

## OPINION

by Assoc. Prof. Zdravka Dimitrova Toneva, PhD

for the materials provided by lecturer Dr. Veselina Radeva Ivanova for participation in the competition announced by Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen in the State Gazette, No. 53/12.06.2020 for 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)

### **1. General description of the submitted materials**

The research interests of Dr. Veselina Radeva Ivanova are in the field of demography and ecology and in particular the anthropogenic pollution of the environment and health. This perspective of her scientific research directly corresponds to and upgrades the acquired knowledge and skills in the previous educational degrees - "bachelor" and "doctor".

The candidate submitted for review the following materials:

- ✓ Monograph on socio-demographic aspects (parts I and II), a total of 450 pages,
- ✓ Published book based on a defended dissertation - 214 pages,
- ✓ Two articles and reports published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases, observed in SCOPUS and Web of science,
- ✓ Eight articles and reports published in non-peer-reviewed peer-reviewed journals.

Of the total number (13) of peer-reviewed publications, seven are in Bulgarian and six in English.

All peer-reviewed publications are closely related to the scientific interests of Dr. Veselina Ivanova.

The publications presented are in line with the number of points required to meet the minimum criteria.

### **2. General characteristics of the scientific, scientific-applied and practical activity of the candidate**

The main activity of Dr. Veselina Ivanova, determined by her position in the structure of the University of Shumen is two-way-both research and teaching. In addition to the mentioned publications, she participated in the competition with 20 citations, 13 of which were in English, participation in 10

scientific forums and 15 guided disciplines<sup>1</sup>. Impressive is both the number and the topic of her research and teaching activities. This presents to us a young scientist, from whom we can reasonably expect continued activity and depth of scientific and teaching activities.

### **3. Critical remarks and recommendations**

I have no critical remarks regarding the research and teaching activities of the candidate.

However, I would recommend her, if she wishes, to pay more attention to the regional and regional socio-demographic problems and their specifics from terms of economic development, incomes and inequalities. It is clear to me that this is a very serious and labor-intensive theoretical and applied field. However, I am convinced that Dr. Veselina Ivanova has the strength, experience and knowledge to "step/ trample/ wade in" into these fast-moving and dynamically changing "deep waters".

### **4. Personal impressions**

I do not know the candidate personally, but her publications, pedagogical activity and personal participation in the organization and implementation of a number of national and internal university projects speak of the personal positive attitude built in me.

### **5. Reasoned conclusion**

Everything said so far rightly gives me the right to give a full assessment of the research and teaching activities of Dr. Veselina Radeva Ivanova. I strongly support her election to 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).

I strongly recommend the other members of the esteemed Scientific Jury to vote in favor.

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Signature:



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<sup>1</sup> The citations presented by the candidate fully cover the minimum requirements for the academic position of "Associate Professor".