

OPINION

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on

competition for the academic position of associate professor in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical sciences, professional field 1. 2. Pedagogy, scientific specialty "Methods of teaching music in kindergarten and primary school",

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from the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov

1. Procedure

The competition is organized in accordance with the regulations governing the selection of candidates for the academic position of "Associate Professor". The procedure is followed. The documents and publications submitted by the candidate for participation in the competition are prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Academic Staff Development Act in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for the implementation of the Academic Staff Development Act in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for Academic Staff Development of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov".

2. Details of the candidate

Ch. Assistant Dr. Smilena Smilkova is the only candidate in the competition for associate professor in Methodology of music education in kindergarten and primary school. According to Art. 29 of the ZRASRB, she has the right to participate in the competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor", as in 2005 she defended her doctoral dissertation and was awarded the educational and scientific degree "Doctor".

Dr. Smilena Smilkova graduated from the Bulgarian State Conservatory "Pancho Vladigerov", Sofia. She defended her doctoral dissertation at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" in the scientific specialty 05.07.03 Methodology of teaching music.

From 1984 to 2016 she was a senior teacher at NUMSI "Prof. Pancho Vladigerov ", Burgas. From 2018 to 2020 she was an assistant professor at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov "Burgas, and since 2020 - Chief Assistant in the Methodology of teaching music in preschool and primary school education and musical instruments.

3. Requirements according to ZRAS

Dr. Smilkova fulfills the minimum requirements for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" in Area 1. Pedagogical Sciences, Professional field 1.2. Pedagogy:

By group A - indicator 1 - The dissertation for the award of educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in 2005 was defended on the topic: "Piano music of Assoc. Prof. Lydia Kuteva and her contribution to the development of Bulgarian music pedagogy."

In group B - indicator 3 - a monograph on "Instrumental music and its perception or Tell me music. Fantasy - creativity - audience ".

The main merits of this independent work are related to conducting large-scale research, in-depth analysis of the results and proposing an author's model. The monograph has a theoretical and practical-applied aspect. The basic concepts on which the musical activity perception is formed are clarified. An original author's model for the perception of instrumental musical works in kindergarten and primary school is presented. The monograph has a significant contribution to the methodology of music education.

By group G:

- **indicator 5** - the dissertation is published

- **indicator 7** - 18 articles and reports published in non-peer-reviewed journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes

The scientific works of Ch. Assistant Dr. Smilena Smilkova are sufficient in number, scientific genres, issues and contributions to the academic position of "Associate Professor". She presents a total of 18 publications, all independent. The publications are in Bulgarian and foreign editions. All publications are on the topic of the announced competition.

The main topics on which Dr. Smilkova works are divided into several groups: elements of musical expression, development and improvement of "soft" skills in children, pupils and students through the use of various musical activities, education and training of future listeners.

By group D:

Indicator 11. Citations or reviews in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases of scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes

Indicator 13 - citations or reviews in non-peer-reviewed journals with scientific review

There are a total of 8 citations on both indicators.

By group E (there are no requirements for holding the academic position "Associate Professor"):

Indicator 16 - participation in a national scientific or educational project - **1 project**

Indicator 17 - participation in an international scientific or educational project - **2 projects**

Indicator 21 - published university textbook or textbook used in the school network - "Creative tasks for the development of imagination through the perception of instrumental music" (manual for students and teachers) - **1 manual**

4. The scientific contributions of Ch. Assistant Dr. Smilena Smilkova are in the field of Methodology of teaching music in kindergarten and elementary school. They can be differentiated into theoretical and applied-practical.

In all publications the impressive and correct scientific style, the precision of the speech, the terminological accuracy are impressive. The texts are easy to read, accessible, which is very important, given the readership for which they are intended - students and especially teachers. This in no way diminishes their scientific value, on the contrary, it shows the high culture and responsibility of the author.

A significant contribution is the search and supply of opportunities for the introduction of modern interactive methods, as well as the rich and diverse experimental work for the formation of theoretical concepts.

5. Teaching activity

Dr. Smilena Smilkova teaches Methodology of musical activities in kindergarten, Methodology of teaching music in primary school education, Art Pedagogy, Music Folklore in the kindergarten and primary school and many others. disciplines related to musical competence of students in the specialties Preschool pedagogy and foreign language, Preschool and primary school pedagogy, Primary school pedagogy and foreign language and Social pedagogy - Bachelor's degree, at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov ", Burgas.

Dr. Smilkova participates in all types of internships in kindergarten and primary school - current, hospice, government practice.

6. Work with students

- Dr. Smilova is a tutor in Preschool and Primary School Pedagogy - a regular form of education, and a scientific consultant on a report for the Student Scientific Conference

Conclusion

The scientific and teaching activity of Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Smilena Smilkova fully meet the requirements set by ZRAS and the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - the institution that has announced the competition, which is why I express my opinion that she can take the academic position of "Associate Professor "in" Methods of teaching music in kindergarten and primary school "in the field of higher education: 1. Pedagogical sciences, Professional field: 1. 2. Pedagogy .

I invite the esteemed members of the scientific jury to vote in favour of Chief Assistant. Dr. Smilena Smilkova holding the academic position of "Associate Professor".

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