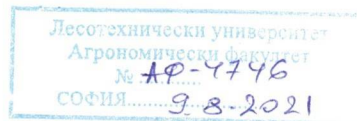


OPINION



related to the materials presented for participation in the competition for holding "associate professor" academic position, higher education field 7. "Healthcare and sport", professional direction 7.6. "Sport", "Methodology of the physical education and sport teaching" scientific specialty, on "Physical education and sport" discipline, announced by the University of Forestry in State Gazette No. 27 dated April 2, 2021, procedure code AGR-AsP-0321-53 for the needs of the "Physical education and sports" department to the Faculty of Agronomy at the University of Forestry.

There are two candidates for participation in the competition:

A. Eng. Hristo Tsankov Stoyanov, PhD

B. Senior lecturer Zhelyazko Dimitrov Georgiev, PhD

Opinion made by: **Associate professor Larisa Ivanova Kasabova, PhD**

Professional direction 7.6. Sport, University of National and World Economy

1.Short biography data.

A/. Eng. Hristo Tsankov Stoyanov, PhD presents the following biography data:

- Born on October 31, 1960 in the town of Lovech.
- Acquires "PhD" educational and scientific degree following the defense of his doctor's theses – "Perfection of the specific running preparation for 200 and 400 m disciplines by optimizing the impact of the strength and speed-strength training load" in 2009.
- Graduates from "Vasil Levski" National Sports Academy in 1992 – teacher faculty - athletics coach specialization.
- Graduates from his higher education as engineer-ecologist in 1988 at the University of Forestry, "Forestry" faculty, with "Preservation and enrichment of nature" specialty.
- ✓ Works as athletics coach at "Akademic"-Sofia Athletics sport club from 1991 to 2021.
- ✓ Consultant on planning sprint and hurdle run from 2001 to 2004 in Malmö, Sweden.
- ✓ Chief organizer for "Akademic" international athletics tournament - 2000 – 2021.
- ✓ Speaks and writes in German and Russian, English – working level.
- ❖ Participates in 4 scientific and education projects
- ❖ As coach manages various sprint disciplines in various competitions; his competitors have participated in the:
 - Olympic Games – 1996, 2000, 2004.
 - World championships – 1993, 1997, 1999, 2006.
 - European championships – през 1998, 2000, 2006, 2018.
 - Universiade Games – през 1995, 1997, 1999.
 - Won 58 medals and 26 Balkan titles in the Balkan Games;
 - National records – 20, 278 medals, out of which 113 champion titles;
 - National students' competitions and Universiades (2016-2018) - prize places and medals in the sprint disciplines

- Six times prize winner for his contribution to athletics development in “Akademic” and Republic of Bulgaria – 2007 – 2019.

B/. Senior lecturer Zheliazko Dimitrov Georiev, PhD presented the following biography data:

- Born on April 22, 1966 in the city of Sofia.
- 2017: “PhD” educational and scientific degree in professional direction 1.3. Pedagogy of Physical education and sports (Pedagogy of Physical education and sports) at the Sports department of the Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” – “A specialized model for increasing the physical ability of Forestry University students” is the doctor’s theses that he defended.
- 1990: Higher Institute of Physical education and sports, now “Vasil Levski” National Sports Academy – graduated from his Master’s degree with “Teacher in physical education” and “Swimming coach” specialties.
- ✓ Working as lecturer and senior lecturer at the University of Forestry since January 18, 2000 up till now.
- ✓ Part-time lecturer at “Physical education and sports” department of the University of National and World Economy since 2010.
- ✓ Teacher in physical education at 132 sports school in Sofia – from September 1, 1990 to January 17, 2000.
- ✓ President of the University Sports Club LTUSPORT.
- ✓ Member of the Board of Directors of the Association for University Sport "Akademic" from December, 2009 to May, 2015.
- ✓ Secretary General of the Association for University Sport "Akademic" from May 2014 to May 2015.
- ✓ Director of the National Students' Universiade 2014 Sofia.
- ✓ Member of the Board of Directors of the Association for University Sport "Akademic" from December, 2019 till now.
- ✓ Knows English and Greek.
- Author of 5 teaching programmes for “Bachelor’s” degree.
- Participation in 11 institutional projects.
- Manager of 1 project at Association for University Sport "Akademic"
- Manager of 1 educational university project.
- Awarded medal for his contribution to the development of the University sport.
- His competitors have got multiple prize-winning places and medals in National university championships and Universiades in the following disciplines: snowboard, alpine skiing, ski running, ski rally, ski snow relay, kick boxing and judo – men and women.

