

## OPINION

for the qualities of the scientific production and the academic activity of

***Ch. Assistant Sasho Georgiev Chanev, Ph. D.***

for participation in a competition for the academic position

***"Associate Professor"***

in a professional direction ***7.6. Sports,***

Specialty ***"Sports (Handball)"***

for the needs of the ***Department of Basketball, Volleyball, Handball***

at ***NSA "Vassil Levski"***

**Member of the scientific jury: *Full Prof. Krastyu Tzarov, Ph.D.***

### Contest data

In the announcement in State Gazette № 96 of November 19, 2021, p. 52, competition for the academic position ***"Associate Professor"*** in the professional field 7.6. Sports, specialty "Sports (Handball)", for the needs of the Department of "Basketball, Volleyball, Handball" at NSA "Vassil Levski", the only candidate is ***Chief Assistant Sasho Chanev, Ph.D.*** The competition procedure was followed correctly, no violations were committed.

### Candidate details

Ch. Assistant Sasho Chanev graduated with a bachelor's degree from Higher Institute of Physical Education "G. Dimitrov" (now NSA "V. Levski") in 1991 with specialties "Handball Coach" and "Physical Education Teacher". In the competitive year 1991-1992 he worked as a handball coach (with women) in the city of Corfu (Greece). For his achievements as a competitor he was awarded the title of "Honorary citizen of Strumyani municipality.

In 2018 he defended his dissertation and received the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the scientific specialty "Theory and Methodology of Physical Education and Sports Training" (including Methodology of Physiotherapy) in the professional field 7.6. Sports.

The high professional qualification and pedagogical skills of the candidate are the result of his many years of teaching work with students, pupils and handball players, both inside and outside the NSA.

Ch. Assistant S. Chaney conducts teaching and research activities in all faculties and forms of education at the NSA. He has very good computer skills. He is a member of the Academic Council of NSA "V. Levski" - 3 terms and is a member of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Teacher Education - 2 terms.

### **Fulfillment of the requirements for holding the academic position**

The presented reference for fulfillment of the minimum national requirements and the evidence to it show that the research and applied activity of the candidate for associate professor fully meets the requirements of both the Law for development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules of NSA "V. Levski" for its application - if necessary 590 points, Ch. Assistant Chaney has completed 772.5 points. The attached package of documents has been prepared fully and precisely and includes:

- under item A - abstract of the dissertation (**50 points**);
- under item B - monographic work - 1 piece (**100 points**);
- under item D.7 - publications and reports published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information - 3 pieces (**120 points**);
- under item D.8 - publications and reports published in no referred journals with scientific review - 12 pieces (**232.5 points**);
- under item E.10 - citations in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information - 1 piece (**15 points**);
- under item E.11 - citations in monographs with scientific review - 6 pieces (**60 points**);

- under item E.12 - citations in no referred journals with scientific review - 11 pieces (**55 points**);
- under item E.16 - participation in a national scientific or educational project - 6 pieces (**90 points**);
- under item E.17 - participation in an international scientific or educational project - 1 piece (**20 points**);
- under item E.23 - won awards from national sports competitions - 1 piece (**10 points**);
- under item E.25 - scientific supervisor of the student`s thesis - 1 piece (**20 points**).

The scientific production of Ch. Assistant S. Chanev is the result of systematic research and experimental work, which allowed him to collect, to process and to analyze rich factual material.

In general, on the basis of the scientific production, presented for the competition, several main scientific contributions to its work can be formulated:

- an individual model of the successful handball player is built, based on adequate morphological and somatotype features, special motor skills, specific technical-tactical skills and important for the athlete psychological abilities and qualities;
- the factor structure of the physical development and the specific working capacity of the young handball players, who are a reserve of high sportsmanship, are revealed;
- for the first time in Bulgaria a normative base for control and optimization of all aspects of sports training for adolescents, on 34 indicators, has been developed, as well as methodological guidelines for its use;
- a big number of surveys was conducted with students from Bulgarian sports schools and a system for assessing of the results of sports training and a handball curricula, as well as exam requirements and assessment criteria during the matriculation exam for professional qualification "Assistant Coach" were developed;
- a system for registration and statistics of hits in the handball door has been developed;

- the peculiarities of the game activity and the competitive realization of the competitors in the handball are revealed;
- an assessment of the stress reactions of the handball players was made and the most informative indicator for the accurate assessment of emotional stress was established.

***In conclusion:*** The scientific production presented for participation in the competition by *Ch. Assistant Sasho Chaney - Ph. D.*, fully meets the scientometric requirements for acquiring the academic position of "Associate Professor", both Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations on the terms and conditions for obtaining scientific degrees and holding academic positions in NSA "Vassil Levski". The candidate's scientific research concerns important and current issues in the theory and practice of sports training of adolescents and highly qualified handball players.

Based on all this, I believe that there are enough scientific arguments to give my ***positive vote*** for the award of ***Ch. Assistant Sasho Georgiev Chaney, Ph. D.***, the academic position ***"Associate Professor"*** of NSA "Vassil Levski", in the professional field 7.6. Sports for the needs of the Department of Basketball, Volleyball, Handball.

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***Sofia***

**Member of the scientific jury: .....**  
***(Full Prof. K. Tzarov, Ph. D)***