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OPINION

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regarding the scientific activity of the main assistant MARTIN ASENOV GYUZELEV, working at "Prof. Assen Zlatarov University – Burgas".

The university announces a competition for the academic position of associate professor in direction 2.2. History and Archeology - scientific specialty "Ancient History (including Prehistory)". The announcement was published in the State Gazette, no. 45/17.06.2022 (date of publication on the site - 17.06.2022).

After the announced mandatory deadline for submitting documents, Dr. Martin Gyuzelev is the only candidate.

Martin Gyuzelev received a very good education for our country. His life is connected with two cities. He was born in Sofia, but lives in Burgas. In the seaside town, he completed primary education and part of secondary education in high school with teaching Russian and second French. He worked at Regional Historical Museum - Burgas and now at „Professor Asen Zlatarov University.“ In the capital, he studied at the high school for ancient languages and cultures "St. Cyril the Philosopher". There he received a solid training. I know many of his graduating class and those around him. It is about persons who successfully master their knowledge in the field of archeology and ancient history. That was the time when serious personnel were still coming out of National High School of Ancient Languages and Cultures. Later he studied at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" (graduated in 1998). After that, for about five years, he was a full-time doctoral student at the National Archaeological Institute with a Museum in Sofia (NAIM, until 2003). In 2004, he successfully defended a dissertation for the award of a scientific and educational degree "doctor" on the topic: "Settlement system along the West Pontic coast in the 1st millennium BC: the lands between Cape Emine and the Bosphorus".

His curriculum vitae continued as a museum worker in Regional Historical Museum - Burgas for about ten years and at university assistant, becoming in 2005 its head.

Ten years later, he defended a "major doctorate" on "Dionysius of Byzantium and his Anaplus on the Bosphorus as a Source for the History and Culture of Southeast Europe." for awarding

the scientific degree "Doctor of Historical Sciences" in the Department of Ancient History, Tracology and Medieval History at the Sofia University.

An unpleasant incident occurs here - Gyuzelev is a "big doctor" (Dr.habil.), but he is a chief assistant. Usually, this kind of doctorates are associated with professorships. Probably some people have prevented him and these are people with lower scientific knowledge than his!?

In parallel with the acquired knowledge, he uses half a dozen old and modern languages: ancient Greek, Latin and Old Bulgarian on the one hand, as well as Russian, French and English on the other.

In order to have a real connection with the water area of Pontos Mr. Gyuzelev, he acquired the qualification degree "amateur - light diver" - 1989, and also a certificate of legal capacity "Driver of a vessel" - 2000.

Martin Gyuzelev also completed two serious scientific specializations:

First at the Center for the Study of Mediterranean and Human History at the University of Aix-en-Provence, France – 2003.

Then at the American School of Classical Studies, Athens, Greece – 2009.

The candidate has written 28 papers, of which 11 are in English and 3 are co-authored.

Leads 4 courses in the bachelor's program and 5 courses in the master's program.

He has prepared 8 programs for freely elective subjects.

At the moment, Martin Gyuzelev is on a permanent employment contract and leads lectures and seminars in the disciplines a) Old story, b) Tracology, c). Archaeology, d) Introduction to historical knowledge in the Department of "History and Philosophy", Faculty of Social Sciences at the University "Prof. PhD. Assen Zlatarov. So here, too, his program is filled to the max.

Martin conducted numerous archaeological excavations in the Bulgarian Black Sea region and diving surveys.

Initially, however, he participated in student research in the hinterland of the country - the village of Mudrets, region Haskovo; Cabyle/Kabyle to Yambol reg., Drustar, Silistra reg.

Starting work in Burgas, he took part in regular and rescue excavations in the water area and the coast of the district.

We will mention Paleokastro, Pomorie; in the town of Manastir Tepe, the village of Banevo, Burgas.

