

OPINION

of Prof. Apostol Nikolov Slavchev, PhD,
member of a scientific jury on the basis of an order of the Rector
of NSA "Vassil Levski" №3П – 1833 / 22.12.2020 г.
Subject: Competition for the academic position "PROFESSOR"

I. Data for the competition

The competition was announced in state newspaper No. 97 / 13.11.2020, with a deadline for submission of documents 2 months from the promulgation in the state newspaper.

Field of higher education: 7. Healthcare and sports, professional field: 7.6. Sports, specialty "Sports (Basketball)" for the needs of the Department of Basketball, Volleyball, Handball at the Faculty of Pedagogy of NSA "Vassil Levski".

The competition was announced on the grounds of Art. 3, para. 1 and 2 of ZRASRB and decision of the Academic Council under protocol №6 from 22.10.2020.

There are no violations in the competition procedure.

One candidate participates in the competition - Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, Ph.D.

According to Report SL-169 / 18.01.2021 of the Vice-Rector, in connection with Art. 62, para. 1 of PPZRASRB and Art. 51 of the Regulations for Acquisition of NS "Doctor of Sciences" and for holding academic positions in NSA "Vasil Levski", and order of the Rector of NSA "Vasil Levski" № ZP-86 / 24.01.2020, a move was made for participation of the candidate in the announced competition for the academic position "PROFESSOR".

On January 26, 2021, at the first meeting, the members of the scientific jury thoroughly examined, filled in and signed the forms for evaluation of the scientometric indicators of the candidate, concluding that based on the implementation of the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of ZRASRB, PPZRASRB and the Regulations for acquiring the scientific degree "Doctor of Science" and holding academic positions in NSA "Vassil Levski", the members of the scientific jury unanimously decided to admit the candidate Assoc.

Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, PhD in the competition for the academic position "PROFESSOR".

II. Candidate details

The only candidate in the competition - Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, PhD, was born on November 12, 1963 in Shumen. She graduated in 1988 at VIF "G. Dimitrov, Sofia, where he acquired the specialties "Physical Education Teacher" and "Basketball Coach" (Diploma of Higher Education Series A 88 № 003714/1988 and registration № 11633).

Immediately after graduating on November 1, 1988, he became a basketball assistant in the Department of Basketball, Volleyball, Handball at VIF G. Dimitrov "(current NSA "Vassil Levski")", where he still teaches, and in 2007 received from the Higher Attestation Commission (HAC) the scientific title of ASSOCIATE ASSOCIATE in the scientific specialty 05.07.05 - Theory and methodology of physical education and sports training, certified by certificate №24313 dated 04.06.2007.

In 2004, after successful defense of a dissertation on the topic: "Methodology for improving the speed and strength qualities of adolescent basketball players (13-14 years)" Tsanko Tsankov was awarded the educational and scientific degree "DOCTOR" in the scientific specialty 05.07.05 - Theory and methodology of physical education and sports training, according to Diploma № 29453 from 27.12.2004 of the Higher Attestation Commission.

To participate in the competition, the candidate has submitted a reference for his research activity and production on scientometric indicators, which are in accordance with the indicators of the national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3, respectively with the requirements under Art. 2b, para. 5 of the Law on the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities NSA "Vassil Levski" for holding the academic position of "professor". They are presented in Table 1 and it is clear that the minimum requirements for points by groups of indicators for acquiring the academic position "Professor" in NSA "Vassil Levski" district 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.6. Sports are on the face, and the performance on some indicators D, D and E is almost twice above the norm.

Table 1

Information about the scientometric data, performed by Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, Ph.D. by indicators for acquiring the academic position "Professor" in NSA "Vassil Levski" in a professional direction 7.6. Sports

Group of indicators	Contents	Professor	Performed by Assoc. Prof. Tsan Tsankov, Ph.D.
A	Indicator 1	50	50
Б	Indicator 2	-	
B	Indicators 3 or 4	100	100
Г	Sum of indicators from 5 to 9	200 (minimum 180 under Г.7)	485,3 (of which 240 under Г.7)
Д	Sum of indicators from 10 and 12	100	290
E	Sum of the indicators from 13 to 25	180 (minimum 2 under E.14, available on E.20, not more than 40 points in total under E.23 and E.24)	281 (of which 80 under E.14 and 40 under E.23 and E.24)

According to the personal data presented to me by the candidate about the degrees of education, academic positions and covered minimum required by scientometric indicators, I believe that the necessary requirements for participation of Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, PhD in the announced competition for the academic position "PROFESSOR" .

