

“BISHOP KONSTANTIN PRESLAVSKI” SHUMEN UNIVERSITY

REVIEW

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Regarding: Assessment of documentation, submitted for the participation of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Veselina Ilieva for taking the academic position of "Associate Professor" in "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski" Shumen University, in the field of higher education

3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional direction

3.4. Social activities (Sociological aspects of social work)

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1. **The reason for writing the review is Order No RD-16-158/30.08.2022 of the Rector of "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski" Shumen University, related to the appointment of a scientific jury for conducting a competition for taking an academic position "Professor" in the field of higher education**
3. **Social, economic and legal sciences, professional direction**
- 3.4. **Social activities (Sociological aspects of social work), announced by "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski" Shumen University, in the Official Gazette No 41 / 03.06.2022 for the needs of "Social and Special Pedagogy" Department and according to the meeting held (Minutes No 1/13.09.2022)**

The only candidate in the competition is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Veselina Nikolaeva Ilieva, Assoc. Prof. Dr. in "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski" Shumen University - "Social and Special Pedagogy" Department, at the Pedagogical Faculty of the same university. All requirements of the application procedure in the competition for the "Associated Professor" academic position have been met. The documents required by the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria Act and the regulations for applying this Act have been presented within the mandatory term.

2. Brief data about the applicant

Veselina Nikolaeva Ilieva was born on 25 February, 1985. She is an Associate Professor in 3.4. Social activities, by a decision of the Faculty Council to the Pedagogy Faculty of Shumen University, with Protocol No FD-02-10 / 26.05.2020

She has been a Doctor in Education Theory and Didactics (Social Pedagogy), Professional Direction 1.2. Pedagogy, since 2018

She has a Master degree in "Regulation and control in the social activities system" from "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski" Shumen University in 2014 and Bachelor degree in "Social Activities" from the same university in 2011.

Veselina Ilieva has successfully done seven courses for improving her teaching qualification and learning new working methods from 2015 up to now, which illustrate her enduring interests in the field of social work, social research, sociology, futurology, social work with refugees and migrants.

Veselina Ilieva's professional experience from 2015 to the present is related to combining various activities in the field of social services and work, as a university teacher. At the same time, she is a manager of the International

scientifically referenced online magazine - "SocioBrains"
/www.sociobrains.com/.

She speaks German and English.

She is a member of the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria, "Sociological Sciences" Section and of the "Women in Science" National Association - Section at "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski" Shumen University.

She also participates in the editorial boards of scientific editions in Bulgaria and abroad.

Her scientific research activity is expressed in numerous publications, articles and studies in refereed and indexed journals, textbooks and school appliances, monographs, participations in scientific forums.

The project activity of Veselina Ilieva from 2015 up to now is associated with participation and management of twelve intra-university and common-university projects in the field of innovative practices with children at risk and innovations in social pedagogy, social-pedagogical practices with children with special educational needs, socio-pedagogical crime prevention, strategies and technologies for overcoming aggression, violence and deviations in the educational environment, traditions and innovations in social service provision, intercultural training of teachers and doctoral students at Shumen University.

Teaching activity

It can be seen from the study load reports that Assoc. Prof. Dr. Veselina Ilieva has the necessary annual horary consisting of lectures, seminars, extracurricular classes, provided with the relevant author's appliances and textbooks.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Veselina Ilieva read lectures at ECD "Bachelor" and "Master", respectively in Sociology, Social Pedagogy, Undergraduate Pedagogical Training, as well as disciplines, such as Social Pedagogical Training, Management of Social Pedagogical Institutions, Social Work with Migrants and Refugees, Social Pedagogical work with children at risk, Practicum in Social Pedagogical institutions.

3. Data on the candidate's scientific output

Assessment of compliance with the minimum national requirements

Regarding the minimum required points for the groups of indicators, related to the position of "Professor", Assoc. Prof. Dr. Veselina Ilieva shows in her references that she possesses them.

