



OPINION

on competition for the academic position "Associate Professor"

Field of higher education: 1. Pedagogical sciences

Professional field: 1.2. Pedagogy (Art pedagogy – fine art and constructive-technological activities in kindergarten and primary school)

Candidate: Ch. Assistant Professor Gergana Angelova Avramova-Todorova, Ph.D

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1. Description of the competition procedure

In the competition for the academic position "Docent" in professional field 1.2. Pedagogy (Art pedagogy - fine art and constructive-technological activities in kindergarten and primary school) for the needs of the department "Pedagogy and teaching methods", announced in the "State Gazette", no. 43 of May 17, 2024, one candidate participated: Ch. Assistant Professor Gergana Angelova Avramova-Todorova, Ph.D.

The documents of Dr. Avramova-Todorova, submitted for participation in the competition, show that the procedure for its disclosure and announcement has been followed and they are in accordance with the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules for its Implementation, also with the Regulations for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and for holding academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas.

2. Scientific indicators

According to the Regulations for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and for holding academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas, the scientometric indicators of the candidate Dr. Gergana Avramova-Todorova for the academic position of "Associate Professor" are as follows:

The indicator from group "A" - 50 points (fulfilled)



The 'B' indicator is not required for this position.

The indicator from group C - monograph presented as a habilitation thesis - 100 points (completed)

Total number of points according to indicator "D": 438, with required 400 points.

Total number of points according to indicator "E": 210, with required 100 points.

Total number of points under indicator "F": 100, with required 50 points.

The presented scientific production of Dr. Gergana Avramova-Todorova corresponds to the scientometrics laid down in the Regulations for the conditions and procedure for acquiring scientific degrees and for holding academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas, exceeding the set minimum in quantitative terms.

3. Main directions in the candidate's research work and most important scientific contributions

From the attached scientific publications, I will outline one monographic work, part of a collective monograph and the articles in the specialized press.

In the monograph "Happiness for Children" a pedagogical model with visual and constructive-technological means is approved, the purpose of which is to develop the feeling of happiness in students of primary school age. Through the scientific observation protocols presented, the reader discovers the effectiveness of the applied methods and concepts. They reveal the author's attitude to pedagogy as an art, her desire to enrich the school culture and satisfy the individual needs of each young student. An adequate solution to a significant moral problem has been proposed within its axiological aspects.

The part of the collective monograph "Visual Literary Work in Kindergarten and Primary School", entitled "Artistic Perception in the Vimebuch Book", is proof of the successful completion of the problem with art-pedagogical techniques and approaches that are successfully contaminated with traditional and innovative concepts of literature and fine art. This is how a scientific and artistic syncretism, inherent in few researchers, was achieved.

Gergana Avramova-Todorova is the author of 36 publications published in various editions of the specialized press. They can be grouped as follows:

- according to the database: in world-renowned refereed editions – 6, in peer-reviewed editions – 30;
- according to the degree of participation - independent - 26, co-authored - 10;
- according to the language - in Bulgarian - 26, in English - 10.



In them, as well as in the larger works, three directions stand out - methodology of visual activity, methodology of constructive-technological activity, education of emotional intelligence through the means of visual and constructive-technological activities.

The candidate's scientific contributions can be divided into the following sections:

- scientific-theoretical - develops and improves art-pedagogical modules for work with primary school students in view of new and adapted to the modern educational paradigm theories;
- scientific-methodological - develops a reliable toolkit for studying the achievements of students in art-pedagogical activities;
- scientific-applied - offers ideas for enriching the school and extracurricular activities of pedagogues, art pedagogues and resource teachers.

The participation in national and international projects, as well as the inclusion in different research groups, undoubtedly emphasize the candidate's desire to search for theoretical and practical methods that will enrich his art pedagogical activity in various directions. They show both her organizational skills and her ability to work in a team.

4. Critical notes, recommendations, questions

I recommend to Ch. Assistant Professor Gergana Avramova-Todorova to expand the scope of her publication activity by connecting the art-pedagogical toolkit with the achievements of academic disciplines from the methodological cycle, other than those targeted in the research.

5. Conclusion

On the basis of the materials submitted for participation in the competition, I believe that the candidate, Dr. Gergana Angelova Avramova-Todorova, meets the criteria for occupying the academic position "Associate Professor", defined by the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules for its Implementation, as well as from the Regulations for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and for holding academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas.

I propose to the respected members of the Scientific Jury to vote positively and to propose to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas, to elect Dr. Gergana Angelova Avramova-Todorova to the academic position of "Associate Professor" in professional direction 1.2. Pedagogy (Art pedagogy – fine art and constructive-technological activities in kindergarten and primary school).

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Member of the Scientific Jury:

City of Burgas

(Prof. DSc M. Terzieva)