III. Description of the research activity and production of the candidate

The scientific production of Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, PhD for the period 2007 - 2020 presented in connection with the participation in the competition for the academic position "Professor" includes 27 scientific papers, which in quantity and quality meet the regulatory requirements. It is about 1 monograph, 4 educational and methodical works in co-authorship, incl. 1 historical almanac and 22 scientific articles and reports, of which seven independent (1,2,3,4,6,7 and 15) and seven (1,2,4,5,6,16, 21) abroad.

Four of the publications (1,2,3 and 4) are published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases of scientific information, and the remaining 18 are in non-refereed journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes.

The number of scientific publications in the form of reports with which Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, Ph.D.

Among the publications subject to review for participation in the current competition for "professor" with special weight on the scientific specialty of the competition is the monographic work "Long-term training of basketball players" (Sofia, 2020, ISBN 978-954-8587-29-7) as well as twenty publications related to certain aspects of basketball: management (1,2,4,8 and 9) sports training (3,5,6,7,10,11,12,13,14, 16, 18,19 and 20) and psychological training (17 and 21) for different basketball contingents.

The textbook published in co-authorship of the candidate related to the theory and methodology of education has the same orientation (Basketball Textbook, Sofia, 2005, ISBN - 10: 954-9864-75-9, ISBN - 13: 978-954- 8964-75-3; Curricula for training in sports training in sports schools, Sofia, 2016, ISBN 978-954-718-446-6), rule of law (Rules of basketball and mini-basketball for students, Sofia, 2018, ISBN 978-954-718-446-6), distance learning (22) and historical aspects of basketball (15 and 23).

The monographic work of the candidate entitled "Long-term training of basketball players" is dedicated to the structuring and implementation of the multi-year process of sports training for basketball players based on an author's approach to building motor skills and abilities in accordance with the specifics of development and improvement in modern basketball. women. The innovativeness of the author's approach offers opportunities to increase the efficiency of the basketball coach's work by improving the control and reprogramming of the multi-year training process for basketball players.

The importance of the scientific production of Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, PhD, as well as its innovation and relevance is supported by the presence of a proper response in the form of 39 citations in other scientific and methodological sources, of which 10 citations in books, monographs, textbooks and textbooks and 29 citations in scientific publications with 5 citations in editions from the Web of science database.

In addition to the research activity of Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, PhD, his participation in 5 projects with national and institutional, scientific and educational status should be noted, with the following thematic focus:

- "Sports schools" - curricula for training in sports training in sports schools - 2016 (national educational project);
- "Optimization of curricula in physical education and sports in high school" - 2016 (national educational project);
- "Student Internships" - phase I - 2013 and 2018 (national educational project);
- "Simulator for improving the anticipation abilities of handball players (through interactive tests)" - 2016 (institutional research project);

IV. Scientific contributions

The following main directions of the scientific and applied contributions of Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, Ph.D., can be differentiated:

1. In the field of the theory and methodology of basketball for elite athletes.
2. In the field of theory and methodology of training in adolescent basketball players
3. In the field of socio-psychological prerequisites related to basketball

The scientific and applied contributions of Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, PhD are expressed in the following:

1. In the field of the theory and methodology of elite basketball.

- 1.1. Discovery of modern trends in the development of the basketball game based on a retrospective analysis of the development of women's national teams.
- 1.2. Building and implementation in practice of individual models for periodization and training activities
- 1.3. Justification of the nature of the specific endurance according to the qualification and the playing positions in basketball.
- 1.4. Creation of anthropometric and anaerobic profile of elite basketball players, as a basis for selection, forecasting and refining of the training methodology for training.

2. In the field of the theory and methodology of basketball training for teenagers

2.1. Justification of the peculiarities and interrelations between the separate stages in the long-term training of basketball players.

