

## STATEMENT

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for

Competition for the occupation of the academic position of **Associate Professor** in  
professional direction

### 1.2. Pedagogy

(Pedagogical animation in the kindergarten and primary school and inclusive  
education) to the HSC at BSU, announced in the State's Newspaper no. 55 of  
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#### 1. **Procedure**

The competition is organized in accordance with the normative documents regulating the selection of candidates for the academic position of "associate professor". The procedure is followed. 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 in the Burgas Free University.

#### 2. **Data about the candidate**

Dr. Zornitsa Ganeva is the only candidate in the competition for associate professor of Pedagogical animation in kindergarten and primary school and inclusive education. According to Art. 29 of the ZRASRB, she has the right to participate in the competition for the academic position of "associate professor", since in 2010 she defended her doctoral dissertation and was awarded with the educational and scientific degree "doctor".

Dr. Zornitsa Kostova Ganeva completed her secondary education in "Y.Gagarin" secondary school with a sports profile, Burgas in 1993. In 1997, he graduated from the "Vasil Levski" National Academy of Sciences, OKS bachelor, majoring in Physical Education Teacher, Coach. In 1998, he worked as a physical education teacher at "St. St. Cyril and Methodius", Burgas.

In 1998-99, he held the position of part-time assistant at the Burgas Free University, and from 1999 until now he has been a teacher, and subsequently the chief assistant at BSU. During the period 1999-2000, he obtained a master's degree at the BSU, majoring in Social Activities. Zornitsa Ganeva obtained the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in 2010, at the BSU, majoring in Pedagogy, 07.05.03 Methodology of teaching in physical education. He also graduated from BSU and majored in Child and Adolescent Psychology, Master, in 2016.

Dr. Zornitsa Ganeva has been the organizer of sports activities at BSU since 2000 and the organizational secretary of the "Chernomorets Burgas" Yacht Club since 2012. She continues her qualification work at the Society for Positive Psychotherapy, in 2015-16 she was a certified consultant on positive psychotherapy, at the basic level. Successfully completed the qualification course "Introduction to Art Therapy", 2016 at BSU. Uses written and spoken English and Russian.

Dr. Zornitsa Ganeva is a member of numerous sports associations: yacht club "Chernomorets" Burgas since 2010; the board of directors of the Municipal Maritime Club "Primorsko" 2009; the student sailing commission of the Bulgarian Sailing Federation since 2007; the control board of the Municipal Maritime Club "Primorsko" since 2007 and others.

Dr. Zornitsa Ganeva is also an active athlete, recipient of numerous sports awards: 1990 - recipient of the title "Master of Sports" in acrobatics; 1991 - third place at the "Bulgaria Cup" in acrobatics; 1991 – vice-republican champion in acrobatics; 1992 - Republican champion in acrobatics; 1994 - republican student handball champion (NSA); 2013 - Shodan (First Dan) in Aikido Aikikai; 2009, 2015 - Republican sailing champion; 2017 – Nidan (Second Dan) in Aikido Aikikai.

### **3. Description of scientific works**

Dr. Zornitsa Ganeva's scientific works are sufficient in terms of number, scientific genres, issues and contributions to occupy the academic position of "docent". She presents a total of 27 publications, of which 22 are independent and 5 co-authored. All publications are in Bulgarian editions. All publications are on the topic of the announced contest. They are: 2 monographs; 4 teaching aids, 6 methodological aids and 1 guide and 14 publications in scientific journals and collections. Participation with reports in scientific and scientific-practical events is 11, of which: in an international conference outside the country – 1; in international conferences in the country - 4; in national conferences – 6.

In accordance with the requirements of the Regulations for the activities of the Burgas Free University, Dr. Ganeva has developed a monograph "Inclusive Education and Pedagogical Animation - Attitudes and Stereotypes of the inclusive Teacher",

which examines the essence of inclusive education and the role of the inclusive teacher in theoretical and practical terms. modern conditions.

