



OPINION

by competition for the academic position „Associate Professor“

Field of higher education: 1. Pedagogical sciences

Professional direction: 1.2. Pedagogy (Art pedagogy – fine art and constructive-technological activities in kindergarten and primary school)

Candidate: Ch. Assistant Professor Gergana Angelova Avramova - Todorova, Ph.D

Author of the opinion: *scientific position, degree, three names, place of work*

(Order No. RD - 238 of 15.07.2024 of the Rector of „Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov“ University)

1. Description of the tender procedure

In the announced competition for the academic position "Associate Professor" in professional direction 1.2. Pedagogy (Art pedagogy - fine art and constructive-technological activities in kindergarten and primary school), for the needs of the department "Pedagogy and teaching methods", announced in the "State Gazette", no. 43 of May 17, 2024, one candidate participated: Ch. Assistant Professor Gergana Angelova Avramova - Todorova, Ph.D.

The documents of Dr. Avramova - Todorova submitted for participation in the competition show that the procedure for its disclosure and announcement has been followed and they are in accordance with the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules for its Implementation, as well as with The regulations for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and for holding academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov", Burgas.

2. Scientific indicators

According to the Regulations for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and for holding academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov", Burgas, the scient metric indicators of the candidate Dr. Gergana Avramova - Todorova for the academic position of "associate professor" are as follows:

The indicator from group A - 50 items has been fulfilled.

The 'B' indicator is not required for this position.

The indicator from group Б - monograph presented as a habilitation thesis - 100 points has been fulfilled.

Total number of points according to indicator B: 438, with required 400 points.

Total number of points according to indicator Г: 210, with a required 100 points.

Total number of points under indicator Д: 100, with a required 50 points.

The scientific production presented by Dr. Gergana Avramova - Todorova corresponds to the scient metrics laid down in the Regulations for the conditions and procedures for acquiring scientific degrees and for holding academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov", Burgas.



3. Main directions in the candidate's research work and most important scientific contributions

The peculiar center of Dr. Avramova-Todorova's scientific production is art pedagogy, which fully corresponds to the profile of the announced competition. In the scientific production of the candidate, a consistent and deep interest in art-pedagogical issues can be observed, which is applied to two other scientific research areas, that are also covered in the competition profile: fine art and constructive-technological activities in kindergarten and primary school.

In my opinion, the scientific contributions of Dr. Avramova-Todorova's production are mostly practical-applied. As a main contribution I would highlight the well-described and accessible methodological resources, which are distinguished by the original author's ideas and real practical implementation.

In the scientific production of Dr. Avramova-Todorova, some contributions to pedagogical theory can be highlighted, which I would summarize in two main directions:

- The place of art pedagogy in the system of pedagogical sciences is justified, emphasizing its importance for enriching the educational methodology of fine art and constructive-technological activities in kindergarten and elementary school with innovative methods and technologies;
- A methodical approach is presented for building and developing two important social-personal constructs in children and young pupils - emotional intelligence and a sense of happiness.

It should be noted that the strong motivation and commitment of Dr. Avramova-Todorova to the researched problems is evident.

4. Critical notes, recommendations, questions

My main comments are about the methodology of the research and studies presented in various publications. Although the conducted research is distinguished by originality and scientific novelty, I would recommend Dr. Avramova-Todorova in her future work to adhere more strictly to the established methodological norms in pedagogical sciences by clearly defining the object, the subject, the aims, the criteria and the indicators for research, as well as the presentation of the target groups to which her research interest is directed. Similarly, her scientific production would benefit if methodological models were described according to established pedagogical standards. All this is also related to the refinement of scientific language in aspect of pedagogical sciences. In the presented publications, a strong bias towards psychological knowledge is observed, and it seems that the pedagogical context is not sufficiently highlighted.

I consider it frivolous to treat a text with a volume of 8 book pages (including literature and appendices) as a chapter of a collective monograph. The candidate presents a sufficiently solid scientific output and such a "scientific metric compromise" is not necessary.

I have the following **question** for the candidate:

In which subject areas (outside of constructive-technological and fine arts) and in what way is it possible to apply art pedagogical methods and tools for developing academic and transversal competences in kindergarten and primary school?

5. Conclusion

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On the basis of the materials submitted for the competition, I consider that the candidate, Dr. Gergana Angelova Avramova - Todorova, meets the criteria for occupying the academic position "Associate Professor", determined by the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules for its Implementation, as well as with the Regulations for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and for holding academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov", Burgas.

I propose to the respected members of the Scientific Jury to vote positively and to propose to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov, Burgas, to elect Dr. Gergana Angelova Avramova - Todorova to the academic position of "Associate Professor" in professional direction 1.2. Pedagogy (Art pedagogy – fine art and constructive-technological activities in kindergarten and primary school).

Date: 29.8.2024

City of Burgas

Member of the scientific jury:

(Assos. Prof. Nadezhda Kaloyanova. PhD)