

REVIEW

From Prof. **MARIN GEORGUIEV GADEV**, DSc,

member of a scientific jury on the basis of order № 1833 / 22.12.2020 of the Rector of NSA "Vasil Levski" - Sofia, regarding a competition 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”

I. Data for the competition

NSA "Vasil Levski" - Sofia, announces a competition for the academic position of "Professor" in SG, № 97/13.11.2020, p. 84, in the 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”. The competition was announced in accordance with a decision of the Faculty of Education at the Faculty of Pedagogy with Protocol № 7 / 21.12.2020 in compliance with the conditions of Art. 4, para. 2 of ZRASRB and the Regulations for obtaining the scientific degree "Doctor of Science" and holding academic positions in NSA "Vasil Levski" - Sofia. The only candidate, Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, PhD, lecturer in the boat "Basketball, volleyball, handball" at NSA "Vasil Levski" - Sofia, submitted his documents within the set deadline for participation in the competition.

II. Summary reference for the career development of the candidate

The candidate for participation in the competition Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, PhD, was born on November 12, 1963 in the town of Shumen. He graduated from VIF (currently NSA "Vasil Levski") in the period 1984/88 with a master's degree. His career development began in 1988, as an assistant at the Department of “Basketball, Volleyball, Handball” at VIF "G. Dimitrov ”- Sofia.

In 2004 he obtained the educational and scientific degree "Doctor", and in 2007 he obtained the academic position of "Associate Professor". In the periods 2010-2016 and from 2020 he is the head of the Basketball sector, and in the period 2016-2020 he is the head of the "Basketball, Volleyball, Handball" Department. In the last mentioned period he also holds the elected position of Deputy Dean of Faculty of Pedagogy.

III. Grounds for acquiring the academic position "Professor"

To participate in the competition, the candidate has submitted the necessary documents that meet the formal requirements: a document for higher education and specialty - diploma series A 88 № 003714/1988 and registration № 11633; acquired educational and scientific degree "Doctor" with a decision of the Higher Attestation Commission, commission № 18, protocol № 13/14.10.2004 and diploma № 29453/27.12.2004; acquired academic position "Associate Professor" with a decision of the Higher Attestation Commission № 18 protocol № 04/22.03.2007 and diploma № 24313/04.06.2007; required pedagogical experience and classroom employment - official note № P1-845 / 18.11.2020 issued by NSA "Vasil Levski" -Sofia; minimum required points by groups of indicators for acquisition of academic positions in NSA "Vasil Levski".

IV. Quantity of the presented research activity and production of the candidate

We have carried out the assessment of the quantity of the research activity and production of the candidates 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 ZRASRB, PPZRASRB, as well as the Regulations of NSA "V. Levski" for holding the academic position of "Professor". They include scientometric indicators that quantify scientific results and their repercussions in the scientific literature.

Covered minimum required points by groups of indicators for acquiring the academic position "Associate Professor" at NSA "Vasil Levski" in the field of higher education 7. Health and sports, professional field 7.4. Public Health, specialty "Physiology with Physiology of Sport"

Group of indicators	Contents	Professor	Performed by Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Tsankov, Ph.D
A	Indicator 1	50	50
V	Indicator 3	100	100
G	Sum of indicators from 4 to 10	200 (minimum 180 according to D.7)	485,3 (of which 180 under D.7)
D	Sum of indicators from 12 to 13	100	290
E	Sum of indicators from 14 to 22	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)

For participation in the competition for "professor", the candidate has submitted for review a list of 23 titles including the following scientific production: monograph - 1; scientific articles - 22 pcs. (4 are in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information and 18 in non-refereed journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes). Of the total number of submitted scientific articles, 7 are independent authors, 3 of them are lead authors and 12 are co-authors. The most significant work of the research and production of the candidate is the presented monograph "Long-term training of basketball players", Sofia, 2020, 159 p. Regarding the presented scientific articles we will note that they treat fragmentary theoretical and practical-applied aspects which in general include the following problems:

- Management as a factor for management and development of sports as a socially responsible activity (1, 2 and 4);
- Changes in the development of aerobic capacity and the creation of an anthropometric and anaerobic profile in 20-year-old basketball players (3);
- Analysis of game efficiency and stress factors in basketball in different age groups (5, 6, 7, 12, 14 and 16);

- Criteria and systems for evaluation and formation of rankings of organized sports in the Republic of Bulgaria (8 and 9);
- Dependencies and interrelations between the signs of physical development and specific working capacity at different ages and qualifications (10, 11, 13, 18, 19 and 20);
- Historical retrospection in the development of the department and the educational process (15 and 22);
- Psychological training and personal characteristics of basketball players (17 and 21);

In general, the latter complement the diverse guidelines of the candidate's scientific interests and are part of his more in-depth research results.

We will also note the participation of the candidate in national and / or educational projects (5). Their thematic focus includes: "Student Internships" - Phase I - 2013 and 2018; Project "Sports Schools" - curricula for training in sports training in sports schools - 2016; Optimization of curricula in physical education and sports in high school - 2016; Simulator for improving the anticipation abilities of handball players (through interactive tests) – 2016.

