

REVIEW

in a competition for the academic position of "Professor" in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, Professional field 3. 4. Social activities (Art therapy and socialization) announced by the Konstantin Preslavsky - University of Shumen (ShU), for the needs of the Department of Social Work, at the Faculty of Education (FE), with the only candidate Associate Professor, PhD Zhivko Velichkov Zhechev.

Reviewer: Prof. DSc Sonya Borisova Ilieva, Konstantin Preslavsky - University of Shumen. Based on an order of the Rector of University of Shumen (RD-16-004/12.01.2021) I have been appointed an internal member for University of Shumen at a scientific jury, and after a meeting of the same I was appointed to prepare a review.

I. Details about the competition

The competition was announced by University of Shumen in State Gazette, №98 /17.11.2020. The position "Professor" is opened for teaching in the courses and programs of the Department of Social Work at the Faculty of Education.

The only candidate in the announced competition is Associate Professor, PhD Zhivko Velichkov Zhechev. He presents a set of materials in accordance with the Regulations for the development of the academic staff of the University of Shumen.

II. Biographical and professional data about the candidate

Assoc. Prof. PhD Zhivko Zhechev was born in 1959.

In 1980 she graduated with a degree in Bulgarian Philology at the Higher Pedagogical Institute and obtained a bachelor's degree. Later he graduated with a master's degree in Social Activities in 2001 at the University of Shumen - Konstantin Preslavsky. In 2013 he defended her dissertation in front of a scientific jury of Shumen University and received the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical sciences, Professional field 1.2. Pedagogy, doctoral program "Theory of Education and Didactics (Social Pedagogy)". He works for the University of Shumen since 1988, and since 2015 till now he has occupied the position "Associate professor". In the period 2017-2018 he was been Deputy District Governor of Shumen District.

III. Scientometric indicators

Assoc. prof. Zhivko Velichkov Zhechev fully satisfies the required minimum scientometric indicators in the professional field 3.4. Social activities. Of the required 550 points, the applicant applies 600 as follows: by group of indicators A - 50 points; by group of indicators C - 100 points; by group of indicators G - 220 points; by group of indicators D - 130 points; by group of indicators E - 100 points.

Assoc. prof. PhD Zhivko Zhechev participates in the competition with:

1. Habilitation work: „*The need for a father figure for children placed in social services and institutions*“.

The topic of the role of the father is the subject of a number of humanities, including philosophy and religion. As we know from the history of mankind, the most common form of

clan-municipal system was the patriarchy. In the conditions of political and ideological patriarchalism the first classical civilizational cultures were born, laying the foundations of the modern world we know. In the anthropological aspect of the word "father" we most often find its meaning as the founder of the family unit, the source of genetic material, and subsequently the supplier, guardian and leader of the family he created. This sense of fatherhood is universal even for our daily perception of the word. However, when we talk about the father as part of the adolescent's life, our ideas are limited to the role model of sexual self-awareness and the purely economic contribution to the child's well-being. In the context of social work with children, the father figure is still not perceived as an effective and multifunctional resource, as well as as an alternative to institutional care. A similar approach is taken in the cases of judicial distribution of parental rights. The presented monograph concludes that fathers and significant male figures from the extended families of children continue to be an underestimated and neglected element of child protection. This happens due to a number of social or subjective-stereotypical reasons, which ultimately harm the children, subject to the system of their protection. The presented monograph aims to clarify and analyze how the lack of a father figure affects children raised outside the family environment.

**2. Published monograph, which is not presented as a major habilitation work -
"Sociological and legal regulation of the problem of disadvantaged children."**

At the very beginning of the monograph, the question of the state policy of the state with regard to disadvantaged children is raised. It is stated that this regulation is realized through the constitution and implementation of social policy, understood in a broad sense. Immediately after that, the concept of "disadvantaged children" is clarified - normative definitions and classification. The most common in international documents, that of UNESCO, is emphasized. The reader's attention is drawn to the Child Protection Act, which defines a "child at risk". A completely comprehensive classification of children at risk in Bulgaria has been made, according to two criteria: according to the factors (causes) determining the risk for the child; according to the form of care. In view of the development of the monograph, the terms "institutionalization" and "deinstitutionalization" are defined.

