

STATEMENT

in connection with a competition
for the academic position of "Associate Professor",
in the field of higher education: 2. Humanities, Professional field: 2.2. History
and Archaeology, Scientific specialty: Ancient History (including Praehistory),
announced in the State Gazette, issue 45 of 17 June 2022,
with the only candidate being Chief Assistant Martin Asenov Gyuzelev, Doctor
of Historical Sciences

Chairperson of the scientific jury: Assoc.Prof. Gita Nikolova Yovcheva
Prof. Dr Asen Zlatarov University- Burgas

1. Background information

Chief Assistant Martin Asenov Gyuzelev, Doctor of Historical Sciences, is the only candidate at the competition announced in the State Gazette, issue 45 of 17 June 2022 for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education: 2. Humanities, Professional field: 2.2. History and Archaeology, Scientific specialty: Ancient History (including Praehistory) for the needs of the Department of History and Philosophy at the Faculty of Social Sciences with Prof. Dr Asen Zlatarov University – Burgas. In 1991 he graduated from St. Konstantin-Kyril Philosophus National Secondary School of Ancient Languages and Culture – Sofia, and in 1998- from St. Kliment Ohridski Sofia University (specialty: Archaeology).

In 2004 Martin Gyuzelev successfully defended his PhD thesis and was awarded the educational and scientific degree of PhD by the National Archaeological Institute with Museum-Sofia with the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. In 2015 he successfully defended his dissertation and was conferred the scientific degree "Doctor of Historical Sciences" by the Department of Ancient History, Thracology and Mediaeval History at St. Kliment Ohridski Sofia University in Sofia.

In 2015 Martin Gyuzelev was appointed as a part-time lecturer at the Department of History and Philosophy with Prof. Dr Asen Zlatarov University – Burgas and since 2017 he has been working as Chief Assistant there.

2. General description of the materials presented

Twenty-eight scientific publications were submitted for participation in the competition, out of which: 5 in refereed and indexed journals in global databases with scientific information (Scopus, Web of Science) (Indicator Г6) and 8 in

non-refereed journals with scientific review (Indicator Г7). Two books have been published (1 in Bulgarian and 1 in English) based on a successfully defended dissertation (Indicator Г5). Out of all 28 publications, 10 are in English, 4 in French, 14 in Bulgarian, the candidate is the sole author of 15 publications and there are 13 publications that he is the co-author of. Ten of the presented scientific publications were reports delivered at conferences: 5 abroad and 5 at international and national conferences held in Bulgaria.

Thirty citations were noted in scientific works, of which 7 in scientific publications, refereed and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information (Indicator Д12), 11 in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review (Indicator Д13), 12 in non-refereed journals with scientific review (Indicator Д14).

One participation in an international scientific or educational project under Indicator E-18 and 3 participations in a national scientific or educational project under Indicator E-17.

The candidate in the competition meets the general criteria, and on certain indicators exceeds the minimum national requirements and the requirements of Prof. Dr Asen Zlatarov University – Burgas. He defended a dissertation work for the awarding of the educational and scientific degree of PhD- Indicator А (50 points) and a dissertation for the awarding of the scientific degree of “Doctor of Sciences”- Indicator Б (100 points). A published habilitation work – a monograph in accordance with Indicator В (100 points). Under Г group of indicators - 380 points (28 publications), 30 citations under Д indicator group - 275 points. For participation in national scientific or educational projects and an international project under E indicator group - 125 points. Total 1010 points, which exceeds by 310 points the required minimum of 700 points.

3. Main scientific contributions

The main scientific contributions of Chief Assistant Martin Gyuzelev, Doctor of Historical Sciences, can be summarized in the following directions:

- Habilitation thesis – a monograph titled "Three-Holed Stone Anchors from the Bulgarian Black Sea Coast" - catalogue, functions, analysis and synthesis of the examined material;
- Navigation through the Straits and especially through the Bosphorus (Bosphorus) Strait - socio-economic, political and religious aspects during Antiquity, which underlie the transition from Europe to Asia and vice versa;
- Contribution to the studies of the immediate territory of Apollonia on the Pontus (a site in the locality of St. Marina, Sozopol);

- The problem whether Mandra Lake was navigable in the past or not;
- Articles dedicated to some scientific problems.

