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## OPINION

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### I. CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Martin Gyuzelev was born in Sofia in 1972.

In 1991, he graduated from the National High School for Ancient Languages and Culture. In 1998, he obtained a master's degree at "St. Kliment Ohridski" University, majoring in Archaeology. During the period 1999-2003, he was a full-time doctoral student at the Archaeological Institute with a Museum at the BAS. In 2004, he defended his doctoral dissertation for the award of a scientific and educational degree "doctor" on the topic: "Settlement system in the West Pontian coast in the 1st millennium BC: the lands between Cape Emine and the Bosphorus ". In 2015, he defended his doctoral thesis for the award of the scientific degree "Doctor of Historical Sciences" in the Department of Ancient History, Thracology and Medieval History at the University of St. Kliment Ohridski" on the subject: " Dionysius Byzantine and its Anaplus on the Bosphorus as a Source for the History and Culture of Southeastern Europe'. In the field of his scientific interests fall The Western Black Sea coast and the neighboring lands to the south of Stara Planina in the 1st millennium BC to IV century AD - socio-cultural and political contacts of Thracians, Hellenes and Romans in the specified geographical area and their reflection in the material culture.

Martin Gyuzelev is on a permanent employment contract and has lectures and seminars in the bachelor programs of Ancient History, Thracology, Archeology and Introduction to Historical Knowledge at the Department of History and Philosophy, Faculty of Social Sciences at "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" University – Burgas.

In addition to his scientific and teaching activities, in his capacity as an expert for the BOS register, Martin Gyuzelev carries out research of cultural and historical values; field inspections, evaluations and identifications for the bodies of the executive and judicial authorities. He develops thematic exhibition plans of temporary and permanent museum exhibitions; actively participates in the development and implementation of national and international programs and projects.

## **II . DOCUMENTS**

From the documents, presented by Martin Gyuzelev, I find that they contain sufficient evidentiary material for his research activity and fully comply with the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria

## **III . ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CANDIDATE - ASSESSMENT OF THE SCIENTIFIC PAPERS**

Martin Gyuzelev presents a list of scientific publications - 28 in total. Most of the publications are self-authored. The publications are issued in various Bulgarian and international magazines.

The scientific works of Martin Gyuzelev show thoroughness and objective analysis in the conduct of scientific research. The emphasis in part of the research is on the navigation on the Bosphorus and the role of Byzantium polis. Other publications present the results of the studies of the immediate territory of Apollonia on the Pont (site in the town of "St. Marina", Sozopol). Some of the publications (in co-authorship) deal with local problems, for example: the question of whether Lake Mandra was navigable for ships. A group of articles reflects separate surveys of archaeological sites from different eras in the region on land - excavations of the Golyamoto Kale fortress near the village of Mladezhko, rescue survey of the territory of the town of Obzor, as well as underwater - archaeological observation in the southern waters of the Nessebar Bay.

Martin Gyuzelev presents a published book based on a defended dissertation for the acquisition of the scientific and educational degree "doctor".

The book of Martin Gyuzelev, presented for the competition, with the title "Stone anchors with three holes from the Bulgarian Black Sea", is dedicated to the study of one of the phenomena of ancient navigation, namely the stone blocks with three holes, discovered in the waters of the Bulgarian Black Sea coast.

A list of 16 citations is presented.

Some of the national and international programs and projects are presented, in which Martin Gyuzelev participated - 4.

Guselev participates in national and international conferences, where he shares his professional experience and the results of his scientific research.

## **IV . SCIENTIFIC TUTORING OF STUDENTS AND SPECIALISTS. TEACHING ACTIVITY**

Guselev has tutored 1 graduate student. He has been working actively with the circle members of the "Young Historian" club having discussion lectures on the topic of "Historical Geography and Cartography".

He teaches lectures and seminars on Ancient History, Thracology, Archaeology and Introduction to Historical Knowledge at "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" University - Burgas and has the necessary teaching and learning workload.



## **V. ASSESSMENT OF THE CANDIDATE'S COMPLIANCE WITH REGARDS TO THE MANDATORY CONDITIONS, QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA AND SCIENTIFIC INDICATORS, ACCORDING TO THE LAW ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACADEMIC STAFF IN THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES**

Martin Gyuzelev meets all the criteria for participation in the competition. He applied for with a sufficient number of publications and citations, including a published monograph.

Martin Gyuzelev is a promising scientist and university teacher, constantly working on his professional development, knows how to work with the audience and how to motivate students to master and apply historical knowledge.

### **Conclusion**

The documents reviewed by me and the evidence presented by Martin Gyuzelev for participation in the competition for the academic position "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" in the field of higher education 2. Humanities, professional direction 2.2. History and Archaeology, scientific specialty "Ancient History (including Prehistory) , announced for the needs of the Faculty of Social Sciences in SG no. 45/17.06.2022 , fully meet the mandatory conditions and quantitative criteria and scientometric indicators, according to the regulation for occupying the academic positions at "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" University - Burgas, and on some indicators they exceed the required minimum.

The works presented in the competition by Mr. Martin Gyuzelev are in the field of the scientific specialty "Ancient History" and fully comply with ZRASB and section III / section IV of PPZRASRB - Conditions and procedure for occupying the academic position of associate professor/professor, as well as the criteria of "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" University - Burgas for the academic position of "Associate Professor".

I confidently give my categorical positive assessment of the overall activity of Mr. Martin Gyuzelev, and suggest to the members of the scientific jury to vote positively that he be elected to the academic position of "Associate Professor" in "Ancient History (including Prehistory)".

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Member of the Scientific Jury: .

/ Assoc. Dr. Penka Peeva/