Empirically studied attitudes and stereotypes" with a total volume of 120 pages. The main merits of this independent work are related to conducting a large-scale study, in-depth analysis of the results and offering an author's model. The candidate's knowledge and qualifications in the field of psychology and social work have helped her to propose not just a model for pedagogical animation in kindergarten, but one that will build social competence in children - something that is already lacking in our society. Special attention is paid to children with special educational models.

The main topics on which Dr. Ganeva works are divided into several groups:

1. Theoretical and applied aspects of animation, physical education and sports in kindergarten and primary school.

2. Expanding the theoretical basis of adapted physical activity for children with special educational needs

3. Improving interpersonal relationships, developing new behavior models for the interaction of children in preschool and primary school age.

4. Increasing the effects of the motor activity on the overall personality, in the work with children and adults in unequal social situation

5. The potential of the game motor activity, establishing regularities and connections between the game and the social development of children, revealing new content characteristics of the game kindergarten activity.

Part of the works submitted for review are teaching aids for kindergarten teachers and students of pedagogy (Preschool and primary school pedagogy) and social activities.

Dr. Zornitsa Ganeva participates in numerous projects as a leader, coordinator and trainer. Her participation as a trainer in the "Qualification of pedagogical specialists" scheme project - "Training of pedagogical specialists from kindergartens and schools to work with children and students with SEN" is particularly significant.

#### **4. Scientific contributions**

The scientific contributions of Dr. Zornitsa Ganeva are in the field of inclusive education and pedagogical animation. They can be differentiated into theoretical and applied-practical ones. Theoretical contributions stand out above all in the monographic work "Inclusive education and pedagogical animation - attitudes and stereotypes of the inclusive teacher", published in 2022.

The applied-practical ones are in all teaching aids; in the methodical guidelines for teachers and students, in the proposed diverse games; 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. Dr. Ganeva also has publications in the field of teaching methodology for physical education and social activities, which are not part of the competition, but confirm her teaching and scientific competences. Dr. Ganeva has participated in projects of Ministry of Education and Science and BFU as a trainer and academic mentor.

There are 10 citations listed.

## **5. Teaching work**

Dr. Zornitsa Ganeva has been a teacher at the Burgas Free University since 1999. The lecture courses are in the direction of the announced competition: in PN 1.2. Pedagogy, Specialization "Preschool and primary school pedagogy", OCS "Master" ED518 Animation and motor activity in kindergarten and primary school; MO 1.2. Pedagogy, Specialization "Preschool and primary school pedagogy", OCS "Bachelor" ED319 Inclusive education ED210 Pedagogical technologies for mastering physical culture in kindergarten ED310 Methodology of physical education and sports in primary school; PN 3.2. Psychology, Specialization "Psychology", OCS "Bachelor" PS218 Training for working with children with special educational needs.

On the issues of the competition, she has developed electronic courses on the Moodle electronic platform:

Apart from the issues of the competition, she has developed electronic courses on formation of emotional competence; training for working with children with SEN; pedagogical ethics; intra- and interpersonal communication; project development; professional ethics of the social worker. Actively participates in organizing various types of practices in basic schools and kindergartens. She is very active in counseling students, graduates, teachers. He is an academic mentor to students from the PNUP major. He is the supervisor of 4 students in the conference for student scientific creativity.

And since it is an academic position, the fact that the students' evaluations of the teaching work of the assistant principal is not without significance is also important. Dr. Zornitsa Ganeva are high: the average rating for teaching methodology for the last 6 years is 3.47 (with a maximum of 4) and 5.81 (with a maximum of 6).

## Conclusion

The scientific and teaching activities of the Assistant Professor Dr. Zornitsa Ganeva fully meets the requirements set by the Burgas Free University, which announced the competition, which is why I express my opinion that she can occupy the academic position "associate professor" associate professor in professional direction 1.2. Pedagogy (Pedagogical animation in kindergarten and primary school and inclusive education) at the Burgas Free University, Humanities Scientific Centre, Program Council for Pedagogy and I suggest to the respected members of the scientific jury to vote "for" the hiring of the Assistant Professor. Dr. Zornitsa Ganeva in the academic position of "Associate Professor".

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