4. Teaching activity

In 2015 the candidate was appointed as a part-time assistant in the Department of History and Philosophy at Prof. Dr Asen Zlatarov University – Burgas, and since 2017, after successfully passing the competition, he has become a chief assistant. Chief Assistant Martin Gyuzelev, Doctor of Historical Sciences, has held lectures and seminars in 6 academic subjects ("Ancient History", "Thracology", "Archaeology", "Ancient Civilization", "Cultural and Historical Heritage", "Introduction to Historical Knowledge") with undergraduate students and 4 academic subjects ("Ancient History and Thracology", "Historical Geography of the Mediterranean", "Historical Semantics", "The Balkan Lands in Cartography") with graduate students at the Faculty of Social Sciences. Voluntarily, on his own initiative, he conducts discussion lectures complied with the management team of the Historian Student Club Programme and approved by the Department of History and Philosophy, Faculty of Social Sciences on Historical Geography and Cartography for the undergraduate students (1st-4th year) majoring in Bulgarian Language and History, History and Psychology and History and Philosophy. The academic workload of Chief Assistant Martin Gyuzelev, Doctor of Historical Sciences, over the years has exceeded the 400 classes per annum accepted for the University.

He has developed lecture courses: 5 courses in the in the following subjects: Ancient History, Thracology, Archaeology, Ancient Civilization, Introduction to Historical Knowledge for the students majoring in Bulgarian Language and History, History and Psychology and History and Philosophy, undergraduate full-time students; 1 course in "Cultural and Historical Heritage" for the students majoring in Tourism, "Social Pedagogics", "Preschool and Primary School Pedagogics" (full-time and part-time); 4 courses in "Ancient History and Thracology", "Historical Geography of the Mediterranean", "Historical Semantics", "The Balkan Lands in Cartography" for graduate students, Master's degree programme "Innovations in the History Teaching at Secondary Schools", general and specialized profile, full-time and part-time ones.

He has developed 4 new curricula for the full-time undergraduate students and 4 for the full-time and part-time graduate students.

He has been a scientific adviser of one graduate student.

In accordance with the schedule for the attestation of lecturers at the Department of History and Philosophy, he was certified with a very good rate (Record No 04/dated 30 October 2020).

5. Critical notes and recommendations

I have no substantive critical notes.

6. Personal impression and opinion about the candidate

I know Chief Assistant Martin Gyuzelev, Doctor of Historical Sciences, and I have personal impressions on his qualities. My impressions on the candidate are definitely positive, as he is a thorough and precise researcher and lecturer with proven capabilities. He is a very organized, punctual and positively-social person, possessing many skills, including working successfully in a team. All these set very good conditions for his future work.

CONCLUSION

The scientific activity of Chief Assistant Martin Gyuzelev, Doctor of Historical Sciences, meets the requirements laid down in the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations on the Terms and Conditions for Acquiring Scientific Degrees and Holding of Academic Positions at Prof. Dr Asen Zlatarov University – Burgas, which is a reason to give a positive assessment of the materials with which the candidate participated in the competition for "Associate Professor".

With complete conviction, I recommend to the honourable members of the Scientific Jury to vote for the awarding to **Chief Assistant Martin Gyuzelev, Doctor of Historical Sciences**, of the academic position of "**Associate Professor**" in the field of higher education: 2. Humanities, Professional field: 2.2. History and Archaeology, Scientific specialty: Ancient History (including Praehistory).

Done at Burgas, 11 October 2022

Chairperson of the Scientific Jury:
(Assoc.Prof. Gita N. Yovcheva)