2.2. Disclosure of opportunities for optimization of the multi-year training process for adolescent basketball players.

2.3. Creating an innovative approach with programming in a three-cycle periodization of sports training for 13-14 year old basketball players.

2.4. Construction of complexes for speed and power loading and control during tricycle periodization in the training of 13-14 year old basketball players.

2.5. Development of new basketball curricula for students from 5th to 9th grade of sports schools in the Republic of Bulgaria.

2.6. Objectification of the sports readiness of basketball players from the national teams for teenagers before and during participation in European championships.

2.7. Study of the level of physical capacity and physical development in basketball players from 12 to 16 years.

3. In the field of social, psychological and sports prerequisites related to basketball

3.1. Substantiation of basic guidelines for overcoming unfavorable socio-economic prerequisites for the development of Bulgarian basketball.

3.2. Retrospective analysis of the teaching, research and sports activities in basketball in the Department of Basketball, Volleyball, Handball at the National Sports Academy "Vassil Levski".

3.3. Revealing the specifics of stress in highly qualified and adolescent basketball players.

3.4. Building a system of criteria for ranking of organized sports in the Republic of Bulgaria, incl. team sports and basketball.

3.5. Establishment of the interrelation between the indicators for physical capacity and the specific technical-tactical readiness in basketball for students.

3.6. Creation of an innovative methodology for applying visualization as a means of psychological training in basketball.

V. Teaching work, management and expert activity

Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, PhD has been a full-time lecturer in basketball since 1988. At present he heads the Basketball Department and is a leading specialty with a lecture course and practical classes for students of Bachelor's and Master's degrees at all faculties in NSA "Vassil Levski". For the period 2015-2020, there is a total academic employment of 3501 academic hours and additional employment of 1205 hours.

Under his scientific supervision, one student at the Master's Degree and two doctoral students successfully defended their dissertations. Participates in the training of specialists in CSDK at NSA "Vassil Levski".

Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, PhD from 2010-2016 and from 2020 is the head of the Basketball sector, and in the period 2016-2020 he is the head of the Department of Basketball, Volleyball, Handball.

From 2008 to 2016 Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, PhD, was Chairman of the General Assembly of the Faculty of Teacher Education, and from 2016 to 2020 he held the elective position of Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Teacher Education (now the Faculty of Pedagogy). He has been a member of the Academic Council since 2016.

As a sports pedagogue Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, PhD, successfully acts as a head coach of the national teams cadets under 16, girls under 18 and women under 20. He was the head coach of the men's team of "Academic" - Sofia - 1992/93 and the NSA in the period 1993-2000. He was the head coach of the women's team of the NSA in the periods 2005-2012 and 2014-2019. Multiple student champion with the men's and women's teams of NSA "Vassil Levski". He was a multiple state champion (4 times) and winner (4 times) with different ages - girls, cadets and girls from the children's school at BC at NSA "Vassil Levski".

As an expert in basketball, Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, Ph.D., is the main coordinator of the methodological association of basketball at AUC "Academic". He is a member of the commission for school and student sports at BOC. President of the basketball club at NSA "Vassil Levski". In 2016 he was elected chairman of the licensing commission of BF Basketball. From 2019 to 2020 he is a member of the board of directors of NSA Sports Club.

I believe that the data presented in my review of the candidate, the level of education, academic positions, scientific and practical, managerial and public activities meet

the necessary requirements for participation in the announced competition for the academic position "PROFESSOR".

VI. Conclusion

Based on all the above, I have reason to say that Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, PhD, meets the requirements of the announced in state newspaper № 97 / 13.11.2020, competition for "Professor" on the grounds of Art. 4, para. 2 of ZRASRB and the Regulations for acquiring the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences" and holding academic positions in NSA "Vassil Levski". The scientific production, the scientific contributions and his teaching work and expert activity give me reason to convincingly propose to the scientific jury to choose Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, PhD, for the academic position "Professor" in the field of higher education 7. "Health and Sports", professional field 7.6. Sports, specialty Sports (Basketball), for the needs of the Department of Basketball, Volleyball, Handball.

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