Next are the published university textbooks or textbooks that are used in the school network, with the participation of the candidate. These are 1 textbook (Basketball Textbook, Sofia, 2005, ISBN - 10: 954-9864-75-9, ISBN - 13: 978-954-8964-75-3) and 2 textbooks used in the school network (Program for sports schools, Sofia, 2016, ISBN 978-954-718-446-6; Rule studies in basketball and mini-basketball for students, Sofia, 2018, ISBN 978-954-718-446-6).

All this gives a clear idea of the amount of research presented and the diversity of the candidate's production. In its entirety, I believe that it is in line with the requirements of ZRASRB and the Regulations for holding academic positions in NSA "Vasil Levski" - Sofia.

V. Results, scientific contribution and originality of the presented works

We have carried out the analysis of the quality of the research activity in three directions:

☑ Regarding the first guideline, the quality of the proposed monograph, I will note that it bears the mark of depth and practical orientation, which I appreciate. The proposed monograph "Long-term training of basketball players", ISBN 978-954-8587-29-7, provides answers to a number of questions related to the theory and methodology of sports training in a multi-year aspect of basketball players. An author's modern interpretation of the training features in the development of motor skills and abilities, means and methods for technical and tactical training, specifics and features of periodization - team and individual, as well as control and management in general.

☑ The other direction for our evaluation of the candidate is related to the importance of the published articles. From the presented scientific publications I highly appreciate those published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information. They bear the mark of innovation and originality in relation to the treated issues.

☑ The next guideline allowing assessment of the quality of research and production of the candidate is related to the scientific and scientific-applied contributions. The latter can be defined as scientific-methodological and practical-applied. The most important of them, in summary, include the following:

- Characteristic features and interrelations between the different stages of the long-term training of basketball players have been established;
- Modern tendencies in the development of the women's formations of the national teams in international competitions are revealed;
- A comparative analysis between the socio-economic prerequisites for the development of basketball and other sports has been carried out, and on this basis the basic guidelines for the development of Bulgarian basketball have been derived;
- A normative base for control of speed and strength abilities has been created for 13-14-year-old basketball players;

- Evaluation characteristics of sports readiness and game efficiency in adolescent basketball players from the national teams before and during participation in European Championships are derived;
- An anthropometric and anaerobic profile of elite basketball players in a national team of women under 20 has been created;
- The main differences in the manifestation of stress in competitive conditions in adolescents and highly qualified basketball players are revealed;
- A new methodology for assessment of visualization as an aid to psychological training in 12-15 year old basketball players has been experimented;
- Criteria for assessment of physical capacity and development in 12-16 year old basketball players are proposed.

I do not find forms of plagiarism in the scientific production presented to me by the candidate.

VI. Evaluation of teaching and sports-pedagogical activities

The candidate for the academic position Assoc. Prof. Tsanko Angelov Tsankov, PhD, has been working in the system of sports and education for 33 years. He teaches the subject of basketball in the three faculties, and is a leading bachelor's degree in "Sport" - Basketball in FS and a master's degree at NSA "Vasil Levski". Principal lecturer and head of coaching courses at the Postgraduate Qualification Center of NSA "Vasil Levski". He is a participant in a number of scientific congresses in the country and abroad. He was co-opted as a member of the editorial boards of the magazines: "Revista observatorio del deporte" - Spain and "Sport and Science" - Bulgaria. He is the supervisor of two doctoral students and a third.

In 2016 he was elected chairman of the licensing commission of BFBasketball. He is a member of the commission for school and student sports at BOC. He is a member of the coaching committee at BFBasketball. He holds the position of Chief Coordinator of the Basketball Methodological Association at the AUS "Academic". He is a member of the board of directors of the multi-sports club of NSA "Vasil Levski" 2019-2020, as well as president of a basketball club at NSA "Vasil Levski".

The most significant successes in his rich sports and pedagogical activity are as a head coach of the national cadet teams up to 16 years - II place of the European Championship Division "B" - Estonia, 2012 and women up to 20 years - V place of the European Championship Division "B" - Bulgaria, 2013. He led the girls' U18 team as winners of the "Bulgaria" Cup - 2013. He served as assistant coach in the national team for girls under 18, as well as the men's team of "Academic" - Sofia - 1992/93. He was the head coach in the period 1993-2000 of the men's team of NSA, participant in "A" and "B" group and women's team of NSA in the periods 2005-2012 and 2014-2019. Multiple student champion with the men's and women's teams of NSA "Vasil 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 basketball club at NSA "Vasil Levski".

All this is a reason to appreciate with dignity and dignity, the teaching and sports-pedagogical activities of the candidate.

VII. Conclusion

Based on the positive evaluations and contributions of the scientific production presented to me for review, as well as the pedagogical, sports-pedagogical and managerial activity, which found full expression in its successful implementation, I will propose to the scientific jury to award the academic position "**Professor**" to Assoc. Prof. **TSANKO ANGELOV TSANKOV**, PhD, in professional field 7. Healthcare and sports, professional field 7.6. Sports, specialty Sports (Basketball), for the needs of the Department of "Basketball, Volleyball, Handball", declaring my positive vote.

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