

S T A T E M E N T

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Regarding: Submitted Scientific Works for Participation in Contest For Occupying Academic Position ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR at National Sports Academy „Vasil Levski“ under: Higher Education Area 7. Health and Sport; professional field 7.6 Sports, specialty "Sports" (Basketball) announced for the needs of the Basketball, volleyball, handball Department.

In the contest announced for the academic position ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR (State Gazette issue No. 19/05.03.2019) there is only one candidate - Assistant Prof. PhD Mariana Aleksieva Borukova.

Assistant Professor Mariana Borukova graduated in 2006 the National Sports Academy „Vasil Levski“ in Sofia with qualifications awarded – Basketball coach. In 2007 she acquired Master's Degree in "Master of Sports Management" at the National Sports Academy "V.Levski". Since 2007 she is a lecturer at the National Academy of Sciences "Vasil Levski" in Sofia, and since 2014 she is assistant professor in Basketball sector at the Department of Basketball, Volleyball, Handball. In 2014 she successfully defended her dissertation and was awarded PhD educational-scientific degree. For twenty years she has been a professional basketball player in Bulgaria and abroad. She speaks fluently three languages - French, English and Slovak.

Assistant Professor Mariana Borukova reads lectures and conducts seminar practical trainings to students from Bachelor and Master educational-qualification majors at National Sports Academy Vasil Levski in Sofia. She has been involved in scientific projects, teaching curricula, organizing scientific conferences and scientific forums at the department.

The scientific output of Mariana Borukova meets the minimum national requirements for admission and participation in the Doctorate competition. A total of 14 scientific works have been presented for review, which include:

- Autoreferat, monograph, textbooks and student books - 3 pieces.
- Publications in collections and scientific journals – 11, out of which 7 are in English published in 4 countries; 5 are independent and 6 are in co-authorship.

The publications submitted meet the requirements for scientific production. They are based on the author's use of modern, reliable methods and approaches. In all the works, she has shown her ability to discover and develop concepts of work with adolescents: in the field of sports mastery in basketball; and to students. The main direction in the scientific work of Ch. Assistant Mariana Boroukova addresses the problems in the sports training of growing basketball players. In another direction, the author develops scientific output related to the physical capacity and personal motivation of students.

For participation in the competition for taking the academic position "Associate Professor ", Mariana Boroukova has presented an authoress for dissertation and monograph.

The first work is the dissertation on "Improving the system for admission and control of basketball talents in sports schools in Bulgaria", in which is presented a large-scale study of all students with basketball profile from the sports schools in the country. A regulatory basis for ongoing control over the specific working capacity of adolescent basketball players from V to XII grade has been developed. Significant conclusions were made in methodological terms with significant contributions to work in the sports schools in basketball in Bulgaria.

The second one is a monographic work, entitled "Controlling the Sports Preparedness of 13-14 Years Basketball Players". It is a key work in the scientific work of the candidate and addresses the issue of physical development and sports preparedness of young basketball players. A pedagogical experiment was conducted in which the game positions and the individual countries in the 13-14 year old basketball game were formed. Essential factors of the physical development and sports preparedness of the respective age group have been identified. A regulatory system for a current control on the sports training of young basketball players has been developed. In general, in the work is given up-to-date information about the sport-technical condition of the young basketball players with specified methodological guidelines in the basketball training in adolescents.

In the contest for Assoc. Prof. Mariana Boroukova presents 12 scientific publications. There is a great methodical research activity. All of them are aimed at:

- Management and control of sports preparedness in basketball (Nos. 3,5,7,9,11,12,13)
- Physical capacity of students (Nos. 4, 6, 14).
- Long-term goals and personal motivation of students (No 8).
- Integration and inclusion of people with disabilities through sport (No.10), which is an innovative development in adaptive motor activity for people with disabilities. For the first time in Bulgaria, this form of adapted basketball by Mariana Boroukova was introduced in 2015 as part of an international project.

The Candidate in the Associate Professor contest was part of an author's team in the writing of a training tool, which is a project at the Ministry of Physical Education and Sports and serves as a normative basis for assessing the sports training of students from sports schools. In co-authorship, she has developed a test battery, including 10 benchmarks for the success of students with Basketball profile, divided into two groups:

- For physical fitness;
- For specific motor skills.

Summarized scientific contributions:

- The presented scientific output refers to a large-scale research, methodological-application and pedagogical activity.
- The system of training and sports training of young basketball players has been researched, and a wealth of data has been put into practice to help work on optimizing the training process and quality ongoing monitoring.
- Through the use of modern tools and methods, the system of control and evaluation in the sports schools of basketball, as well as in the search for young talents has been improved.
- The Candidate is the only basketball specialist who learns and applies the knowledge in adapted basketball with children with special educational needs.

The attached report makes it clear that Mariana Boroukova has been quoted in a number of scientific papers in national sources. The report shows that she has participated in 5 scientific or educational projects, 3 of which are international. She has been a scientific supervisor of 11 graduate students, one

from the Master's degree. She has participated in practical seminars for teachers and basketball coaches as well as on the DCC line. As a co-author of sports, basketball has been involved in the development of "Sports Education Training Programs in Sports Schools".

In the presented scientific production the literary sources were used correctly and no plagiarism was found.

Conclusion:

On the basis of the analyzes and assessments made of the scientifically applied contributions from the scientific works and the qualities of the lecturer and researcher of Ch. Prof. Mariana Aleksieva Boroukova, PhD, I propose that the academic position "Associate Professor" at NSA "Vassil Levski" to be awarded in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sport; professional field 7.6 Sports, specialty "Sports" (Basketball) for the needs of the Department of Basketball, Volleyball, Handball.

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