



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 indicator of group "B" (not required for this position).

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

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

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

Total number of points for indicator "E": 100, with a required 50 points.

The scientific production presented by Dr. Gergana Avramova - Todorova fully corresponds to and exceeds the scientometrics laid down in the Regulations for the conditions and procedures for acquiring scientific degrees and for holding academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov", Burgas.

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

According to the nature of the research and publication activity of ch. assistant professor Gergana Avramova-Todorova, the main areas of her work are related to the application of art pedagogy and opportunities for the formation of emotional intelligence in the teaching of fine art and constructive-technological activities in preschool and primary school age.

The candidate's scientific contributions can be systematized in the following groups:

- of a scientific-theoretical nature - expand the available pedagogical knowledge related to the application of art pedagogy in the teaching of fine art and constructive-technological activities for children of preschool and primary school age;
- of scientific, methodological and applied nature – create, develop and test in practice art pedagogical trainings and models aimed at acquisition of "soft skills" by children in the learning process; The models are aimed at the formation of emotional intelligence, environmental intelligence, tolerance and non-standardity in education Fine Arts and Technology and Entrepreneurship in Preschool and primary school age.

The publishing activity of ch. assistant Gergana Avramova-Todorova can be summarized as follows:



Monograph; a book based on a dissertation; chapter of a collective monograph and 36 publications, of which:

- 26 independent and 10 in co-authorship;
- 26 in Bulgarian and 10 in English;
- 30 in peer-reviewed publications and 6 in journals with an impact factor.

A highlight of the applied scientific production of the candidate is: the monographic work, a book based on a dissertation work and the chapter of a collective monograph.

The monograph "Happiness for Children" presents a sophisticated option, "how pedagogical methods can use visual and constructive-technological means of impact". The main goal of these educational approaches is to promote the "sense of happiness" perceived as an essential element of emotional intelligence. The proposed methodological tools are intended to serve as innovative practical approaches in the teaching of art and technology and entrepreneurship for students of primary school age. A model is shown for the formation of emotional intelligence by developing the ability to be happy. The experimented model offers a solution to a current topic for our time, related to children's emotions and the ways to achieve happiness.

The section of the collective monograph "Visual Literary Work in Kindergarten and Primary School", entitled "Artistic Perception in the Vimmelbuch Book", demonstrates the successful integration of art pedagogical techniques and approaches with traditional means of artistic perception of this type of literary works.

The author's methodological algorithm can be counted among the innovative methods of artistic perception in literature.

The book "The world of my emotions" is based on a dissertation work dedicated to the ability to recognize and regulate emotions in children through art pedagogical trainings. The successful demonstration of the experimental trainings is the basis for making a recommendation regarding their adaptation to a school environment.

4. Critical notes, recommendations, questions

Regardless of the scope of the candidate's scientific output, the contribution to a modern, modernly enriched teaching methodology that combines traditional concepts and effective suggestions for motivating the learning content, some comments and questions can be noted:



- The age characteristics of kindergarten children and primary school students suggest a distinction in the methodology of educational approaches. Can you indicate specific examples of the art-pedagogical methods and techniques of work with which the teacher/leader considers their application in the educational environment.

- Are there specifics in the choice of art-pedagogical approaches aimed at an environment with inclusive education in our country?

- How would you comment on the individual aspects (differences and/or points of contact) of the concepts "construction - fine art - art pedagogy"?

5. Conclusion

On the basis of the materials submitted for the competition, I consider that the candidate, Dr. Gergana Angelova Avramova - Todorova, fully 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 and 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.

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: _____

(Prof. Dr. Pepa Miteva)