3. Presented are 12 articles, published in unrefereed journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes.

1. Zhechev, Zh. Psychodiagnostics to excursions in the social development // SocioBrains, Issue 18, February 2016, pp. 39-44, ISSN 2367-5721 (online), www.sociobrains.com, Publ.: Smart Ideas – Wise Decisions, Ltd., Bulgaria, 2016

The issues of socio-psychological assessment of the personality have always attracted the attention of specialists from different fields of humanities. From the study and knowledge of individual and group psychological characteristics of human needs and social work.

2. Zhechev, Zh. Need for integrative knowledge in the application of art therapy // Collection of scientific works of the traveling seminar Belgrade - Ljubljana - Italian Riviera - Zagreb (03.05.2016 – 11.05.2016), Konstantin Preslavsaky – University of

Shumen, Publ. "Faber", Veliko Tarnovo, 2016, p. 110-116, ISBN 978- 619-00-0477-6

Art therapy is based on knowledge of human development and is used in various cases related to it: affecting the ability to learn, psychodynamics, interpersonal disorders, deficits in self-reflection, social contacts, the presence of behavioral problems, low self-esteem.

3. Zhechev, Zh. Specific characteristics of deviant behavior // Annual of Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen, vol. XX, Veliko Tarnovo, Publ. „Faber“, 2016, p. 383-390, ISSN 1314-6769

This report refers to the explanation of deviant behavior from the starting point of social behavior - as a set of actions and behaviors that are socially approved and in accordance with the strength of society, norms and values and individual behavior - as a stage of the procedure "social behavior" as a complex change of personal skills and experience, goals and reasons for achieving a certain result, which is valuable for society and the individual. The difference between deviant behavior and delinquent behavior is also shown.

4. Zhechev, Zh. Determinant factors in the social service "Foster care" // SocioBrains, Issue 34, June 2017, pp. 78-84, ISSN 2367-5721 (online), www.sociobrain.com, Publ.: Smart Ideas – Wise Decisions, Ltd., Bulgaria, 2017

Foster care is a measure for the protection of children at risk, in which they are placed in families so that they can be cared for in a family environment and not in institutions. The main goal of the foster family is to return it to the biological one at a certain time. One of the main points related to the foster family is the availability of motivation to raise another's child. The article gives an answer as to which families proceed to be foster families. Among them are: families who for various reasons cannot have children of their own; families whose relationships are in crisis; single mothers; elderly people; a family whose child has died; and others.

5. Zhechev, Zh. Individual and group work forms at art therapy // SocioBrains, Issue 40, December 2017, pp. 174-178, ISSN 2367-5721 (online), www.sociobrain.com, Publ.: Smart Ideas – Wise Decisions, Ltd., Bulgaria, 2017

Art therapy is offered on an individual or group level depending on which is better for the individual, based on a preliminary assessment. Group therapy has the advantage that falling into the group, the client already has the conditions for resocialization and communication with other people, motivation to compete, to be liked. In group therapy (work) it is not recommended to be conducted with many people together (from 2 to 6-8 people), to whom the problems and condition should be similar, so that an atmosphere conducive to work and joint activities.

6. Zhechev, Zh. Legal regulation of the problem with disadvantaged kids and deinstitutionalization // SocioBrains, Issue 49, September 2018, pp. 33-46, ISSN 2367-5721 (online), www.sociobrain.com, Publ.: Smart Ideas – Wise Decisions, Ltd., Bulgaria, 2018

Over the last ten years, Bulgaria has undergone an accelerated process of deinstitutionalization and the provision of alternative services for children at risk. This process

is accompanied and defined by a number of national and supranational documents, which are presented in this article.

7. Zhechev, Zh. Institutional children through the prism of the microsociological paradigm and the concept of social distance // Annual of Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen, vol. XXII, Veliko Tarnovo, Publ. „Faber”, 2018, p. 283-290, ISSN 1314-6769

The present study uses a kind of mixed approach, ie elements of different theories, concepts and methods located in the field of interpretive sociology are taken into account and used to fully analyze - as far as possible - the phenomenon of "children". disadvantaged "in order to get a relatively comprehensive picture of it.

