

OPINION

By the Full Prof. Daniela Dasheva, DSc.

regarding the competition for the academic position "Associate professor" of the National Sports Academy "V. Levski " in the professional field 7.6. Sports, specialty Sports (Basketball) for the Department of Basketball, Volleyball, Handball

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with the only candidate - Head. Ass. Prof. Mariana Aleksieva Boroukova, PhD

The professional scientific interests, the research and the academic activity of Head. Ass. Prof Mariana Aleksieva Boroukova, Ph.D., are mainly focused on the theory and methodology of the basketball education and training. They are the result of Mariana Boroukova's long-lasting sports career as a national basketball player and as a player in the representative teams of leading European basketball clubs in France, Spain, Italy, Greece and Slovakia. She is winner of awards and medals from a number of prestigious international and national competitions - 7 times champion of Bulgaria; 5 times winner of the "Cup of Bulgaria"; European vice-champion for girls in 1992; Prize for "Best female Basketball player for 2002"; 2 times vice-champion of the Slovakia.

All these prerequisites shape her rich sports profile, and her academic and research background and also her commitment to the future development of basketball.

An overview of the publications and scientific contributions of the applicant.

In this competition for Head. Ass. Prof. Mariana Boroukova, PhD participated with:

- Doctoral work - 1 pc. - 50 points, which I do not review.
- Monographic work -1 pc. - 100 pts.

- Publications and papers, published in scientific editions, referenced and indexed in world-well-known databases with scientific information - 2 pcs. – 120 pts. (One of these two publications is published in 2017, when the Journal of Applied Sports Sciences is not yet included in the Web of Science, to be referenced, but this does not in any way reduce its scientific value as it fully meets the criteria for the next editions in 2018 and 2019).

- Publications and papers, published in non-referenced journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes – 9 pcs. - 141 points (three independent, the remaining 6 in co-authorship).

- Citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review - 1 pc. – 10 pts.

- Citations or reviews in non-referenced and scientifically reviewed journals - 9 - 45 pts.

- Published university tool, used in school network - 1 pc. - 10 pts.

- Participation in a national scientific or educational project - 2 pcs. - 30 pts.

- Participation in an international scientific or educational project - 3 - 60 pts.

- Training of trainees, postgraduates and PhD students (seminars and practical classes) - 3 pcs. - 90 points.

The most important works that ultimately form the candidate's profile are:

1. Monographic work on the topic "Control do of the Sports Preparedness of 13-14 years-old Female Basketball Players" in a volume of 124 pp., Issued in 2018. Here the contributions are of theoretical-applied character and can be summarized as follows:

- Drawing up the basic parameters of the basketball training and training with female young basketball players;

- Establishment of the physical development and sports preparedness of young female basketball players;

- Analytical view on the separate parts of sports training with young female basketball players (13-14 years);

□ Developed normative basis, which includes 25 indicators for assessment of the physical development and specific work-capacity of young 13-14-year-old female basketball players.

Most of the other publications of Head. Ass. Prof Mariana Boroukova, Ph.D., are also focused on the problems of the training process with young basketball players. This group includes 9 of the all 11 publications submitted. The main contributing moments are:

1. Analysis and discussion on the state of physical development and specific working capacity of young basketball players.

2. Revelation of the main factors of physical development and specific working capacity of young basketball players as well as of 13-14-year-old students with basketball profile as a basis for objectification education and training.

3. Development and experimentation of the normative basis for control, evaluation and optimization of training process with young basketball players.

Two of the papers are devoted to issues other than those mentioned above but again related to the basketball training process. The publication, "Let's Play Together" (co-authored), is dedicated to the possibilities of practicing basketball by people with disabilities. Here, we can highlight a practical contribution, and we welcome the efforts of the candidate to promote the social nature and the opportunities for integration through this beautiful and intelligent game.

The other publication is a study of the long-term motivation of students from the NSA "B. Levski "(in co-authorship). It is complements the creative ambitions of the candidate for the associate professor.

We can also give a good assessment of the presented training tool - "System for evaluation of the results of sports preparation for the students in Sport Schools". The mentioned have great practical value and is used by the sport from the sports schools in Bulgaria.

Conclusion

On the basis of the achieved scientific results, the rich academic, expert and sporting activity I give a hard positive Conclusion for the election of Head Ass. Prof. Mariana Boroukova, PhD the Academic Position Assoc. Professor in Professional Field 7.6. Sports, specialty Sports (Basketball) for the Basketball, Volleyball, Handball Department of the NSA "B. Levski ".

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