

S T A T E M E N T

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Regarding: Submitted scientific works and documents for participation in the contest for occupying the academic position “professor” at National Sports Academy “Vasil Levski”, in direction 7. Health and Sports; professional field 7.6. Sport, specialty “Basketball”, announced for the needs of the Department “Basketball, Volleyball, Handball”. The contest has been published in the Bulgarian State newspaper, issue 97, from November, 13, 2020 (page 84).

In the announced contest there is only one candidate – this is Tsanko Angelov Tsankov. By the time of the announcement he has been working as an associate professor in NSA at the Department “Basketball, Volleyball, Handball”.

Associate professor Tsanko Tsankov graduate VIF “Georgi Dimitrov” by now NSA “Vasil Levski”. He became a full-time employee of NSA in 1988. From then to now he works and develops himself in all the fields which are proper for a teacher working in a Higher Educational Institution such as National Sports Academy – fields as sport-pedagogic, scientific and teaching. With the time working in these three fields, he has developed himself as a good specialist in each one and in confirmation of these words are all the documents present by the candidate for the announced contest.

From all of the required scientometric data, assoc. prof. Tsanko Tsankov has the full number of points as it follows:

- » For index A the requirement is 50 points. All of them are covered by the candidate with his dissertation work defended in 2004 in front of Higher Attestation Commission with subject “Methods for improving speed-strength ability of youth female basketball athletes”.
- » About index B the requirement is 100 points, which are covered by the candidate with his monography – “Methods for developing velocity-strength abilities of youth female basketball athletes” issued in 2020. This monography is a

sequel of his long-lived work in the field of conditioning and physical preparedness of youth athletes. It will be useful to the young coaches to form their year around plan of trainings and help them to apply it.

» In the index C the requirement is 200 point. In this index are included indexes with number 5 through 9. The candidate has presented in total 22 studies - published in refereed editions and non-refereed editions with scientific review. Out of these 22 studies 7 are written only by himself and the rest 15 are written in co-authorship. From the presented publications there are 4 in refereed editions with scientific review, with which he covers the requirement of 180 points in point 7, index G . He also is a co-author in monography, with which the sum of the points under this index are getting 485,3. The number of these points are twice more than the required once in this index for the announced academic position “professor” for which is applying the candidate Tsanko Tsankov.

» In the index D the required number of points are 100. To meet this requirement the candidate has presented five citates in a refereed edition which gives him 75 points. Also, he has presented 10 more citations in monographies which brings him 100 more points. Mr. Tsankov has another 23 citations in non-refereed editions which add 115 points to all. Like this the total number of points in this index go up to 290 points.

» Index E requires 100 points in total, including index numbers from 13 to the end. In this index the candidate assoc. prof. Tsanko Tsankov has two PhD students successfully defended their thesis and they bring him 80 points. He took a part in 3 national scientific and educational projects, which brings him in 45 points in total, as well as he has participated in 2 international projects which brings him 40 more points in this index. The candidate is a co-author in a textbook for the students which adds 6 more points. Also, he is a co-author in two more study aids books which brings him 20 points. As addition, Tsanko Tsankov is giving classes to PhD students and master students and under his supervision is defended one master thesis. This activity is giving him 50 points. Last but not least we have to mention that Tsankov has few national and international rewards as a coach which gives him another 40 points. Like that the total number of points in this index become 281. This is 101 points more than required once.

With all of the above scientometric data there is no doubt that the candidate - assoc. prof. Tsanko Tsankov meet the National requirements for the academic position “professor”.

According to his teacher’s work, I could say that he always makes, even over makes his required school years hours.

In the scientific field he is working constantly and he keeps looking for ways to improve athletes’ condition and to improve the whole training process.

My opinion is that the candidate Tsanko Tsankov has good experience and knowledges. He comes out of the practice and works for the improvement of the practice. He is a person who loves and cares for the sports and he always try to develop and improve the sports somehow. He is willing to give a piece of himself to the sports. His desire about the sport to exist leads him in his constructive and life path.

In a conclusion of all of the above, I think that assoc. prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov is appropriate candidate for the open academic position. With full confidence I give my positive vote for Mr. Tsankov to be elected for “professor” in direction 7. Health and Sports; professional field 7.6. Sport, specialty “Basketball”, for the needs of the Department “Basketball, Volleyball, Handball”.

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