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STANDPOINT

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of the scientific papers presented in the competition for the academic position of "associate professor" in the field of higher education 9. Security and Defense", Professional Direction 9.1. National Security (Security Systems), in the "Faculty of Technical Sciences" of "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski" University of Shumen, announced in SP no. 30/15.04.2022", to the only candidate chief assistant PhD. Tsvetelina Ilieva Metodieva, holding the position in the Department of "Management of Security Systems" at "Episkop Konstantin Preslavski" SHU.

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1. General characteristics of the candidate's scientific-research, scientific-applied and pedagogical activities

The works submitted for review by Ch. assistant professor Dr. Tsvetelina Ilieva Metodieva are in the specialty of the competition for "associate professor" in the field of higher education 9. Security and defense, professional direction: 9.1 National security, mainly related to issues investigating the essence of migration security and possible approaches for its definition, reflecting the close connection between national and migration security, giving a broader meaning to the concept of "migration security".

For review by the scientific jury, 19 publications with a total volume of 359 pages are presented in a summary, of which 1 monograph, 1 - published book based on a protected dissertation work for awarding the educational and scientific degree "Doctor", 17 reports and articles, of which in co-authorship - 4 nos. The publications are in specialized scientific publications, the candidate's style is academic, thorough, understandable and accessible, adhering to academic standards.

The total number of points acquired from the candidate's publications is 503, with state minimum requirements of 400 points, which means that the candidate fulfills them.

The candidate has presented his works in a different format, organized into several main thematic groups:

- Analysis of theoretical aspects of migration security, as a component of national and corporate security and the impact of migration processes on the security of municipalities and business organizations;
- Research and analysis of the models, good practices and the legal basis for adaptation and integration of citizens from third countries and the criteria for evaluating the integration processes in the regions and municipalities from the point of view of ensuring their migration security;
- The theoretical aspects of corporate and economic security, as an essential element of national security, have been analyzed, and basic author's definitions in the field of migration processes have been proposed;
- The demographic balance of EU and non-EU countries was studied and the genesis and development dynamics of migration processes were examined. The research offers the author's view regarding the identification of modern aspects of national security in the Republic of Bulgaria and the EU, with an emphasis on the role of the migration factor for regional security, considered as a prerequisite for creating a demographic imbalance corresponding to the security of municipalities and business organizations.

The scientific papers presented for review represent a challenge to the scientific community working on security and defense issues because of the author's ambition to generate new scientifically based and practically applicable knowledge to determine the nature of migration security and its components, as well as the threats it creates for national security, through the author's proposed definition of the terms "migration security" and "migrant security" and the proposed six components (types) of adaptation - institutional, economic, social, biological, cultural and geographical adaptation, and evaluation criteria for each component of adaptation.

I accept for review all materials presented by the candidate, which, in my opinion, are in the subject of the competition and contain contributing points in the reviewed area. The number of publications is representative and I estimate it as sufficient for participation in a competition for the academic position of "associate professor" at the "Ep. K. Preslavski".

2. Opinion on the presence or absence of plagiarism.

The scientific works presented in the competition are published in non-refereed journals with scientific review or in edited collective volumes, the successful publication of which implies compliance with accepted ethical and legal norms.

Co-authored publications are correctly presented. I am not aware of any claims made by other authors for improper use of the literary sources, or of any reports of anonymous or non-anonymous plagiarism regarding the applicant's publications. I have no joint posts with the candidate.

3. Evaluation of the candidate's pedagogical training and activity.

Ch. assistant professor Tsvetelina Ilieva Metodieva is distinguished as a researcher of the problems of the effective management of migration security in the "security and defense" system and its subsequent implementation in the training of PN 9.1 specialists. National security, the curricula at the "Ep. K. Preslavski".

The continuous improvement of the theoretical and pedagogical training allows ch. assistant professor Tsvetelina Ilieva Metodieva, to master the mastery of the lecturer, during the taught lectures and exercises in 9 disciplines from the curriculum of PN 9.1. National security in the capacity of chief assistant at the "Ep. K. Preslavski".

The development of study programs and study literature, the systematic use in the learning process of modern interactive forms of learning, as well as the participation in 5 scientific research projects, of which 1 national and 4 internal university ones, make her a very good teacher - methodist in the taught disciplines .

The candidate has published scientific production in the nomenclature specialty 19 publications. Of these, reports and publications at national forums - 8 nos. One title in an international edition and reports of national forums with international participation - 4 nos. Publications in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals and in edited collective volumes - 17 nos. Of the 19 papers proposed for review, 8 were reported at conferences, three of which were in English. Monographs - 1 with a volume of 148 pages and a published book based on a protected dissertation work for the award of an educational and scientific degree "doctor" of 96 pages.

Ch. assistant professor Tsvetelina Ilieva Metodieva skilfully combines teaching and research activities, knows how to work in a team and shares her knowledge and skills with colleagues and students. In the materials provided to me for review, the application of the results of the candidate's research activity is evident, which is also confirmed by the presented reference for the citations - 13 items, which are in edited collective volumes and in non-refereed journals with scientific review.

The specified scientific production does not repeat the achievements of the author, submitted for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "doctor", in accordance with the requirements of Art. 53, para. 1, item 3 of the ZRASRB.

