

Opinion

by

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Concerning: Competition for the Academic Position "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education, 7. Healthcare and Sport, Professional Field 7.6. "Basketball" for the needs of the Basketball, Volleyball, Handball department, according to an order of the Rector of NSA "Vasil Levski", Sofia, ZP 805 / 17.05.2019

The contest was announced in State Gazette No. 19 from 05.03.2019. The only candidate for the competition is senior assistant prof. Mariana Alexieva Borukova, PhD, meets all the qualitative and quantitative criteria set by the Academic staff development law and the regulation for its Application of the NSA "Vasil Levski", Sofia. I am acquainted with the scientific production and with the professional activity of Chief Assist. Mariana Borukova, PhD and I guarantee for their authenticity and correctness.

Education, sports and pedagogical merit

Mariana Borukova, PhD is a highly educated sports specialist. She graduated from NSA "Vasil Levski", Sofia and graduated as a basketball coach (bachelor) and a master in sport management. In 2014 she graduated PhD in the professional field 7.6. Sports.

She has an impressive sport competitive career as a player in European level. She was player in the national team of Bulgaria (and its captain), a player in 5 teams in the National Championship of Bulgaria and in elite European basketball teams in France, Spain, Slovakia and Greece.

She uses French, English, Slovak and Russian languages.

Scientific work

The scientific work of the candidate corresponds fully to the requirement for the academic position associate professor.

M. Borukova has a Ph.D. thesis on "Improving the System for Admission and Control of Basketball Talents in Sports Schools in Bulgaria".

Her monography "Control of the sports preparedness of 13-14-year-old basketball players" shows that the author has achieved very good results combining her theoretical research with the practice of selection and sports preparedness of teenage basketball players.

Mariana Borukova, PhD is a co-author of the "System for the evaluation of results of sports education for students in sports schools" together with prof. Rossitsa Tsarova.

She also presents 12 publications in scientific journals, collections, participation in scientific events with a lead report and independent chapters in books. In addition, in the competition for M. Borukova has presented one national and three international projects in which she is an expert.

She has seven English publications in specialized magazines in Bulgaria, Morocco, Slovakia and Northern Macedonia. Two of these publications are indexed in Web of Science journals.

She has participated in two national and three international educational projects. She was a mentor of 12 graduate students in bachelor's degree and master's degree.

The scientific production presented by the candidate is characterized by the following contributions:

1. Scientific contribution to the system for acceptance and control of sport talents in basketball in the sport schools of Bulgaria.

2. Scientific contribution to the management and control of sport training of growing basketball players.

3. Scientifically applied contribution is the participation of M. Borukova in the "National Study of Physical Activity of Students in Bulgaria" conducted by NSA and Ministry of education and science. The introduction of the proposed test battery during the school year 2019/2010 confirms this statement.

4. Practical contribution to the integration and inclusion of people with disabilities through sport.

Pedagogical and social activities

The pedagogical activity of senior assistant professor Mariana Borukova is diverse. She is a lecturer at NSA "Vasil Levski", Sofia, where she was initially part-time lecturer in the period 2007-2014 and later a full-time lecturer. She holds lectures and exercises with students from all

faculties of the Academy. She holds lectures courses and Basketball exercises and Statistical methods in sport.

She has specialized training in the innovative European program for training, education and inclusion of children with different needs "Playdogogy" Mariana Borukova is constantly involved in children's activities by adapted basketball.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I express my decision, on the basis of all the above, to vote positively "YES" for the election of senior assistant professor MARIANA ALEXIEVA BORUKOVA, PhD for the academic position "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" in the field of high education 7. Healthcare and sport, the professional field 7.6. "Sport", specialty Sport (Basketball) for the needs of the National Sports Academy "Vasil Levski", Sofia, "Basketball, volleyball, handball" department.

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