2. Correspondence of the candidates’ presented documents and materials to those required by the Regulations for the development of the academic staff (RDAS) of the University of Forestry (UF).

A/. Eng. Hristo Tsankov Stoyanov, PhD

The requirements according to the **RDAS at UF, article 60, para 5** are not answered by Eng. Stoyanov - “The documents as of para 4 are presented in 3 copies on paper medium and **electronic medium (scanned copies recorded on CD or flash memory)**”.

The electronic medium presented by Eng. Stoyanov for participation in the competition

(EMTEC flash memory) does not answer to the requirements of the RDAS at UF, argument from **article 60, para 4, items 2,3,4,5 and 6.**

A reference to the scientific contributions, which relate mainly to the training work in the field of high sports performance in track- and- field, is also presented. The reference is not completely correct in relation to **Article 60, para 4, item 9** from the RDAS at UF: "reference for the contribution in the candidate's works, **which do not repeat the works of the last competition for acquiring an academic position** and the last defended doctor's theses". The requirements of **Article 59a., para 1** from the same Rules are not answered as well, i.e.: *"The candidates present a reference for the execution of the minimum national requirements and the requirements of article 2a, para 5, as well as a reference for the original scientific contribution while the respective evidence is attached to it".*

B/. Senior lecturer Zheliazko Dimitrov Georgiev, PhD

The documentation presented by the candidate for participation in the competition answers by appearance and contents the requirements of RDAS at UF for holding academic positions. Presented is the obligatory documentation: reference-self-evaluation for the execution of the minimal national requirements; list of the scientific and publishing activity in relation to the evaluation for correspondence to the minimal national requirements; list of the works and publications; reference of the candidate's quotations; scanned copies of the publications; documents and written materials certifying other professional and creative activities and manifestations.

3. Evaluation of the candidates' educational and teaching activities

A/. Eng. Hristo Stoyanov, PhD has not presented a document for holding an academic position. As seen from the presented documents, he is successful coach and his career for some sprint disciplines is at world level. He is a famous coach and consultant – 20 years and 4 months' length of service as athletic coach at "Akademic" athletics sport Club is evidenced by the enclosed certificate (No. 004/April 17, 2021/, issued by "Akademic" sport Club-Sofia.

B/. Senior lecturer Zheliazko Georgiev, PhD has been a physical education teacher at 132 sports school for more than 9 years, according to certificate ADS-07842 dated April 14, 2021. Now he is a senior lecturer at the "Physical education and sports" department to the Faculty of Agronomy of the UF, certified by document ЧП – 2038-1 dated April 14, 2021. Holds seminars with the students from all UF faculties on the following sports: volleyball, tennis, table tennis and football. Leading lecturer for skiing practice with students from five specialties. During the 2020/2021 school year he has been fully engaged at class for 565 hours.

Senior lecturer Zheliazko Georgiev's out-of-class activities cover teaching-training a group in skiing and snowboard; he is the coach of UF teams in kick boxing and judo. Has participated in the development and updating of 5 teaching programmes (AF-2035 dated April 13, 2021).

4. Evaluation of the scientific, scientific-applied and publishing activities of the candidates

4.1. Participation in scientific, scientific-applied and educational projects

A. Eng. Hristo Stoyanov, PhD has participated in 3 international and 1 national scientific and sport-educational projects (indicator E16 and E17 – 75 points).

B. Senior lecturer Zheliazko Georgiev, PhD is participant in 11 national and educational projects and manager for 2 of them. All projects relate to the development of school and university sport (indicator E16 and E17 – 195 point).

4.2.Characteristics of the published scientific results

A/. Eng. Hristo Tsankov Stopyanov, PhD

The candidate's scientific interests are mainly directed to the scientific reasoning and optimization of the training process methodology of the sprint run and middle distance run for highly qualified and coming up athletes.

Candidate Stoyanov presents for participation in the competition 6 monographs, one book published on the base of a defended doctor's theses for conferring the "PhD" educational and scientific degree and 39 scientific publications. Thirty-eight of them are scientific articles in the field of planning and methodology of athletics training, one refers to the impact of athletics preparation on the specific qualities of women students practicing basketball.

Monographs – **1 basic and 5 additional** (Г5-1 to Г5-5);

Book published on the base of a defended doctor's theses for conferring the "PhD" educational and scientific degree – **1 pcs.;**

Publications and reports published in scientific issues, referred and indexed in world famous data base of scientific information – **2 pcs.**

Publications and reports published in non-referred magazines with scientific reviews or edited collective issues – **37 pcs.**

The publications are distributed as follows: monographs – only author for 3 of them and co-author for other 3. Articles and reports – 18 as only author, 19 as first author and 2 as second author.

