

STANDPOINT

By a member of the scientists' panel: PhD Galin Tsokov, Professor in Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" of the materials presented for participation in a contest for the academic position of Associate Professor at *Konstantin Preslavsky* University of Shumen in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogic science, professional field 1.2. Pedagogy (Theory of Education and Didactics - Educational Technologies). In the contest for Associate Professor announced in State Newspaper, issue 97 from 10.12.2019 for the needs of Department "Pedagogy and Education Management" to Pedagogy Faculty, participates Chief Assistant PhD Natasha Lyubomirova Koleva.

1. General presentation of the procedure and the applicant

With Order by the Rector of Shumen University I was appointed as a member of the scientists' panel of a contest for the academic position of Associate Professor at a field of higher education 1. Pedagogical Sciences, professional field 1.2. Pedagogy (Theory of education and didactics - Educational Technology) . for the needs of Department "Pedagogy and Education Management" to Pedagogy Faculty. Only one candidate has submitted documents for participation in the announced competition: Chief Assistant PhD Natasha Lyubomirova Koleva.

The set of materials submitted by PhD Koleva are in paper and complies with the Rules for Development of the Academic Members of Shumen University. The applicant enclosed 16 scientific papers: 2 monographs, 14 scientific articles – all of them reviewed. This scientific production was not presented for acquiring the educational and scientific degree PHD. That is reason why all 16 scientific works are accepted for reviewing.

2. General Characteristic of the Applicant's Activity

Evaluation of educational pedagogic activity and preparation of the applicant

Natasha Koleva has extensive pedagogical experience and teaching experience at the University of Shumen, Pedagogical Faculty . According to the documents submitted, the required workload is available. As a university professor. As a university lecturer PhD Koleva has given the following lecture courses and exercises: *Information and communication technologies pulled the endorsement and work in dykes Alnath environment, audio-visual and information technology in education, pedagogical diagnostics, methodology and methods of educational research , Educational Technology, Multimedia Presentation, Computer Technology .*

The high quality of the teaching activity of the applicant is proved by the following facts:

- Innovation in teaching methods related to the use of interactive assessment and self-assessment tools in virtual classroom.
- Development of study programs for school subjects in Bachelor and Master Courses;
- Participation in 3 international, 3 national and 10 university educational and scientific projects.

I believe that the teaching experience of the applicant meets the criteria borrowing of the academic position Associate Professor, accepted in *Konstantin Preslavsky* University of Shumen .

Evaluation of the scientific and science-applied activity of the applicant

In the announced contest Chief Assistant PhD Koleva applies with a total of 16 scientific papers: 2 monographs, 14 scientific articles – all of them reviewed. This scientific production was not presented for acquiring the educational and scientific degree PHD. That is reason why all 20 scientific works are accepted for reviewing.

In the presented monograph *Koleva N. The Digital Competencies of Bulgarian Teachers, Konstantin Preslavsky* University of Shumen Publishing House , Shumen, 2019. ISBN 978-954-760418-6 a systematic

attempt is made to analyze the process of building and improving the digital competences of it is at -European citizens and at the automatically into Bulgarian educators of the system .

Another monograph *Koleva N. Blended Learning in university education, University Publishing "Bishop Const Antin Preslavski", Shumen, 2019, ISBN 978-619-201-289-2* considered prob l Emma for a meaty - distance education and training is our 's face in person . Analyze t be pros and cons of blended learning as a modern form of university education and its application , using virtual classroom.

The main scientific research emphases in her other scientific works are related to the following thematic areas:

- The readiness of the pedagogical specialists to teach the new discipline of Computer Modeling has been investigated .
- Studys related to clarify the advantages minutes and disadvantages they of a avmestno it (Collaborative) Learning
- A study of the attitude of students towards e-learning .
- Developments related to the implementation of cloud tools in university education .
- Studied is actually so , an organization so models they and the process of team building in academic trainings is our 's .

Main scientific and science-applied contributions:

The contributions of Chief Assistant PhD Koleva can be summarized as:

A. Theoretical contributions

- Progress is sistem atiz Iran analysis of European policies for digital transformation of education and training, presented the experience of European countries to build and improve digital competences of its citizens .
- A detailed review of the DigCompEdu European Framework for the Digital Competence of Educators and its applicability in the context of Bulgarian education has been implemented.
- The advantages and disadvantages of blended learning as a contemporary form of university education and its application through the use of a virtual classroom are justified.

B. Science-applied contributions

- Axis uh intrinsically large-scale study on digital competences of over 260 Bulgarian pedagogical specialists based on defined components in the European framework DigCompEd on this basis is o limit the typology of teachers surveyed regarding their digital competences. .
- Established a self-assessment of teachers for their willingness to teach new academic discipline and "Computer modeling" at an early stage, based on empirical research with over 160 teachers at all levels of Bulgarian education system
- A valid and effective model for the application of blended learning in university education is proposed.

The enclosed reference shows that the quotations in publications of PhD Koleva are 6

3. Critical Notes and Recommendations

Some recommendations can be made to the scientific and teaching work of the applicant:

- In my opinion, in the scientific production of PhD Koleva has sufficient originally developed ideas and achieved results which can be publicized through publications in leading specialized and reference scientific magazines in Bulgaria and abroad ;
- I think that PhD Koleva has scientific-research achievements and sufficient knowledge and teaching experience in order to publish an academic book in *Didactic technologies in education* .

CONCLUSION

The papers and materials submitted by Chief Assistant PhD Natasha Lyubomirova Koleva complies fully with requirements of the Law of development of academic members in the Republic of Bulgaria, Rules for its application and Rules of *Konstantin Preslavsky* University of Shumen. She has presented a sufficient number of high quality scientific works, published after the material used for acquiring the academic degree PhD. In the works of the applicant there are original scientific and applied contributions, which have received national recognition.

The theoretical works have practical application and part of them are directly connected with the school work. The scientific and teaching qualification of Chief Assistant PhD Natasha Lyubomirova Koleva is undeniable. The applicant in the contest meets the minimal national requirements of academic position Associate Professor. I have no doubt of plagiarism in the presented for reviewing scientific publications.

After becoming aware of the submitted for the contest materials and scientific papers, analysis of their significance and the scientific, science-applied contributions contained in them, I find it reasonable to give my positive conclusion and recommend to the Scientific Panel to prepare a report-suggestion to the Faculty Council of Pedagogy Faculty for awarding Chief Assistant PhD Natasha Lyubomirova Koleva the academic position of Associate Professor in *Konstantin Preslavsky* University of Shumen in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogic Science, professional field 1.2. Pedagogy (Theory of Education and Didactics - Educational Technologies).

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