He mainly conducts research in Apollonia Pontica and the surrounding area - the archaeological excavations of an ancient necropolis in Kalfata, Sozopol; archaeological research in Sozopol itself, Old Town - sites: "Fortress Walls and Facilities", "Old Carpentry", "Sea Cliffs"; Archaeological excavations in the town of Budzhaka-Solinaria, Sozopol - Ancient necropolis (deputy manager); on site "Old Municipality" - town of Sozopol (manager); on site XI-XII, quarter 28, town of Sozopol - Old Town (manager); "Extraurban settlement structure in St. Marina, city of Sozopol" - (leader within the Bulgarian-French-Romanian project ANRPontEuxin) and others; Outside of Apollonia Pontica - Sozopolis - works in rescue archaeological excavations in Nessebar at sites such as: church "St. John the Baptist"; church "St. Spas"; another church "Saints Archangels Michael and Gabriel" - (co-leader within the "Path of Faith" project); documented archaeological observation of the site "Church of St. Ioan Aliturgetos" again in the city of Nessebar";

Other sites: underwater archaeological expedition "Urdoviza", near Kiten; rescue archaeological excavations along the route of highway "Trakiya", Lot V, Vratitsa village, site 17; Rescue archaeological excavations of "Kozareva mound" near the town of Kableshevo, region Burgas (deputy manager); site "Thracian fortress on the northern shore of Mandren lake", Cantona town, Cherni vrah village, Burgas (manager); archaeological survey of the As a museum and scientific worker, Dr. Gyuzelev carries out examinations of cultural and historical values, field inspections, evaluations and identifications for the bodies of the executive and judicial authorities, in his capacity as an expert for the Burgas District Court register. In parallel, he develops thematic exhibition plans for temporary and permanent museum exhibitions. He gives reports in a number of symposia in Bulgaria and France.

Involved in the development and implementation of programs and projects: from 2010 to today: deputy manager from the Bulgarian side within the framework of the Bulgarian-French-Romanian ANR project "Pont Euxin". Great Muddy near Mladezhko village, Malko Tarnovo municipality (supervisor). ". The program is dedicated to the archaeological and interdisciplinary study of the territory of ancient Apollonia - the city of Sozopol and its municipality. Participated directly in the studies of the subject of the territory of Apollonia

with the development and delivery of a report at the University of Aix-en-Provence, Marseille, France.

In 2013: participation as a co-leader of archaeological research in the realization of the "Way of Faith" project in the city of Nessebar with reports on the archaeological structures on the territory of the Nessebar NAAR (National Architectural and Archaeological Reserve). Participation in the team of the program - "Pontic Mesambria and its ancient territory" at Scientific Research Fund (SRF) from National Archaeological Institute with Museum (NAIM) at Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS). Also again to the SRF in the development of the "Middle Black Sea" project - a complex study of the eastern part of the Stara Planina.

Participation in the team of the program - "Pontic Mesambria and its ancient territory" at SRF from NAIM at BAS. Also again to the FNI in the development of the "Middle Black Sea" project - a complex study of the eastern part of the Stara Planina.

Field of scientific interests:

They are mainly concentrated with the west-southwest Pontus.

- The western Black Sea coast and the neighboring lands south of Stara Planina in the 1st millennium BC. to IV c. Chr.;
- This problem includes the socio-cultural and political contacts of Thracians, Hellenes and Romans in the mentioned region and their reflection in the hinterland;
- Material material culture - imported and local ceramics;
- Epigraphy and coinage and related coin circulation.
- The settlement structure of urban and rural settlements;
- Grave complexes;
- Road system - routes and their changes during different eras;
- Ports;
- Fortified settlements with different status;
- Cult places - temples and sanctuaries;

- Analysis of the large amount of written data about the region - historical works, geographical, descriptions, peripluses, portulans, ancient maps.

Contributions:

I will divide them chronologically into two stages. The first includes all scientific production up to the moment of the competition. The second concerns the monograph with which he appears as the only candidate for the procedure (doctor habilis).

Regarding the first group of scientific problems, we will briefly state the following:

I. Navigation through the Straits and especially through the Bosphorus – socio-economic, political and religious aspects during Antiquity, which underlie the transition from Europe to Asia and vice versa (Nos. 1-6).

II. The studies of the territory of Apollonia Pontica. In particular, we are talking about the research in the city of "St. Marina", Sozopol) (Nos. 8-10; 13-15; 26-28). It is a building with settlement and economic functions. Several building periods are documented in the fourth and third centuries BC.