She has presented a habilitation thesis, monograph: Ilieva, V., Socialization in the postmodern situation, Shumen, "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski" University Publishing House, 2022, 264 p., ISBN 978-619-201-629-6., as well as a monograph, which is not presented as a main habilitation thesis: Ilieva, V., To the theory and practice of social work, Shumen, "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski" University Publishing House, 2022., ISBN 978-619-201-646-3.". The scientific works, mentioned above, have been reviewed by two habilitated ones.

According to indicator "Г", with a required minimum of 200 points, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Veselina Ilieva exceeds them - 230 points.

The articles and reports published in non-refereed, peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes are 14 in total.

Studies and articles in scientific periodicals, reports at scientific conferences, symposia, works in yearbooks and collections in Bulgaria and abroad - 21 items.

These works have not been submitted for participation in other competitions for awarding scientific degrees and academic positions and have not been reviewed up to now.

From the presented reference for citations of these works, it can be seen that 13 scientific publications, where they are explicitly mentioned.

The total number of points under group of indicators "Д" is 140, which are expressed in participation in two national scientific and educational projects, management of a national scientific or educational project, published university textbook and another textbook that is used in schools.

4. Assessment of scientific and practical results, and contributions of the creative production, submitted for participating in the competition

The habilitation work, monograph: Ilieva, V., Socialization in the postmodern situation, Shumen, "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski" University Publishing House, 2022, 264 p., ISBN 978-619-201-629-6., focuses on the specific features accompanying the development in the postmodern era and the crisis of authority brought out in the title. The main contribution resulting from the analysis of the

modern roles of family and school in the continuous increasing of information flows and the influence of mass media on the socialization process of adolescents and teenagers is highlighted. The dialogue with the reader is conducted skillfully through the prism of the profound scientific explanation of the social processes studied.

The monograph "To the theory and practice of social work", Shumen, "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski" University Publishing House, 2022, ISBN 978-619-201-646-3, is dedicated to a new and unexplored sufficiently problem, related to the opportunities for applying an innovative method for optimization of social well-being. The relevance of the researched issue is due to the role of social well-being on social security, and, as the author notes: "it is of particular importance for the state - among other types of security, because [...] it determines the strategy of interaction between the state and the individual, the state and society."

Both monographic works deserve high grade, in terms of the topicality of the issues treated and in terms of depth of its analysis.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Veselina Ilieva has also provided publications, related to many other issues in the field of the competition, which establish her as a competent researcher in these areas: understanding human communities, postmodern school, social justice, social adaptation and socialization, social identity and tolerance.

The published textbooks and appliances "Sociological Aspects of Social Work", Shumen, "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski" University Publishing House, 2019, 144 p., ISBN 978-619-201-275-5. Futurology 12 educational lectures, Shumen, "Bishop Konstantin Preslavski" University Publishing House, 2022, 289 p., ISBN 978-619-201-630-2; They upgrade the acquired knowledge of the students in "Social Activities" specialty and develop the significant role of futurological knowledge in forming valuable-rational approach of students to education and life activities.

Main scientific and academic-methodological contributions in the applicant's works

The contributions in the works of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Veselina Ilieva can generally be characterized as:

- Illuminating socialization in the context of the postmodern situation;

- Revealing and proving the factors/agents of socialization in postmodern society;
- Formulating new ideas through the understanding of futurology and justification of important features of the postmodern family;
- Bringing different social work areas into the contemporary discourse of its practical application;
- Developing new ways for successful implementation of disabled people and inclusive education;

5. Critical comments regarding peer-reviewed works

I have no significant comments regarding the applicant's scientific and publication activities, as well as the claimed contributions.

6. Conclusion and suggestion

The comprehensive acquaintance with the teaching and scientific applicable activity of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Veselina Ilieva gives reason for making the following conclusions about her qualities, namely:

- Organizes and effectively conducts the assigned academic-pedagogical and project activities;
- Successfully implements scientific and applicable research in the field of social sciences;

Based on the above, I suggest that the respected members of the Scientific Jury accept the materials for the competition, evaluate them positively and propose Assoc. Prof. Dr. Veselina Ilievada take the academic position of "Professor" in 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional direction; 3.4. Social activities (Sociological aspects of social work)

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