

OPINION

By assoc. prof. Korneliya Naydenova, PhD

Regarding: The submitted scientific works for participation in a competition for the academic position of "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" at the "Vasil Levski" National Sports Academy in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical sciences; Professional field 1.3. Pedagogy of education in...; specialty "Theory and Methodology of Physical Education" announced for the needs of the Department of Theory of Physical Education

Contest Details

For participation in the announced competition for the academic position "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" (State Gazette No. 34/11.04.2023), within the statutory deadline, documents have been deposited by one candidate – Ch. Ass. Tsveta Dimitrova Traykova, PhD. She has been on a basic employment contract for an indefinite period at the Academy since April 8, 1997. The presented materials meet the requirements of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, of the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff and the Regulations for the Acquisition of the Scientific Degree of Doctor of Science and to hold academic positions at National Sports Academy "Vassil Levski".

The above-mentioned documents regarding the fulfillment of the minimum national requirements and the requirements of the National Sports Academy "Vasil Levski" showed, that by all indicators the candidate meets these requirements and there is a formal basis for occupying the academic position "Associate Professor".

Biographical details of the applicant

Tsveta Dimitrova Traykova was born on 01.11.1965 in Sofia. Between 1983 and 1983 he trained at the Georgi Dimitrov Higher Institute of Physical Culture, currently the National Sports Academy "Vasil Levski", by acquiring the educational and qualification degrees "Bachelor" and "Master". She completed her education

by acquiring two specialties "Physical Education Teacher" and "Athletics Coach". In the period from 2015 to 2018 he was trained to acquire the educational and scientific degree "Doctor". This stage of education ends in 2018 after receiving the PhD, as a result of successful defense before a scientific jury of a dissertation on the topic "State of physical development and motor abilities of children in a preparatory group for school (5-7 years old).

Her professional career began immediately after acquiring higher education in 1987 as a teacher of "Physical Education and Sport" at 140 High School "Ivan Bogorov", Sofia. As a teacher in the same educational institution, she practiced until 1997, when she appeared in competition for the academic position of "Assistant", which she won. She gradually held the academic positions of Senior Assistant between 1999 and 2003 and Chief Assistant in the period from September 2003 to May 2014. With the amendments to the Academic Development Act in the same year 2014 she was reassigned to the position of "Assistant". After defending his PhD and re-entering a competition from April 2018, she again acquired the academic position of Chief Assistant.

She has significant organizational and social competencies, which demonstrates in the process of organizing traditional department conferences. She is fluent in a good level 3 foreign languages (Polish, Russian and English), as well as technical skills concerning the operating system WINDOWS and the software product MS OFFICE.

Pedagogical activity

At present Ch. Ass. Tsveta Traykova, Ph.D., is a lecturer in "Theory and Methodology of Physical Education", by covering the required hours of study for the position occupied with lectures and seminar exercises of students in the educational and qualification degrees "Bachelor" and "Master", current and pre-graduate pedagogical practice at school, semester exams and state exam lessons and consultations with students.

She is mentor of 2 theses, 1 of student in the Bachelor's degree and 1 of a graduate in the Master's degree. She has participated in five educational and scientific projects.

Scientific production

Presented by Ch. Ass. Tsveta Dimitrova, for participation in the announced competition for associate professor, a list of scientific works includes a total of 19 titles, which covers the minimum national requirements for admission and participation in the competition for "Associate Professor". The list presents four groups of scientific publications as follows:

- ✓ Habilitation work – monograph – 1 pcs.
- ✓ Book based on Phd thesis – 1 pcs.
- ✓ Articles and reports published in scientific journals referenced and indexed in a world-famous database – 4 pcs.
- ✓ Articles and reports published in non-refereed journals with scientific review – 13 pcs.

In the list of scientific works we find 12 independent, 7 in co-authorship, of which 5 are in English and 14 in Bulgarian. The publications thus presented fully meet the requirements for scientific production under art. 2 b, para. 2 and 3 of the Law on Combating Organized Crime, the Regional Insurance and the Regulations for acquiring the scientific degree "Doctor of Science" and for occupying academic positions at the National Sports Academy "Vasil Levski". The points collected by the candidate are a total of 651,15. There are no unpublished scientific works. The guidelines of Traykova's research work fully correspond to the profile of the specialty of the announced competition. The scientific works developed from a linguistic point of view are at a high level. There is no evidence of plagiarism or improper use of foreign research data.

The presented publications are based on the author's own research and are developed on the basis of modern and reliable methods of scientific research. In all works can be seen the interest and ability of Traykova to analyze and interpret scientific information, concerning the condition and changes in the motor abilities

of children, mostly of preschool age, which allows it to reveal and develop methodological guidelines for work in the relevant age period. The main direction in scientific and search are changes in motor development in preschool children. As another direction in the scientific work of Ch. Ass. Tsveta Dimitrova can point out the problems of motor activity in adolescents. The third direction in which the author develops scientific production is in the direction of clarifying on the one hand the interest of teachers and students in the subject "Physical Education and Sport", on the other hand, to the content and conduct of lesson and extracurricular forms of physical education.

The 13 citations submitted by the candidate for participation in the competition, of which 8 are in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases of scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes and 5 are in non-refereed journals with scientific review, they bring Traykova a total of 110 points, which in view of the required minimum 50 are quite sufficient.

The most significant research contribution of the candidate is the one developed by her, outstanding simultaneously with theoretical-methodological and practical orientation, monographic work "Motor qualities of preschool children". Very rarely in the theory and methodology of physical education authors consider the problems of physical education in preschool, And here the author analyzes and interprets the problem comprehensively, examining the main theoretical, methodological and practical aspects of physical education in kindergartens. and in the direction of the condition and development of motor qualities of children at the specified age.

Looking for scientific contributions from the research presented by Tsveta Traykova, we can separate them in four main directions. The first, which includes the most significant share of the author's scientific output, examines the problems of physical education and sports for preschool children and students. Here I note scientific works with numbers, according to the presented list I.1., II.2.4., II.3.1., II.3.3. and II.3.7. The second direction, including works with numbers II.3.2, II.3.5

and II.3.6 I define as problems of motor activity in adolescents. Motor abilities and physical fitness of children and adolescents is the third contributing direction, which includes developments with numbers I.1., II.1., II.3.8, II.3.9., II.3.12. and II.3.13. The last clearly visible contribution direction is aimed at revealing the peculiarities of physical development of adolescents and includes scientific publications II.2.1., II.2.2, II.2.3, II.3.4, II.3.10. и II.3.11.

Conclusion

On the basis of the analyses and evaluations of these scientific works and the accompanying documentation on the overall activity, as well as the qualities of a lecturer and researcher of Ch. Ass. Tsveta Dimitrova Traykova I can define her as a proven professional in the field of teaching, project and scientific activities. The results of its research are of high theoretical value and practical applicability, which allows me completely objectively, with reason and conviction to vote positively and to propose to the Scientific Jury to choose Ch. ass. Tsveta Dimitrova Traykova, PhD for the scientific degree "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical Sciences, professional field 1.3. Pedagogy of education in..., Specialty "Theory and Methodology of Physical Education" for the needs of the Department of Theory of Physical Education at the National Sports Academy "Vassil Levski".

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