

STATEMENT

by Prof. Georgi Aleksandrov Madzharov about the materials presented for participation in a competition for the occupation of the academic position of

"associate professor" in

Thrace University, in district 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional direction 3.2. Psychology, science major "Pedagogical and age psychology", announced in the State Gazette, number 60 of 14.07.2023

By order No. 3228 of 28.09.2023 of the Rector of the University of Thrace, I was appointed as a member of the scientific jury for the competition for the academic position of 'associate professor' in the Department of Pedagogy and Social Sciences of the Faculty of Education of the University of Thrace, in accordance with which I prepared this opinion.

Only Ms. Nedelina Zdravkova Koleva, assistant professor at the Faculty of Education of Thrace University, submitted documents for participation in the competition. The presented documents and materials comply with all the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, and the additional requirements of the "Regulations on the Development of the Academic Staff at Thrace University - Stara Zagora" regarding the type and quantity of scientific publications, their citation by other researchers, developed study programs for educational and qualification forms, conducted classes, and the point measure for them.

Mrs. Zdravkova has a diploma from the University of Thrace for the educational degree "bachelor" with the professional qualification "special pedagogue" (2002), a diploma for the educational-qualification degree "master" in the specialty "psychology" and the professional qualification "psychologist" from the University of Veliko Tarnovo. St. St. Cyril and Methodius" (2008), diploma for professional qualification "psychologist consultant" from the University of Veliko Tarnovo "St. Cyril and Methodius" (2008), diploma for educational and scientific degree "doctor" in pedagogical and age psychology, with special thanks to the Rector of Veliko Tarnovo University "St. Cyril and Methodius" for creative contributions and achievements (2019). She is a member of the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria and the Bulgarian Society for Individual Psychology "Alfred Adler".

Since 2008, Mrs. Zdravkova has been an assistant professor of pedagogical and age psychology at the Department of Pedagogical and Social Sciences of the Faculty of Pedagogy of the Thrace University (Stara Zagora). Her academic performance is impressive. Conducts classes and develops curricula in the disciplines "general and age psychology", "developmental psychology",

"pedagogical psychology", "social psychology", "special psychology", "personality psychology", "hospitalization", "addiction prevention", "psychological counseling and personal development of children with SEN", "psychology of individual differences", "psychological and pedagogical characteristics of early childhood". She has accumulated solid research experience by participating in numerous scientific projects.

Ms. Zdravkova has submitted a significant number of scientific works for the competition: three monographs, published as separate books, one study, and seven articles in periodicals and edited collective volumes. Publications contain original scientific and applied contributions. The theoretical developments are of practical applicability, and some of them are directly oriented to the academic work.

The monograph "Social interest and educational environment" was prepared on the basis of the successfully defended dissertation for the scientific degree "doctor". It is dedicated to the socialization of children of preschool age (one of the natural sensitive periods for socialization), and to the emergence of the necessary abilities for this. The author traces the available theoretical and research experience in this area, then approves and implements in practice his solution in the form of a care model for the development of social interest of children raised in a non-family environment, in which a way to adapt the existing pedagogical experience is proposed to the needs and lifestyle of modern children.

The monograph "Lifestyle and social interest in preschool age" continues and deepens the analysis of the socialization and lifestyle abilities created in preschool age, and the resulting features of educational work with children of different ethnic origins, begun in the doctoral dissertation of the candidate.

The monograph "Social responsibility and social interest - predictors of teachers' professional suitability" is a study of teachers as a subject of pedagogical work, of pedagogical professionalism, and the important place of social interest and responsibility in it. The research has an immediate practical application for the organization of the education of the students of the pedagogical specialties (as well as the others, for that matter).

The studies and articles explore and analyze various aspects of the social responsibility and interest of educators and their graduates

(including according to their ethnicity), summarized later in the candidate's three monographs.

Ms. Zdravkova's scientific and teaching qualifications are unquestionable. She is a recognized and recognizable researcher in the scientific circles at home and abroad, an illustration of which are the numerous citations of her published scientific and applied results. These results are her personal merit.

The results achieved by Mrs. Zdravkova in the educational and research activities fully correspond to the requirements of the Regulations for the development of the academic staff at the University of Thrace - Stara Zagora.

After familiarizing myself with the materials and scientific works presented in the competition, assessing their significance and the scientific, scientific-applied and applied contributions contained in them, and based on my personal impressions, I give a positive assessment of the candidate and recommend to the jury appointed for the competition to prepare a report-proposal to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Pedagogy of the Thrace University for the selection and appointment of Mrs. Nedelina Zdravkova Koleva to the academic position of associate professor at the Thrace University - Stara Zagora in the professional direction 3.2. "Psychology", scientific specialty "Pedagogical and age psychology".

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