8. Zhechev, Zh. Alternatives to social services for children // Collection of scientific works of the traveling seminar Istanbul-Kusadasi-Izmir (30.04.2019 – 07.05.2019), Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen Faculty of Education, Publ. „Faber“, Veliko Tarnovo, 2019 p. 139-149, ISBN 978-619-00-0996-2

According to the National Strategy "Vision for deinstitutionalization of children in Bulgaria" in our country, institutional care at a rapid pace should be replaced by alternative forms of social services for children. As a result, the implementation of the strategy is expected in the long run, by reducing the number of children in institutions in order to achieve complete closure of the classical type of institutions, while ending the institutionalization of children from 0 to 3 years after the reform.

9. Zhechev, Zh. Research work with the students. Brainstorming as a method for solving problems in the social sphere. // SocioBrains, Issue 57, May 2019, pp. 59-63, ISSN 2367-5721 (online), www.sociobrains.com, Publ.: Smart Ideas – Wise Decisions, Ltd., Bulgaria, 2019

Research work is essential for all students because it focuses on their complex personality, development in terms of mastering specific skills and competencies. This determines their individual prosperity. This article presents Page 6 of 8 research work with students majoring in "Social Activities at the University of Shumen Konstantin Preslavski. The brainstorming is carried out on the social problem "children who give birth to children", as the problem is extremely important for the functioning of Bulgarian society. The research method Brainstorming was used to achieve the research goal.

10. Zhechev, Zh. Application of the ringing method in forecasting in the social sphere // SocioBrains, Issue 57, May 2019, pp. 64-68, ISSN 2367-5721 (online), www.sociobrains.com, Publ.: Smart Ideas – Wise Decisions, Ltd., Bulgaria, 2019

RINGI is a Japanese method of management and forecasting. In Japan, the whole procedure of the RINGI Method is understood as a manifestation of management philosophy, associated with a careful attitude to management in general and collective responsibility. The Japanese believe that RINGI helps them to take into account the full range of opinions on the developed problem or forecast and therefore in no way ignore even the most insignificant opinion. The room describes the author's experience with students majoring in "Social Activities". It was held for educational purposes, in order to increase students' knowledge in the field of social research and futurological knowledge.

11. Zhechev, Zh. Social change and historical activity // SocioBrains, Issue 57, May 2019, pp. 69-76, ISSN 2367-5721 (online), www.sociobrain.com, Publ.: Smart Ideas – Wise Decisions, Ltd., Bulgaria, 2019

Change and change are inherent in the living and non-living world. They occur every minute. Man is born, grows old and dies. In the same way, societies are born, reach maturity, or disintegrate. In sociology, social change is understood as the transformations that take place over time in the organization, in the structure of society, in the patterns of thinking, culture and social behavior.

12. Zhechev, Zh. Essential characteristics of a social organization // Annual of Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen, vol. XXIIID, 35 years of Faculty of Education, Veliko Tarnovo, Publ. „Faber”, 2019, p. 384-393, ISSN 1314-6769

The organization is a system of consciously coordinated activities of two or more people. The organization is a social system. In order for a group of two or more people with consciously coordinated activities to be called an organization, it must also meet the following requirements: 1. To have at least one goal (ie desired end state or result), which is accepted by the members of the group as common; 2. Two or more members to work together with the intention of achieving the goal (s) relevant to all. Page 7 of 8 The question of what an organization is has a complex history. This article examines in detail the various aspects of social organization.

Published university textbook or textbook used in the school network

1. Zhechev, Zh. Жечев, Ж. Art therapy. Motivation for social activity of children through art, Shumen, Univeristy Publishing House “Konstantin Preslavsky”, 2020, 281 p., ISBN 978-619- 201-424-7

The textbook presented to the attention of the scientific jury consisting of 10 lectures is intended for students majoring in "Social Activities" and "Social Pedagogy" at the University of Shumen "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski". It can be used by social workers from various social services, as well as by anyone for whom Art therapy is of interest.

