

REVIEW

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Concerning a competition for the academic post of Associate Professor in professional field 1.1. Theory and Management of Education (Management of education), announced by Shumen University "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski" for the needs of Varna Free University "Chernorizets Hrabar" promulgated in State Gazette №12/12.02.2021.

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The documents of one candidate - Veselin Dimitrov Mihalev, PhD, were entered for participation in the competition announced by University of Shumen.

1. Details of the candidate.

Vesselin Dimitrov Mihalev, Phd - graduated his higher education in 1986 in VPI - Blagoevgrad, specialty "Primary school pedagogy". In 2015 at VTU "St. St. Cyril and Methodius" he acquired *Master's degree* in the Management of Education.

In 2010 Veselin Mihalev defended his doctoral dissertation at the SNA in the scientific specialty 05.07.02. *History of pedagogy and Bulgarian education* on the topic: "*Education in the city of Varna during the Revival.*" Three years later (2013) he acquired the First PKS in the specialty "Education Management" at the University of Shumen "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski" in DIKPO Varna. In 2017 at VTU he defended his dissertation on the topic: "*Greek educational institutions in the settlements on the North Black Sea coast during the second half of the nineteenth century until the 20s of the twentieth century*" for awarding the scientific degree "Doctor of Science" in the scientific specialty Pedagogy (Theory of Upbringing and Didactics) - Diploma №VT-17 2 0001/14.03.2017.

Vesselin Mihalev has diverse professional experience in the field of education as: a teacher; a methodist in the Department of Education in Beloslav; a deputy director at the Municipal Center for Work with Children - Varna; a deputy/assistant. From 1999 until today he is the principal of „Dobri Chintulov”

Primary School in Varna. Since May 3, 2019, he has been a lecturer on a quarter staff at Varna Free University.

2. Data for the competition.

For participation in the competition Veselin Dimitrov Mihalev has submitted to the Center for Development of the Academic Staff of Shumen University 19 documents (described in a sample application to the Rector of Shumen University from 29.03.2021). The documents comply with the legal and regulatory framework - ZRASRB, PPZRASRB and the requirements of the Regulations for the development of the academic staff at the University of Shumen "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski" (PRASSHU). I did not find any deviation from the requirements for the procedure.

3. Characteristics of the scientific production and achievements of the candidate.

Vesselin Mihalev presents in the competition a scientific production that corresponds to the requirements. The minimum requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of ZRASRB for holding the academic position "Associate Professor" in the scientific field and the professional direction of the competition - all points by groups of indicators "A" + "B" + "D" + "E" = 810 points (for required 400). In their focus and content, the publications correspond to the topic of the announced competition and are dedicated to current and significant problems for the theory and especially for management practice.

I should note that the scientific works of the candidate are after the defense of the doctoral dissertation. I did not find any unregulated borrowings of the author from foreign scientific works.

In terms of content, the main scientific developments of the candidate are distinguished as follows:

➤ The habilitation work ***“Delegated budget in conditions of financial decentralization of school education”*** represents a clear mechanism for distribution of the school budget, which creates conditions for regulation of the financial relations at the level of the municipality - educational institution.

➤ The monograph ***“The Bulgarian school in the city of Varna during the Revival. Pedagogical and managerial aspects”*** examines the functioning of the new Bulgarian education in the city of Varna during the Revival, which is important for the development of Bulgarian education.

➤ The monographs ***“Greek educational institutions in settlements***

on the southern Black Sea coast in the second half of the nineteenth century to the 20s of the twentieth century" and *"Influence of Greek educational institutions for the development of modern Bulgarian education in Varna in the second half of the nineteenth century to the 1920s"* examine the penetration of the strong Greek influence in the management of the Bulgarian school.

➤ The studies and articles presented in the competition by Veselin Mihalev analyze phenomena from the thematic areas: management of Bulgarian educational institutions and historical aspects of the management of non-Bulgarian (Greek) educational institutions.

In 2019 and 2020 the academic (teaching) activity of Veselin Mihalev is mainly expressed in lectures and exercises at VFU "Chernorizets Hrabar" with author's programs in academic disciplines: Inclusive education; Pedagogy (Theory of Upbringing and Didactics), Management of education; Work with normative documents in the system of school education for acquiring additional professional qualification - teacher.

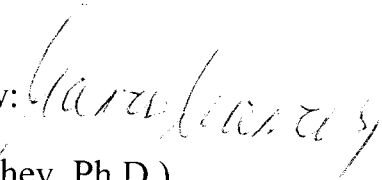
4. Critical remarks and recommendations.

I do not have grounds for critical remarks and recommendations for the scientific work of the candidate. I believe that the scientific contributions formulated by Veselin Mihalev are sufficiently substantiated and academically correct. I have no personal contacts and impressions of the candidate.

5. Conclusion.

Based on the above, I give a positive assessment of the candidate and the overall procedure of the competition and recommend to the colleagues from the scientific jury VESELIN DIMITROV MIHALEV to be elected "Associate Professor" in a professional field 1.1. Theory and management of education (Management of education).

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