

## OPINION

by Prof. Dr. Milen Penerliev,

under the procedure for occupying the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the area of higher education 3. Social, Economic and Legal Studies, scientific field 3.4 Social activities (Demographic and socio-ecological aspects), State Gazette issue 53/12.06.2020

Based on the order of the Rector of SHU (RD-16-083/05.08.2020) I was appointed as an internal member of SHU a scientific jury, and after a meeting of the same (Minutes/Record 1/20.08.2020) I was appointed to prepare a scientific opinion.

The only candidate (Lecturer Dr. Veselina Radeva Ivanova) submitted documents for the announced competition. All necessary documents have been prepared in accordance with the regulatory requirements and all procedural deadlines have been met.

### **Candidate details.**

The only candidate in the current procedure is lecturer Dr. Veselina Radeva Ivanova. She was born on November 24, 1979. She graduated from Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen and has been working at the same institution since 2006. She is currently a lecturer at the Department of Social and Special Pedagogy at the Faculty of Education. She teaches disciplines such as "Demography", "Socio-demographic problems", "Social ecology", "Organization and management of social work" and others. In 2019 she successfully defended her doctoral thesis and was awarded a PhD Degree in Doctoral Program: "Theory of Education and Didactics (Social Pedagogy)", Prof. 1.2. "Pedagogy". She speaks English.

### **Scientific production.**

The candidate participated in the announced competition with 12 publications, one of which was published in two parts. Of these, two are listed as monographs: Socio-demographic aspects<sup>1</sup> (in two parts) and Globalization and environmental<sup>2</sup> issues. Both meet the requirements for a "monograph" according to Implementing Regulations of LDASRB.

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<sup>1</sup> Socio-demographic aspects (parts 1 and 2). University Publishing House "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski", 2019, Shumen, ISBN 978-619-201-337-0.

<sup>2</sup> Globalization and environmental problems. Shumen. University Publishing House "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski", 214 pp., 2020, ISBN 978-619-201-371-4.

The monograph "Socio-demographic aspects" treats current demographic processes and phenomena in the world (part 1) and Bulgaria (part 2). Theoretical and terminological aspects are summarized. A glossary of terms used is attached. In terms of content, this publication is modern, dealing with contemporary problems in population development, based on current and properly analyzed demographic statistics. The negative trend in the demographic development of the country is correctly outlined, the demographic crisis is analyzed with an emphasis on certain territories and structures of the population.

Of the articles and reports attached to the competition, two (2) have been published in a global database (WoS). Both address current issues in public life (migration, public health and their impact on them).

In the other 8 publications, the socio-demographic ones prevail (5) and in the field of social ecology (4). In essence, they deal with problems related to the demographic crisis in the country and its socio-cultural and social significance. Indicators such as birth rate, mortality, infant mortality, emigration, age structure, etc. are analyzed. In a separate publication, they are analyzed through the prism of the main "benchmarks" of demographic policy and overcoming negative trends. The main problems identified through the use of the genetic approach are identified.

The generalized view of the publications shows good handling of the methodological and conceptual apparatus, skillful use of interdisciplinary connections between fundamentally different scientific fields such as demography, sociology, ecology, social work, etc.

#### **Minimum scientometric indicators.**

The candidate, lecturer Dr. Veselina Ivanova, fully "covers" the required minimum scientometric indicators in scientific field 3.4 Social activities. Of the required 400 points, the candidate applies 425 as follows: under criterion A - 50 points; criterion B - 100 points; criterion D - 215 points (out of the required 200); criterion D - 60 points (out of the required 50).

Of the necessary quality indicators for participation in the competition, the candidate meets all, namely she has scientific and educational degree "Doctor", she was a lecturer at the University of Shumen, she published an original monograph, and there is no legally proven plagiarism.

**Conclusion/Implication:** all criteria under art. 24 (1) of LDASRB, art. 53 (1) of the Implementing Regulations of LDASRB and Art. 65 (1) and (2) of

Regulation of DAS of Shumen University are fulfilled by the candidate Dr. Veselina Radeva Ivanova.

**Recommendations.**

Based on the analysis of the attached scientific publications, as well as the attached reference for the additional criteria, we recommend the candidate to increase the share of publications abroad as well as even stronger concentration on research on regional socio-demographic problems in Bulgaria.

**Conclusion.**

Based on the attached references for research and teaching experience, I believe that the candidate for the announced competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" - Prof. Dr. Veselina Radeva Ivanova fully complies meet LDASRB, the Implementing Regulations of LDASRB, the Regulations for the development of the Academic staff of Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen. Because of all this, my assessment of the academic position of Associate Professor in the competition announced by Dr. Veselina Radeva Ivanova is POSITIVE. The achieved scientific results give me reason to persuade the Honorable Scientific Jury to give a positive assessment of the application and to propose to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Education of Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen to elect Dr. Veselina Radeva Ivanova for Associate professor in the area of higher education 3. Social, Economic and Legal Studies, scientific field 3.4 Social activities (Demographic and socio-ecological aspects).

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