The analysis of the candidate's deposited scientific production shows orientation first of all in the field of sports training for high sports performance in athletics.

Stoyanov's basic monograph for participation in the competition is "Modeling of the achievements in the twelve events competition. Applied aspects from the world and Bulgarian practice" – "Tip top press" Publishing house, 124 pages, ISBN: 978-954-723-245-7. It is a trial for modeling the preparation of the twelve events competitors according to their sports qualification level on the base of perfecting the training methodology and the priorities in the development of the twelve events various disciplines.

Without underrating the scientific merits pointed out by the reviewers of the "Methodology of the preparation and training models for the 200m and 400 m disciplines" monograph, "NSA Press" Publishing house, 147 pages, SBN 978-954-718-362-7(Г5 -1), I am not going to review it as according to the Rules for the application of the Academic grow up in R of Bulgaria Law, enforced on September 24, 2010, Section III. Article 53, para 1, it is explicitly ordered that the candidates for holding the "Associate professor" academic position should answer the following conditions:

Point 3. to have presented published monograph or similar publications in specialized scientific issues or evidence for work of art achievements in the field of art corresponding to them, which should not repeat those presented for acquiring the "PhD" educational and scientific degree and for acquiring the "DSc." scientific degree".

As identification of the scientific problem is missing and methodological base lacking I do not find as well other basic attributes inherent to a monograph in the "Methodology of the preparation and training models for the 200 m and 400 m disciplines" monograph paper (Г5 – 2), it can be classified better as teaching aid for athletics experts.

Dividing minutes signed between both authors of the "Bio-mechanic analysis of the sprint run" monograph Г5-3, "Tip ton press" PH, 151 pages, ISBN:978-954-723-192-4), certifying their author's share is lacking. Volume of pages is insufficient and that defines the work as study; as direction 7.6. does not mention points for a study, it is classified as an article. The same refers to monograph Г5-4, of 79 pages. I am not going to review the Г8-1 study as complete bibliography of the publishing attributes is lacking; it is not scanned and enclosed in the electronic memory containing the candidate's documents for participating in the competition.

Four of the publications are presented as abstracts only. There are no data some of the articles to have been used for the doctor's theses defense.

Leaving the basic monograph aside, from Hristo Stoyanov's total number of scientific works, 39 scientific papers are left: 1 monograph - Г5-5; 1 book issued on the base of the defended doctor's theses; 2 studies; 35 articles.

He has participated in 12 scientific conferences.

Following the reduction made, Eng Hristo Stoyanov has got sufficient number of points for Section Г.

Nevertheless my critical notes, I have to say that candidate Stoyanov has created considerable scientific production in the field of the theory and methodology of the sports training for high sport achievements in athletics sprint run and twelve events competition.

B/. Senior lecturer Zheliazko Georgiev, PhD

The candidate's scientific interests are directed to the multilateral essence of the physical education and sport teaching at the universities. Georgiev's object of scientific study and developments is also the "Akademic" University Sport Association history, as well as analysis of its activities during the years. The organization of its activities, the results and classifications at State University Championships and Universiades during the last years is studied and presented in details.

Candidate Georgiev, PhD participates in the competition by scientific production (24 pieces) - sufficient in quantity indicators and qualitative by contents, corresponding to the theme of the competition. It covers: one monograph; 1 published book on the base of defended doctor's theses for conferring the "PhD" educational and scientific degree – on electronic medium; 11 publications in referred scientific magazines – 3 of which are of impact factor; 11 publications in collections from scientific conferences – 10 international and one national. Twenty-one of the publications are in Bulgarian and three in foreign languages. He is the author of 6 publications, first author in six, second author in eleven and third author in one publication. It is seen from the enclosed documentation that the

scientific production presented by Georgiev for participation in the competition lists publications different from the publications related to the doctor's theses for conferring the "PhD" educational and scientific degree.

"Guidelines for development and innovation for the improvement of physical education and sports at the University of Forestry". Monograph, ISBN 978-619-7329-46-9. S., Neofeedback PH, 2020 makes impression. It is a collection of history, analysis, means and methods, rules and specific exercises for improving the physical abilities of the students. It presents a model for increasing the physical abilities of the students at UF. New approaches in the field of the methods and means for the development of the basic motive qualities are described. The theme is related to the basic tendencies and specific factors, impacting the sport subsystem in between an enormous social-target group as higher students are.

