

STATEMENT

of Assoc. Prof. Mihail Konchev, PhD – member of a specialized scientific jury, on:

Participation of Chief Asst. Ivan Mirchev Ivanov, PhD, in a competition for the academic position of ‘Associate Professor’ in the professional field 7.6 Sport, specialty ‘Biomechanics’ for the needs of the Department ‘Anatomy and Biomechanics’ at the National Sports Academy ‘Vassil Levski’.

The submitted documentation for the academic position of ‘Associate Professor’, advertised in the State Gazette, no. 93, November 22, 2022, page 63, meets all the requirements for admission and participation of the candidate in the competition.

The enclosed evidentiary materials and factual background give me grounds to give my opinion to Chief Asst. Ivan Mirchev Ivanov for the academic position of ‘Associate Professor’ in the Department ‘Anatomy and Biomechanics’, based on the educational and scientific competence of the candidate and his long teaching experience presented below:

Education

- In the period 1996 - 2002, he obtained a Master's degree at Sofia University ‘St. Kliment Ohridski’. He graduated from Sofia University with a degree in Engineering Physics;
- In 2008, Ivan Ivanov was awarded the educational and scientific degree of ‘PhD’ in the scientific specialty of ‘Biomechanic’ for his thesis on ‘Rheological and electrical properties of blood and their modeling’.

Research and project activity

For his participation in the competition, Chief Asst. Ivan Ivanov has submitted the following scientific production:

1. Monograph ‘Sport and Hemorheology’. The work is 153 pages long, presenting:
 - modern studies on specific bodily responses obtained as a result of different training regimes and their relationship with gender, age, level of training, and health status of the subjects;
 - rheological properties of blood and blood cells in terms of efficient and proper functioning of the circulatory system.
2. Publications. The number of scientific publications submitted by the candidate for the period 2010 - 2021 is 26, which are not evenly distributed

over time. 10 of them are in the period 2010 - 2014, and 13 are in the period 2015 - 2019. Two papers in 2020 and one in 2021.

3. Project activity: The candidate has participated in four national and two international projects.

Pedagogical and scientific activity

According to the curriculum vitae and an official notice submitted by the candidate, it is evident that Chief Asst. Ivan Ivanov has many years of teaching experience, as follows:

- Chief Asst. at the National Sports Academy ‘Vassil Levski’ since 2014.
- Chief Asst. at the Institute of Mechanics, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, since 2010.

Conclusion

I believe that Chief Asst. Ivan Mirchev Ivanov, PhD, has fulfilled all the requirements for holding the academic position of ‘Associate Professor’ at NSA ‘Vassil Levski’. The candidate possesses the necessary pedagogical and scientific competence. I propose to the members of the specialized scientific jury, Chief Asst. Ivan Ivanov, to occupy the academic position of ‘Associate Professor’ in the professional field 7.6 Sport, specialty ‘Biomechanics’, for the needs of the Department ‘Anatomy and Biomechanics’ at the National Sports Academy ‘Vassil Levski’.

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