

## OPINION

Of Prof. Galya Mihailova Hristozova, doctor of pedagogical sciences - BFU,  
member of the scientific jury  
for competition for the academic position of **professor** in the field of higher education  
1. Pedagogical sciences, professional field 1. 2. Pedagogy (Preschool pedagogy and art  
pedagogy),

announced in the Art. no. 23 of 22. 03. 2022,  
of Burgas Free University

### 1. Procedure

The competition is organized in accordance with the normative documents regulating the selection of candidates for the academic position of "professor". The procedure is complied with the requirements. The documents and publications submitted by the candidate for participation in the competition have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Burgas Free University.

### 2. Applicant data

Assoc. Dr. **Pepa Miteva** is the only candidate in the competition for **professor** of Preschool pedagogy and art pedagogy. According to Art. 29 of LDASRB, she has the right to participate in the competition for the academic position of "professor", since in 2005 she defended her doctoral dissertation and was awarded the educational and scientific degree of "doctor", and in 2008 she acquired the academic position of "associate professor".

Pepa Miteva graduated from BFU in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in social activities, and in 1999 with a Master's degree in social activities. In 2011, she completed another master's program "Organizational Behavior and Organizational Consulting - Organizational Psychology,

Consulting, Labor Psychology, Career Development, etc." at the Faculty of Philosophy of the SU "St. Kliment Ohridski".

**Pepa Miteva** has been a teacher at the Burgas Free University at the Faculty of Humanities since 1999. Her academic career began as an assistant, continued as senior assistant in 2002, chief assistant in 2005, when she also acquired the scientific and educational degree "doctor" (under code 05.07.01. - Theory of education and didactics). The candidate received the academic position of associate professor" (under code 05.07.01. - Theory of education and didactics) in 2008.

### **3. Requirements according to LDAS**

Assoc. Dr. Pepa Miteva fulfills the minimum requirements for occupying the academic position "professor" in Field 1. Pedagogical Sciences, Professional field 1.2. Pedagogy. Her achievements in the various groups are as follows:

#### **On Group A:**

**Indicator 1** – A dissertation was defended for the award of an educational and scientific degree "doctor" in 2005 on the topic: "Approaches to reducing aggressive behavior in students of primary school age" - **50 points**.

#### **On group B:**

**Indicator 3** – a monograph on "Emotional intelligence and management of professional stress among teachers". Art pedagogy - strategies and techniques" is presented. Ed. COLBIS, S., 2022., p. 247 – **100 points**.

The main merits of this independent work are related to the conduct of large-scale empirical research. The results of a research project on the diagnosis of emotional intelligence and professional stress among active teachers in Bulgaria are presented. An in-depth analysis of these results is made and strategies and techniques are proposed, organized in sample modules, integrated into a program based on resource approaches from the field of art pedagogy. The monograph is a significant contribution to pedagogy.

#### **On group D:**

**Indicator 4.** A monograph was published, which was not presented as the main habilitation thesis - "Methods in the helping professions" - 2006 - **100 points.**

**Indicator 5.** A book was published based on a defended dissertation work for the award of an educational and scientific degree "Doctor" - "How to form social skills in young students: a practical guide to reducing aggressive behavior in primary school age", 2004 - **75 points.**

**Indicator 7.** Articles and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes  $18 \times 10 =$  **180 points.**

**Indicator 8.** Studies published in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information - in THOMSON and in SKOPUS  $2 \times 10$  points = **20 points** (in co-authorship, I assume that the participation of co-authors is equal, i.e. 20% - each co-author is assigned 10 points).

**Indicator 9.** Studies published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes  $1 \times 15 =$  **15 points.**

Total: **390 points**

The scientific works of Assoc. Dr. Pepa Miteva are sufficient in terms of number, scientific genres, issues and contributions to occupy the academic position of "professor". She presents a sufficient number of publications, a very small number of which are co-authored. The publications are in Bulgarian and in foreign editions. All publications are on the topic of the announced competition.

The main topics on which Assoc. Dr. Miteva works are divided into several groups: pedagogical-psychological practices and art pedagogy; crisis behavior and personality stress.

**On group D:**

**Indicator 11.** Citations or reviews in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes -  $1 \times 15 =$  **15 points.**

**Indicator 12.** Citations in monographs and peer-reviewed collective volumes:  $1 \times 10 = 10$  points.

**Indicator 13.** Citations or reviews in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals -  $20 \times 5 =$  **100 points.**

Total: **125 points**

## **On group E:**

**Indicator 15.** Guidance of successfully defended doctoral students - 2 X 40 = **80 points.**

**Indicator 16.** Participation in a national scientific or educational project 3 X 15 = **45 points.**

**Indicator 17.** Participation in an international scientific or educational project – 1 X 20 = **20 points.**

Indicator 20 - published university textbook or textbook that is used in the school network - 2 X 40 = **80 points.**

Total: **225 points**

**4.** Assoc. Dr. Pepa Miteva's **scientific contributions** are in the field of pedagogical-psychological practices and art pedagogy and behavior in crises and stress of the personality. They can be differentiated into theoretical and applied-practical ones.

In all publications, the accessible and correct scientific style, the precision of the statement, the terminological accuracy is impressive. The texts are easy to read, accessible, which is very important considering the readership for which they are intended - students and especially teachers. This in no way reduces their scientific value, on the contrary, it shows the high culture and responsibility of the author.

A significant contribution is also the search and offering of opportunities for the introduction of modern interactive methods, as well as the rich and varied experimental work for the formation of theoretical concepts.

## **5. Teaching activity**

Assoc. Dr. Pepa Miteva gives lectures and leads exercises in the following programs:

\* in "Master's" in the specialties PNUP, NUPCHE in the study disciplines - Art pedagogy (from 2021 to the present) and Strategies for managing anger and aggressive behavior in children (from 2012 to the present);

\* in "Bachelor" in the specialties PNUP, NUPCHE, Psychology, Theory of education (from 2019 to the present), History of pedagogy and Bulgarian education (from 2015 to the present), Pedagogical ethics (2020 - 2021), Crisis intervention (from 2006 to date).

In addition to the direct teaching activity, Prof. Miteva actively participates in the qualification activities of the Department of Qualification and PKS.

## **6. Work with students**

Assoc. prof. Miteva was the supervisor of 14 graduates who successfully defended their diplomas in the period 2019-2022.

The average rating for the teaching methodology for the last 5 years is 3.81 (from 1 to 4), and the overall rating from the questionnaires is 5.90 (from 2 to 6).

## **Conclusion**

The scientific and teaching activities of Assoc. Dr. Pepa Miteva fully meet the requirements set by LDAS and the Burgas Free University, which announced the competition, which is why I express my opinion that she can occupy the academic position of "professor" in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical sciences, Professional direction 1.2. Pedagogy, scientific specialty Theory of education and didactics (Preschool pedagogy and art pedagogy) on the basis of Art. 60, para. 1 pursuant to Art. 44 of the Regulations for the development of the academic staff at BFU and in connection with the competition announced in SG, no. 23 of 22.03.2022 for the academic position "professor" under Art. 67 para. 1 item 1 of the CT (on the professional field of Pedagogy (Preschool pedagogy and art pedagogy) at the Faculty of Humanities of BFU), according to Order No. LS/134, 17.05.2022 of the Rector of BFU and I offer to the respected members of the scientific jury to vote "for" the occupation of the academic position of "professor" by Assoc. Dr. Pepa Miteva.

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