

## STATEMENT

from  
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of the materials submitted for participation in the competition  
to occupy the academic position of "**associate professor**"  
**Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen**  
**field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences**  
**professional direction 3.9. Tourism (Geography of Tourism, Regional Economy and**  
**Development)**

### **1. Information about the candidate**

In the competition for "associate professor", announced in the State Gazette, no. 49 of 06.06.2023 and on the website of Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen for the needs of Department of Biology - Faculty of Natural Sciences, **Ph.D. Sevdzhan Fikri Sabrieva** participated as the only candidate.

Ph.D. Sevdzhan Sabrieva completed her secondary education majoring in "Banking" in the city of Dobrich and a master's program in "Geography and Biology" at Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen. In 2018, she defended her Ph.D. in professional field 3.8 Economics, scientific specialty National Economy (Regional Economy and Administration) at the University of National and World Economy, Sofia.

In different periods of her life, Ph.D. Sabrieva has realized herself professionally in different places. She was a geography and biology teacher, assistant, senior assistant and chief assistant in Tourism at Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen. From 2018 to the present, she lecturer at the same university.

It is obvious that the candidate is related to teaching activities on the topic of the announced docent competition.

### **2. Teaching activity**

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

She has fulfilled the minimum requirements for acquiring the academic position "docent" as follows:

According to indicator A – 50 points.

According to indicator V – 100 points.

According to group of indicators G – 214, 98 points.

According to group of indicators D – 80 points.

**Total – 444.98 points.**

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

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

The candidate for "associate professor" has a significant teaching commitment. She teaches 15 academic disciplines at EQD Bachelor, majoring in "Tourism". At 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 OKS

Bachelor majoring in "Geography and Regional Policy" - 3 subjects. And in DPK "Geography and Economics" - 1 course.

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. Научни приноси**

Ph.D. Sevdzhan Sabrieva's 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.

These scientific contributions fully correspond to the scientific direction of the competition, they are scientifically supported 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.

### **4. Scientific production**

For participation in the competition, Ph.D. Sevdzhan Sabrieva submitted 1 habilitation thesis, which was co-authored; 1 article in a scientific publication refereed and indexed in a world-renowned database of scientific information and 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.

Here, special attention is paid to the habilitation thesis "Tourist structure and superstructure" - 2019, co-authored. I believe that the candidate should have submitted a habilitation thesis that was an independent performance, since co-authorship "makes it easier" to apply for an associate professorship. But, for its part, this work has its great importance for the development of tourism, because it presents the tourist structure and superstructure in their various aspects. The monograph examines a problem that is barely touched upon in the Bulgarian scientific literature in the field of tourism. For the first time, a comprehensive regional review of our country is made, as well as for the first time a comprehensive description of the types of tourist structure, infrastructure and superstructure is offered. The often underestimated territorial development planning is also the focus of the monograph.

The rest of the scientific production of the candidate for "associate professor" Ph.D. Sabrieva can be located in the following topics: the role of natural tourism resources for Bulgaria; reputation in tourism; protected areas in the Staroplanin tourist area - state and prospects for the development of tourism; tourism in the Varna Black Sea coast - current state and prospects for development; current state and opportunities for the development of specialized forms of tourism in the Rhodopes tourist region; tourism as a human resource - management specifics; tourism in the Rila - Pirin region - current state and prospects for development; modern trends in the utilization and use of anthropogenic tourism resources in Bulgaria; sustainable development of tourism in the Southwest Planning Region; modern specifics of the tourist infrastructure in the South-East planning region of Bulgaria and many others.


### **5. Conclusion**

The documents and materials presented by Ph.D. Sevdzhan Sabrieva meet all the requirements of the LDASRB, the Regulations for the implementation of the LDASRB and the relevant Regulations of the Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen. Her theoretical developments have practical applicability, and some of them are directly oriented to academic work.

On the basis of the above, I give my positive assessment and recommend that the Scientific Jury prepare a report-proposal to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Natural Sciences for the election of Ph.D. Sevdzhan Hasan Sabrieva to the academic position of "associate professor" at the Konstantin preslavsky – University of Shumen on: field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional direction 3.9. Tourism (Geography of tourism, regional economy and development).

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