

## STATEMENT

by Prof. Zhivko Velichkov Zhechev, Ph.D.  
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of the materials submitted for participation in a competition  
for the academic position of "associate professor"  
in the professional field 3.4. Social activities,  
specialty Organization and management of social activities

In the competition for associate professor, announced in the State Gazette, №. 65/02.08.2024 and on the website of the University of Shumen *Konstantin Preslavsky* for the needs of the Department of "Social Activities" at the Faculty of Education, Lecturer Hristina Kolarova-Vasileva, Ph.D. from the Department of "Social Activities" at the Faculty of Education participated as a candidate..

Lecturer Hristina Kolarova-Vasileva, Ph.D. was born on September 26, 1981.

In 2004, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in Social Pedagogy from the University of Shumen *Konstantin Preslavsky*. In 2006, she graduated with a master's degree in Social Work with Refugees from the University of Shumen *Konstantin Preslavsky*, Shumen. Quite logically, in 2015 she was enrolled as a full-time doctoral student in the Department of "Social Pedagogy" in the doctoral program: "Theory of Education and Didactics" at University of Shumen *Konstantin Preslavsky*, Shumen. In 2018, she obtained the educational and scientific degree "doctor", successfully defending her dissertation on the topic "Optimization of the practical training of future social workers".

Since 2015 to the present, Lecturer Hristina Kolarova-Vasileva, Ph.D. has been a lecturer in the Department of Social Activities.

### 1. General description of the materials presented

The candidate Lecturer Hristina Kolarova-Vasileva, Ph.D. participated in the competition with:

- Monographs - 3;
- Articles – 7.

#### By place of publication:

- Articles and reports in proceedings of international scientific conferences in Bulgaria - 5;
- Articles and reports in the scientific works of universities – 2.

#### By the language in which they are written:

- In Bulgarian - 7.

#### By number of co-authors:

- Independent - 4;
- With one co-author – 3.

### 2. Reflection of the candidate's scientific publications in the literature (known citations)

The candidate, Lecturer Hristina Kolarova-Vasileva, participated in the competition with a total of 10 citations:

- in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review – 3;
- in non-refereed journals with scientific review – 7.

### **3. General characteristics of the candidate's activities**

#### **3.1. Educational and pedagogical activity** (work with students and doctoral candidates)

Lecturer Hristina Kolarova-Vasileva, Ph.D. has had a teaching and learning workload related to the disciplines she teaches since the academic year 2014/2015. She has conducted and organized out-of-classroom practical meetings of students with social institutions in a real environment. In her work as a lecturer, she has actively participated in the organization and conduct of events and seminars for students, as well as various events organized under university projects. She has organized the practical training of students in various social institutions and structures.

In her teaching activities over the years, she has participated in the Erasmus+ program at various universities in Europe.

He actively participates in updating curricula at the Bachelor's and Master's degree programs.

#### **3.2. Scientific and applied scientific activities**

Lecturer Hristina Kolarova-Vasileva, Ph.D. actively participates annually in projects of various nature - educational projects: 2 national, intra-university - 10. The candidate also has 5 additional participations in scientific forums and seminars, which have enriched and contributed to her rich experience and research activities.

#### **3.3. Contributions** (scientific, scientifically applied, applied)

To the attention of the scientific jury, Lecturer Hristina Kolarova-Vasileva, Ph.D. proposes 9 scientific contributions and 5 practical-applied contributions, guaranteeing their reliability through her publications, which are presented in the set of documents for applying for the position of "associate professor". As a member of this scientific jury, I believe that they correspond to her publication activity and accept them in the form in which they are proposed.

### **4. Assessment of the candidate's personal contribution**

The personal contribution of Lecturer Hristina Kolarova-Vasileva, Ph.D. is visible and recognizable in all aspects of her scientific and teaching activities, which are reflected in her scientific publications. The result of her research work are the original scientific theses on some problems of determining the social image and prestige of the social worker profession and adaptive models and practices for its development.

### **5. Critical notes**

I have no critical remarks.

### **6. Personal impressions**

I have known the candidate, Lecturer Hristina Kolarova-Vasileva, Ph.D. since she was a student, and then since she started working at University of Shumen *Konstantin Preslavsky* in 2015. My work with her has not been reflected in any publication, largely due to different scientific interests, but I can confirm that she always coped with the tasks assigned to her and never burdened the other members of the team. She has always taken an active part in the scientific research activities of the faculty. From the scientific production presented to me for the preparation of an opinion, I can conclude that Lecturer Hristina Kolarova-Vasileva, Ph.D. possesses the necessary competencies and teaching experience to hold the position of "associate professor".

**7. Conclusion**

**Considering the above, I propose that Lecturer Hristina Kolarova-Vasileva, Ph.D. be elected as an "associate professor" in the professional field 3.4. Social Activities, specialty Organization and Management of Social Activities.**

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Member of the scientific jury:

  
/Prof. Zhiyko Zhechev, Ph.D./