

OPINION

of ass. prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, PhD

chair of scientific jury of a contest for taking the academic position “Associate Professor” at the National Sports Academy “Vassil Levski” in professional field 7.6. Sport, specialty Sport (Basketball) for the needs of NSA “Vassil Levski” Department “Basketball, Volleyball, Handball”.

The contest was announced in DV (issue 19/05.03.2019) by NSA “Vassil Levski”. The only candidate for the position is chief assistant Mariana Aleksieva Borukova, PhD.

Candidate’s biographical data and career development

Mariana Borukova meets the requirements of the Law for the Development of Academic Staff (ZRASRB) and the Regulations for implementation of ZRASRB for taking the academic position “Associate Professor”.

Chief assistant Mariana Borukova was a professional basketball player in several clubs in Bulgaria and abroad. In those years she was part of the national teams – junior and women. She graduated from NSA “Vassil Levski” with major Basketball Coach in 2006 and in the next year she acquired Master’s Degree in Sports Management. In the period 2008 – 2014 she was a full-time PhD student at Department “Basketball, Volleyball, Handball”. She was also a part-time lecturer in statistics at department “Theory of Sport”. Since 03.07.2014 she has been a chief assistant in basketball at department “Basketball, Volleyball, Handball”. She has practical and theoretical classes with full-time and part-time students from the Faculties: “Sport” and “Pedagogy”; she is also a tutor of students with major Basketball. She speaks French, English, and Slovak.

Candidate's publications and scientific-applied work

The scientific works, with which Mariana Borukova takes part in the contest for the position of an Associate Professor, include a total of 11 publications, one methodological guidebook, and one monograph.

The title of the monograph is “Control of Sports Preparation of 13-14-year-old Female Basketball Players”. It views some of the theoretical and practical aspects of adolescent female basketball players’ preparation. Some specifications along 25 indexes were also made.

Mariana Borukova has 11 scientific publications and manuscripts – 5 as only author; 6 and the methodological guidebook as co-author. The publications view the issues related to adolescents’ basketball sports preparation and examine the state of their physical development and specific efficiency. There is a list of citations as well: 1 in a monograph and 9 in non-indexed world databases. The information about scientific-metric indexes includes participation in: 2 national educational projects and 3 international scientific projects.

The candidate for the academic position “Associate Professor” was a scientific adviser of 5 successfully defended diploma works.

Conclusion: The analysis of the reviewed scientific works and documentation related to chief assistant Mariana Borukova’s scientific-research, educational, expert, and social activities is a sufficient justification that Mariana Borukova can take the academic position “Associate Professor” at the National Sports Academy “Vassil Levski” in professional field 7.6. Sport, specialty Sport (Basketball) for the needs of NSA “Vassil Levski” Department “Basketball, Volleyball, Handball”.

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