4.3. Reflection of the candidates' scientific publications in literature (famous quotations)

A/. Eng. Hristo Stoyanov, PhD

The number of Hristo Stoyanov's publications, quoted by other authors is **total 12**. One of his articles is quoted in a referred magazine, quotations in monographs are 5 and 6 are the quotations in non-referred magazines with scientific reviews. **The total number of points for that indicator is 95.** Броят на цитираните от други автори публикации на Христо Стоянов е **общо 12**.

B/. Senior lecturer Zheliazko Georgiev, PhD

The number of Zheliazko Georgiev's publications, quoted by other authors is **total 22**: ten of them are in referred magazines of impact factor, five are the quotations in monographs and seven in non-referred magazines with scientific reviews. **The total number of point for that indicator is 235.**

4.4. Contribution in the candidates' works (scientific, scientific-applied, applied)

A/. Eng. Hristo Stoyanov, PhD

I would note the following basic scientific, scientific-applied and applied contribution in the presented works: the most essential contribution that I define is the linear regressive equation taken to the front, which allows to prognosticate the result of elite sprinters at 100 m on the base of the 60 m achievement and provides possibility for optimization of the planning and management of the training process for sprint runs.

I would like to mention as well the establishment of optimal structural correlation between the various types of training work for developing endurance, speed and speed-strength qualities of the sprinters; a model is created for the preparation of athletes at various ranks by defining the leading disciplines resulting from a study of the world and Bulgarian practical experiences in the twelve events competition, as well as the established interrelations in the development of the motive qualities and many other having importance and application in the preparation of the elite athletes.

B/. Senior lecturer Zheliazko Georgiev, PhD

The basic scientific-applied and methodological contribution in the presented works are formulated correctly by the candidate and are directed to the:

1. Methodology of teaching, control and evaluation for the "Physical education and sport" discipline at the universities.
2. Optimization of the physical education and sport classes with the purpose to improve the physical abilities of the students.
3. The status and problems of the Physical education and sport at the universities.
4. Development of the university sport in Republic of Bulgaria.

5. Evaluation of the candidates' personal contribution

Hristo Stoyanov's contribution is important for the theory and methodology of the sports training of highly-qualified athletes. Indisputable are the author's scientific-applied and practical results, outlining his scientific profile of a leading expert in the run and particularly in the athletics' sprint disciplines. The materials presented by him fully answer the quantitative indicators for acquiring the "associate professor" academic position.

There are no signs of plagiarism.

Zheliashko Georgiev's contribution relates to the presentation of author's materials for participation in the competition, which exceed the quantitative criteria and answer to the quality requirements related to the theme and specialty of the announced competition. Being a lecturer, coach, organizer and manager, he seriously contributes to the confirming and developing the students' sport both at the universities and at national scale.

There are no signs of plagiarism.

6. Critical notes and recommendations

They relate to Eng. Hristo Stoyanov, PhD, participant in the competition

1. I think he has been somewhat negligent to make a full set of documents for participating in the competition and particularly to those on electronic medium.
2. Monograph works, written by co-authors require distribution of the share participation by Minutes, which lack in his documents.

In future, he should be stricter in that relation.

In respect to senior lecturer Zheliashko Georgiev, PhD, the other participant in the competition I have no critical notes but would recommend to deepen his scientific studies on the problems of the "Physical education and sport" at the universities and the students' sport.

7. Personal impressions

A/. Eng. Hristo Stoyanov, PhD, participant in the competition, is an outstanding expert and coach in athletics, whose competitors have won prize places at

competitions of various ranking at home and abroad. He is Chairman of the Association of the Bulgarian coaches. Has been awarded many times by the Ministry of Sports, the National Assembly and other organizations.

B/. Senior lecturer Zheliazko Georgiev, PhD, participant in the competition, is a recognized person in between the academic circles and the academic sports community in Bulgaria. Additional to his academic work and activities as coach, he actively participates in the holding and organization of various educational, scientific and sports forums and events. Successfully works in institutional and educational projects. He is responsible and correct to his colleagues and students. Respected and evaluated in the academic circles.

8. Conclusion

Comparing the wholesome activities of both candidates and having in mind the said hereinabove and Senior lecturer Zheliazko Georgiev's, PhD high competence in his scientific and lecturer's activity, performed concretely on the scientific specialty of the competition, I consider to be a categorical reason for acquiring the "associate professor" academic position. Being fully convinced I propose to the scientific jury to confer to **Senior lecturer Zheliazko Dimitrov Georiev, PhD** the "associate professor" academic position in professional direction 7.6. "Sport", "Methodology of the physical education and sport teaching" scientific specialty, on "Physical education and sport" discipline for the needs of the "Physical education and sports" department to the Faculty of Agronomy.

August 1, 2021

Member of the jury

Sofia

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