The amount of works submitted for review and their citation meets the minimum state/national requirements for holding the academic position "docent" under Art. 2b para. 2, item 4 and para. 3, Art. 29 of "ZRASRB" and art. 1a, para. 1 and para. 2, and art. 53, para. 1, item 4 "Minimum quantitative indicators for occupying the academic position "associate professor" from "PPZRASRB" in the district "9. Security and defense", professional direction "9.1. National Security".

4. Main scientific results and contributions.

I accept the claim of the applicant's proposed contributions as substance and application, but I do not accept the wording of some of them, which is not sustained in a scholarly style. The main contributions of the candidate are of a scientific, scientifically applied and applied nature and can be summarized in the following areas:

4.1. Scientific contributions to the theory achieved in the research in the above-mentioned thematic groups correspond to the enrichment of existing knowledge about:

- theoretical aspects of migration security, as a component of national and

corporate security and the influence of migration processes on the security of municipalities and business organizations; (papers No. 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 12, 16).

- the essence of the problems related to the migration security of business organizations in North-Eastern Bulgaria; (papers with No. 2,5,8,10,12.).

- the theoretical foundations of migration processes and their influence on the demographic balance. The demographic balance of EU and non-EU countries and the genesis and development dynamics of migration processes are considered; (papers No. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 16.).

- basic definitions in the field of migration processes and theoretical aspects of corporate and economic security, as an essential element of national security. New author's terms for the scientific community for "migration security" and "migrant security" have been introduced. The term anthropotok as a social process transferring identity, i.e. as a force shaping the geopolitical map of the world; (papers No. 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16).

4.2. Scientific-applied contributions with a practical focus, achieved during research in thematic groups correspond to:

- the proposed proactive approach for the development of measures and means to improve the process of integration of the GTS and the development of a reference program for the municipality of Shumen with the aim of increasing migration security at the level of the region and municipality; (papers No. 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 17.).

- the further developed three models of naturalization and integration policy in EU countries - German, French and British, noting that integration opposes the segregation and discrimination of persons according to place of birth or ethnic origin; (papers No. 1, 6, 4, 9, 10, 12, 16.).

- the models, good practices and the normative base for adaptation and integration of citizens from third countries and the criteria for evaluating the integration processes in the regions and municipalities from the point of view of ensuring their migration security; (papers No. 5, 6, 9, 12, 17.).

- the developed six components (types) of adaptation - institutional, economic, social, biological, cultural and geographical adaptation, and evaluation criteria for each component of adaptation. (papers with No. 2,5,8,10,12.).

5. Evaluation of the significance of the contributions for science and practice.

The results achieved in the works of Dr. Metodieva are further research and development of issues and problems from the theory of migration security. The same can be successfully used in the educational process of the "Ep. K. Preslavski", in the training of listeners and students about the needs of the institutions of the national security protection system.

I believe that the works are the candidate's independent work and successfully defend his claims for scientific and scientifically applied contributions.

6. Critical notes on the presented works

Some critical comments can be made to the materials submitted for review:

- in the design of some of the works there are inaccuracies, repetitions and editorial errors, which do not reduce their scientific value, but worsen the possibilities for quick perception;

- the research in some scientific publications is not completed, which opens the possibility for future scientific developments and a deeper theoretical understanding of the problematic issues.

Regardless of the personal considerations of the author, I express my personal conviction of the possibility of the precise and distinct definition of the original scientific contributions claimed by the candidate, through their precise formulation.

The indicated gaps are of a technical and organizational nature and do not reduce the value of the results achieved by the author, proving his ability to develop independently and in a team issues important for building modern capabilities in the field of security and defense.

I recommend Dr. Metodieva to continue her scientific research in the "security and defense" system and realize the achieved scientific results in her teaching activity.

7. Personal impressions.

My opinion about the candidate, built on the basis of personal impressions and information received from the academic staff and students of the Faculty, defines Dr. Metodieva as a representative of the academic community, responsibly and successfully fulfilling his functional duties as a chief assistant in the Department of Security Systems Management ".

Through the used correct approach and teaching style, the candidate successfully motivates and participates the students in the educational process in the professional direction.

During the period of work at the Faculty, a steady trend towards marked academicism by the candidate, systematic participation in scientific research

activities in PN 9.1 National Security and performance of a large volume of tasks of an administrative nature at the department, faculty and university levels beyond his functional duties - teaching activity in secondary education.

8. Conclusion.

Based on the above and bearing in mind the legally defined criteria and indicators for occupying the academic position "docent", in accordance with the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b ZRASRB I allow myself to draw the following conclusion:

- the scientific production presented by the candidate in the competition ch. assistant professor Tsvetelina Ilieva Metodieva contains scientific and scientific-applied results that represent an original contribution to science and meet the conditions and requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules for its Implementation.

9. Evaluation of candidates.

Evaluating the presented monographic work and the other publications dedicated to topical and practically significant topics, in my capacity as a member of the scientific jury, I give a "positive" assessment to the candidate, ch. assistant professor **Tsvetelina Ilieva Metodieva**, for taking the academic position "associate professor" in the field of higher education 9. "Security and defense", professional direction 9.1. "National Security" (Security Systems), Department of "Management of Security Systems" at "Episkop Konstantin Preslavski" SHU, and with my personal conviction, I propose to the scientific jury to make a unanimous decision in this direction.

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Member of the Jury.....
(Prof. Dr. Hristo Hristov)