III. The problem with the buoyancy of Mandrensko Lake (south of Burgas in the direction of Debelt) in the distant past. A complex method was used - geological and geomorphological changes, fluctuations of the sea, written documents and maps, medieval and ancient written sources, etc. are taken into account. As is known, the Roman fleet also had a lake fleet (e.g. Lake Como, Lake Constance lake, etc.) It is assumed with great certainty that the colonia Flavia pacis Deultensium did not have the opportunity to have heavy-laden ships operating in Mandrensko Lake . This also applies before the founding of the CFPD.

IV. The Greek Cartographic Tradition of the Thracian Aegean and Black Sea Coasts (Articles Nos. 21-22; 24). The historiographical analysis of the periplus and periegesis reports that have reached us is used. They give us information about the coasts of the European Southeast. In this direction is also the important report by Flavius Arrian about the Bosporan kingdom, already as a client of Rome (article no. 23).

V. The coins of the Thracian rulers (in the fund of the Regional Archaeological Museum in Burgas). Some of them (especially those of the kings of the so-called Bisian dynasty) are being published for the first time. For some of the finds, details of their location, dating, etc. are specified. The work is a contribution to the project Corpus Nummorum Thracorum (#25).

V. Articles devoted to individual scientific problems.

- In connection with the preparation for catalogs of our exhibitions in the Louvre/Paris, accompanying scientific texts (individually and in co-authorship) have been prepared for individual objects and finds from Apollonia and its territory, as follows: Sepulchral and dedicatory epigraphic monuments (articles no.11 -12); Archaeological sites and finds (articles No. 13-15)

- Research (article #7) on the distribution of amphora containers from Heraclea in the Thracian lands south of Stara planina (Haemus mons) and along the southern Bulgarian Black Sea coast. The author's contribution of the candidate is the amphorae from Heraclea and Englyphic amphora seals from the fund of Regional Historical Museum - Burgas.

- A published book based on a defended dissertation for the acquisition of the scientific-educational degree "PhD". This is an updated version of the published English version of the doctoral dissertation of Mr. Martin Gyuzelev – "The West Pontic Coast between Emine Cape and Byzantion during the First Millennium BC, Burgas 2008". It reflects the results of the studies of the settlement, port and road system of the western Black Sea coast. Included is the accessible material that was added in the interval between the dissertation defense and publication and now. The illustrative and map material has been supplemented, and some new titles of publications on the subject have been included.

The second part of his scientific career is currently connected with his title Associate Professor. It is a monograph "Stone anchors with three holes from the Bulgarian Black Sea coast" 2022 - dedicated to the study of one of the phenomena of ancient navigation, namely the stone blocks with three holes, discovered in the waters of the Bulgarian Black Sea coast. They are presented according to the catalog principle (made from materials that have arrived in our museums to date). Questions of their typology, method of production, material and quantitative analyzes are discussed there. The analysis of the collected anchor material makes it possible to draw some conclusions on the controversial dating of these marine monuments. A serious criticism has been made of some older interpretations made by other authors. The monuments also appear as reliable benchmarks of the port system along the present-day Bulgarian Black Sea coast in the period of classical antiquity and the later eras of the functioning of the port basins along the modern Bulgarian Black Sea coast.

Over the years, candidate Guselev has become a complex scientist - 1. archaeologist, 2. historian and 3. translator of ancient texts. His scientific activity naturally includes all those additional disciplines that form the main groups mentioned above: work with amphoric ceramics, epigraphy, numismatics, ancient geography, etc.

CONCLUSION:

ON THE BASIS OF WHAT WAS WRITTEN ABOVE, I OFFER TO THE DEAR SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL TO THE UNIVERSITY OF BURGAS "PROF. ASEN ZLATAROV" TO VOTE POSITIVELY, AS I AM DOING, FOR THE AWARD OF THE ACADEMIC POSITION ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN FIELD 2.2. HISTORY AND ARCHEOLOGY (scientific specialty "Ancient History) OF THE COLLEAGUE MARTIN ASENOV GUZELEV FOR THE NEEDS OF THE HIGHER INSTITUTION.

Sofia, October 20, 2022. Sincerely:

(R.T. Ivanov)