

## STATEMENT

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ABOUT PH.D. SEVDZHAN FIKRI SABRIEVA  
CANDIDATE IN COMPETITION FOR THE ACADEMIC POSITION  
"ASSOCIANT PROFESSOR"  
IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
3. SOCIAL, BUSINESS AND LEGAL SCIENCES,  
PROFESSIONAL FIELD 3.9. TOURISM  
(GEOGRAPHY OF TOURISM, REGIONAL ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENT),  
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF "BIOLOGY", FACULTY OF NATURAL SCIENCES,  
KONSTANTIN PRES LAVSKY – UNIVERSITY OF SHUMEN

### 1. Brief details of the applicant

The only candidate in the announced competition, Ph.D. Sevdzhan Sabrieva, has worked professionally in various places. She was a teacher of geography and biology, assistant, senior assistant and chief assistant in the field of Tourism at Konatsnin Preslavsky – University of Shumen. From 2018 to the present, she is a doctorate teacher at the same university.

She completed her higher education in the Master's program "Geography and Biology" at the Konatsnin Preslavsky – University of Shumen. And in 2018, she defended the ESD "Philosoph doctor" in professional direction 3.8. Economics, Scientific specialty National Economy (Regional Economy and Administration) at the University of National and World Economy, Sofia.

Ph.D. Sevdzhan Sabrieva worked primarily at Konatsnin Preslavsky – University of Shumen, which gives her the absolute right to participate in this announced competition for "Associate professor".

### 2. Teaching activity and meeting the minimum national requirements for the position of "associate professor"

Ph.D. Sabrieva has fulfilled the minimum requirements for acquiring the academic position of "associate professor" as follows:

- According to indicator A – required 50 points, she fulfills 50 points.
- According to indicator V – with the required 100 points, she completes 100 points.
- According to indicator G – with the required 200 points, she achieves 214.98 points.
- According to indicator D - with the required 50 points, it fulfills - 80 points.

With the required 400 points, she performs - 444.98 points.

These points fully cover and exceed the requirements for acquiring the academic position "docent".

Ph.D. Sabrieva has actively participated in 15 research projects - 1 national and 14 intra-university.

Ph.D. Sabrieva's scientific output has been cited 8 times in various scientific works of her colleagues.

Ph.D. Sabrieva shows significant teaching commitment: She teaches 15 academic disciplines at the Bachelor's degree in "Tourism";

- In EQD Bachelor majors "Pedagogy of Education in Geography and Biology" and "Geography and Biology" she teaches students in 4 academic disciplines;

- At EQD Bachelor majors "Pedagogy of History and Geography" and "History and Geography" - 3 study disciplines;
- At EQD Bachelor major "Geography and Regional Policy" - 3 study disciplines;
- And in DPK "Geography and Economics" - 1 study discipline.

Ph.D. Sevdzhan Sabrieva has developed a number of curricula, such as: studying natural resources; modern types of tourism; micro- and macroeconomics; hotels and restaurants.

### **3. Scientific contributions of the candidate**

The scientific contributions of Ph.D. Sevdzhan Sabrieva fully correspond with the scientific direction in which the candidate in the competition develops, they are scientifically sound and have their theoretical and practical significance. Through them, the science of tourism is enriched, the essential features of different types of tourism and their transformation into a tourist product are revealed.

Scientific contributions are located in 5 areas:

1. Tourist structure and superstructure.
2. Hotel and restaurant industry.
3. Specialized types of tourism.
4. Tourist resources.
5. Territorial specifics in the development of tourism at the national, regional and local level.

### **4. Characteristics of the candidate's scientific output**

For participation in the competition, Ph.D. Sevdzhan Sabrieva presented:

- 1 habilitation thesis, which is co-authored;
- 1 article in a scientific publication referenced and indexed in a world-renowned database of scientific information;
- 34 articles published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective works.

All scientific production is submitted in electronic form for the purposes of the competition.

As the drafter of the opinion, I believe that the habilitation thesis for participation in the competition "Tourist Structure and Superstructure" - 2019 should not be co-authored. A candidate seeking the award of a Habilitation in Science should have developed the thesis independently.

### **5. Critical Notes and Questions**

The one justified in the previous paragraph regarding independent habilitation work is my only remark.

I have no questions.

### **6. Заключение**

Ph.D. Sabrieva's scientific output, in my general impression, is maintained at a high professional level with adequate orientation and reference to sources related to the epistemological issues of tourism.

1. It is fresh, written in clear language and with clear statements. No room is left for linguistic misunderstanding and hence for discussion based on misunderstandings. Logical precision impresses, and in some places gives real pleasure.
2. Scientific production represents well-structured and logically arranged scientific works, which opens the doors to students to a serious knowledge of tourism resources.

2. The knowledge contained in the scientific production is extremely important for the formation of the competencies of the students majoring in "Tourism".
3. Scientific production abounds with discussion material and the position of an excellent specialist and teacher, such as Dr. Sabrieva, is defended.
4. The specific research and teaching activity of the author naturally and naturally leads to the setting and solving of significant problems in the field of tourism.
7. The content of the monograph is also of interest to people who work in NGOs, political parties and civil movements and all who work in the field of tourism.

ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE CONVINCED, I RECOMMEND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC JURY TO SUPPORT THE ELECTION OF **PH.D. SEVDZHAN HASAN SABRIEVA FOR THE ACADEMIC POSITION OF "ASSOCIANT PROFESSOR" IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION 3. SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND LEGAL SCIENCES**", PROFESSIONAL FIELD 3.9. TOURISM (GEOGRAPHY OF TOURISM, REGIONAL ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENT).

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