Published university handbook or handbook used in the school network

1. Zhechev, Zh. Organization and management of social activities in Bulgaria, Shumen, Univeristy Publishing House “Konstantin Preslavsky” 2020, 111 p., ISBN 978-619- 201-435-3

Each organization related to a different area of social development has developed its own management approaches that distinguish it from other organizations. Such is the case with the organization of social activities in a democratic state, which forms its own way of governing, its own structures. This requires them to be systematized in a separate training course relating to the training of social workers and social pedagogues in our country, entitled "Organization and management of social activities in Bulgaria."

Zhivko Zhechev has been cited 12 times in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review and 2 times in unrefereed journals with scientific review.

IV. Scientific activity

Zhivko Zhechev defended his dissertation in 2013 and received the educational and scientific degree "Doctor". Participates in 7 national and 14 University research projects in the field of educational activities.

There is no evidence that the scientific production of the candidate is not her personal work. The sources used are correctly indicated.

V. Teaching load and activity

The main activity of Assoc. prof. Zhivko Zhechev is teaching. He develops a number of curricula, which she implements in her teaching activity.

In the Department he has a serious teaching load, both with lecture courses and seminars in bachelor's and master's degrees. He teaches the following disciplines: Art therapy, Language culture, Communication and speech development, Speech culture, Fundamentals of theatrical culture, Social communication, Social work with children dropped out of school, Social-normative training, Speech technique, Communication skills training, etc.

VI. Main contributions

1. Identification of the need for a father figure for children placed in social services and institutions.
2. Conducting an empirical study on the need for a father figure for children placed in social services and institutions.
3. Creating a scientific idea of the organization and management of social activities in Bulgaria.
4. Formation of theoretical approaches to the relationship between social activity and socialization in children placed in social services.
5. Theoretical focus on the positive direction and motivation of social activity through Art therapy.
6. Formulation of an Exemplary Art Therapy Program aimed at motivating the social activity of children placed in social services.
7. Focusing on diagnostics in social work related to the client's participation and his interaction with the social worker.
8. Clarification of Art therapy as an effective tool for medical, emotional, educational, mental, rehabilitation problems and those related to inclusion in society.
9. Explanation of deviant, deviant behavior from the starting point of social behavior.
10. Formation of a sociological image of the foster family - its advantages and disadvantages.
11. Clarification of Art therapy at individual and group level.
12. Consideration of social institutions for children in the context of various sociological concepts - social construction of reality, macro-sociological paradigm and the concept of social distance.
13. Practical application of Brainstorming and Method Ringi for research of social problems, together with students majoring in "Social Activities" at the Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen.

VII. Critical notes and recommendations

1. The materials presented to me by the only candidate, Assoc. Prof. PhD Zhivko Zhechev, fully satisfy my scientific claims, should be noted that the problems she deals with are socio-demographic and environmental. The general evaluation of the presented

monographs, articles, reports, etc. are characterized by interdisciplinary orientation, use of new methodologies and tools in the research process, confirms the achieved sufficient volume of scientific, scientific-applied and applied contributions.

2. It is evident that Assoc prof. Zhivko Zhechev participated in the competition for the academic position of “professor” with convincing contributions in her scientific, scientific-applied and pedagogical activities. He has an indisputable personal contribution and her scientific achievements are distinguished by her own handwriting, original, innovative and research approach. The qualities of the proposed scientific production have a real practical applicability and are directly oriented to the educational work.
3. I believe that the in-depth presentation of the scientific materials shows a reliable scientist who can be a model for other candidates on the way to the academic position of "professor".

VIII. Conclusion

My assessment of the occupation of the academic position "Professor" announced by the competition by Associate Professor Zhivko Velichkov Zhechev is POSITIVE.

The achieved scientific, research and teaching results give me reason to convincingly recommend to the esteemed Scientific Jury, **to elect for the academic position "Professor" Associate Professor PhD Zhivko Velichkov Zhechev** in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, Scientific field 3.4. Social activities (Art therapy and socialization) and to propose to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Education, at the Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen to approve the decision of the Scientific Jury.

25.02.2021
Shumen

Reviewer:


(Prof. DSc Sonya Ilieva)