

OPINION

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Scientific specialty: Theory and methodology of physical education and sports training (incl. Methodology of physical therapy).

Information about the competition

The competition is for the needs of the "Physical Education Theory" department, Faculty of Pedagogy of Vasil Levski National Academy of Sport, Sofia. The competition was announced in SG/No. 34/11.04.2023. I participate in the scientific jury for the competition, according to Order ZP-479/30.05.2023 of the Rector of the National Academy of Sport "Vasil Levski". There were no noticed violations of the competition.

Brief information about the candidate in the competition

The only candidate, chief assistant Tsveta Dimitrova Traikova, PhD, has been a lecturer of Theory and Methodology of Physical Education in the "Theory of Physical Education" department at the National Academy of Sport, Sofia from 1997 to the present. She graduated from Vasil Levski National Academy of Sport in Sofia in 1987, a bachelor with two specialties: "Physical Education Teacher" and "Athletics Coach", and a master's degree in "Physical Education in the Educational System". In the same university, she defended her Ph.D. dissertation on the topic: "State of physical development and motor abilities of children in a preparatory group for school (5-7 years old)" in 2018.

Tsveta Traikova is a former athletics competitor in sprint disciplines at CSKA, Sofia. She worked as a Physical Education and Sports teacher at 140 Secondary School "Ivan Bogorov" in the city of Sofia from 1987 to 1997.

The candidate speaks Polish, Russian and English. She has the necessary computer skills.

Fulfillment of the requirements for occupying the academic position

The presented data on the scientific production of the Assistant Professor Tsveta Dimitrova Traikova, PhD, meets the quantitative and qualitative requirements for

participation in the competition for the acquisition of the academic position "associate professor".

Fulfillment of quantitative requirements

The scientific production of the chief assistant Tsveta Traikova, PhD includes a Ph.D. dissertation work, a monograph, a published book based on a Ph.D. dissertation work, 5 (five) journal publications in Web of Sciences, 13 other publications in scientific journals and proceedings of scientific conferences in Bulgaria, such as the points that collects a total of 846, well above the required minimum requirements.

Fulfillment of quality requirements

According to this indicator, Chief Assistant Tsveta Traikova, Ph.D. introduces herself as a teacher in the bachelor's and master's programs in department TFE, Faculty of Pedagogy at the National Academy of Sport, and also as a participant in 3 research projects. She also has a 10-year experience as a teacher of Physical Education and Sports, which has given her experience in methodical work in internship practices with students from the National Academy of Sport.

Evaluation of the educational and teaching activity of the candidate for associate professor

Tsveta Traikova has more than 35 years of teaching experience as a lecturer at Vasil Levski National Academy of Sport with an average of over 650 hours per year. Every year, she taught lectures and led exercises in bachelor's and master's degrees at the National Academy of Sport, methodical and internship practices, supervision of coursework and diploma theses.

Based on this, I believe that Chief Assistant. Tsveta Traikova, PhD, is sufficiently prepared for the academic position of "associate professor".

Brief description of the presented scientific works/publications.

In the current competition chief assistant professor Tsveta Traikova, PhD presents the following scientific production:

- A defended Ph.D. dissertation that is not subject to peer review.
- Habilitation thesis - Monograph.
- Published book based on defended Ph.D. dissertation work,
- 5 articles in Trakia Journal of Sciences.
- Articles in magazines and collections of scientific works, 13 in total.

In her monograph "Motive qualities of children in preschool age", Ts. Traikova researches basic theoretical, methodological and practical aspects of physical education in kindergartens in connection with developing the motor qualities of children of this age. Mrs. Traikova touched on this topic in five more papers from her presented scientific output (I.1., II.2.4., II.3.1., II.3.3. and II.3.7.). All publications are on the topic of the announced competition.

A synthesized evaluation of the candidate's main scientific and scientific-applied contributions

The scientific and applied scientific contributions in the works of Tsveta Traikova are essential for the theory and methodology of physical education. In addition to the research work related to the motor qualities of children of preschool age and students, she has also studied the motor activity of adolescents, their physical capacity and physical development.

Main critical notes and recommendations to the candidate

Chief assistant Tsveta Traikova, Ph.D., could participate more often in scientific conferences, congresses and journals, except in the National Academy of Sport-Sofia and Thracian University-Stara Zagora and in other universities in the country and abroad.

Conclusion

According to the data presented so far about the contributions and the overall activity of chief assistant Professor Tsveta Dimitrova Traikova, PhD, I believe that they fully meet the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules for its Application at the Vasil Levski National Academy of Sport, Sofia. Therefore, I vote positively with for the election of chief assistant Professor Tsveta Dimitrova Traikova, PhD for the occupation of the academic position "Associate Professor" by professional direction: 1.3. Pedagogy of training in..., specialty "Theory and methodology of physical education" in academic field 1. Pedagogical sciences.

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