for Acquiring Scientific Degrees and Holding Academic Positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas, which is a reason to give a positive assessment of the materials with which the candidate participated in the competition for "associate professor".

I am fully convinced, and I do recommend to the respected members of the Scientific Jury to vote positively for the awarding of **Chief Assistant Petar Stoyanov Parushev, Ph.D.**, in the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 2. Humanities, professional direction 2.2. History and archeology in the scientific specialty "New and recent history (incl. History of the Balkan peoples)".

11.11.2023

City of Burgas

Chairman of the Scientific Jury:
(Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gita N. Yovcheva)