

STATEMENT

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Member of the scientific jury in a contest for the academic position of Associate Professor in the professional field 7.6. Sport, specialty Sport (Handball), for the needs of the Basketball, Volleyball and Handball Department, announced by NSA "Vasil Levski" and published in the State Gazette, issue No. 96/19.11.2021.

Meeting the requirements of Law for the development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, who has submitted paperwork for the announced contest during the statutory deadline, is just one candidate, Sasho Georgiev Chaney, PhD - a handball lecturer at the Basketball, Volleyball and Handball Department.

1. Evaluation of the candidate's pedagogical training and activity

The candidate has many years of coaching, teaching, competitive and research experience. He graduated from the National Sports Academy "V. Levski" having a bachelor's degree in Physical Education and Handball Coach. In 2018 he acquired an educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the professional field 7.6. - Sport, doctorate field "Theory and Methodology of Sport Science".

Chief Associate Sasho Chaney, Ph.D. has more than 33 years of coaching and teaching experience at the NSA "V. Levski. Being a head coach of various men and women teams he wins numerous local and international competitions. His senior boys handball team "NSA" is also a multiple champion of "Cup Bulgaria" from 2001 to 2006.

From 1994 to present he is a lecturer and a handball coach at NSA "V, Levski"

2. Overall description of the candidate's scientific research and applied scientific activity

Mr. Chaney has been the head of numerous courses. He has reviewed a great number of bachelors and masters' thesis. The attached reference confirms that there is one graduate student who completed his thesis under Chaney's tutoring.

He also participated in various scientific seminars such as (conferences, congresses and coaching clinics). A wide range of local and international certificates in the scientific and educational fields have been presented.

Chief Associate, Sasho Chaney, PhD participated in the contest for assoc. prof. with 1 monograph and 15 scientific articles. Out of all of his publications, 3 have been mentioned in scientific journals, also referred and indexed in world famous database, 12 have been published in unreferenced scientific magazines with scientific review. His independent scientific articles are 6, while those with co-authorship are 9.

The scientific work of the candidate has enough volume, content and completely meets the requirement of the announced contest. The methodological consistency and purposefulness of the presentation of his work definitely creates a sense of admiration.

3. Main scientific and applied science contributions

At first, we have to give credit to the presented monographic paper "Model characteristics and competitive efficiency in Handball" (2021). One of the main research tasks addressed in the author's work relates to the deep evaluation of the problematical capabilities that build up the individual pattern of a successful handball player. A regulatory framework based on 34 criteria (for physical development, special physical training, specific tactical preparation and mental steadiness) for control and optimization of the sport training of handball players from 17 to 19 years old has been developed in Bulgaria.

An analysis of the morphological evidences in the handball players' physical growth and its related dynamics' with relevance to age and gender can be found in his publications (G.7.1; G.7.3; G.8.7.; G.8.9).

Publications reflecting the results of experimental studies on changes in locomotive qualities and specific performances in handball players of different age groups are of a contributory nature (G.7.3; G.8.4; G.8.6; G.8.9; G.8.10; G.8.12).

Technical-tactical training in his publications is applied at (D.7.2; D.8.2; D.8.5; D.8.8 and D.8.9). Noticeable is Mr. Chaney's deep scientific interest on the professional handball, where numerous characteristics having direct relation to the competitive efficiency are being measured on high profile players being part of national teams.

The mental stability (G.8.11) in athlete's responses under stress during a handball competition measured with the help of experimental model (G.8.3) has been studied in separate publications.

The author has provided evidence for 18 different references of his scientific work, as 1 of them has been quoted in a world know database, while 6 have been included in different monographs. That is in fact a good popularity assessment of the candidate's scientific works.

His scientific research does not duplicate any other author's works nor has any signs of plagiarism.

4. Significance and contribution for the science

I can point out several contribution of the presented scientific research:

- Based on the detailed analysis, an important data and conclusions regarding the physical development, locomotive and tactical-technical abilities of a successful handball player have been drawn.
- Regulatory framework for control and optimization based on 34 indicators has been developed for growing up handball players.
- By determining the dynamics of certain game indicators a competitive efficiency in high quality handball players has been revealed.
- A system for players' registration and statistics on scored goals has been built up and applied aiming at better handball athletic preparation.
- Prepared and applied are: (system for evaluation the results of sports training of students at sports schools; curriculum for handball students for each class; examination

requirements and assessment criteria for the final exam with regards to acquisition of the professional qualification "Assistant Handball Coach").

Conclusion

Chief Associate Sasho Chaney, PhD, is a notorious university professor. Not only his sport pedagogy, but also his competitive athletic career affects his scientific interest and research. His publications have clear pedagogical feature while enriching the already existing current practices in the field of the announced contest.

Based on the overall analysis of the presented scientific research and pedagogical skills of the candidate, **I find it reasonable to nominate chief associate Sasho Georgiev Chaney, PhD, for the academic position "Associate Professor" in the professional field 7.6. Sport, specialty Sport (Handball), for the needs of the Basketball, Volleyball and Handball Department, announced by the NSA "Vasil Levski".**

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