

OPINION

about competition for the occupation of an academic position "associate professor" in professional field 1.2. Pedagogy, field of higher education 1. Pedagogical sciences, specialty "Literature for children".

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Candidate: Ch. Assistant Dr. Plamen Penev Penev

Member of the scientific jury: Margarita Todorova Terzieva, doctor of pedagogical sciences, professor

On the basis of order No. 4381/06.12.2023, I was appointed a member of a scientific jury, and at its first meeting I was assigned to write an opinion.

Brief biographical details of the applicant

Plamen Penev was born on April 6, 1970 in Ruse. He graduated VTU "St. St. Cyril and Methodius". From 2005 to 2008, he has been a doctoral student at "Episkop Konstantin Preslavski" Higher Secondary School, where he defended his doctorate on the topic "Ivan Tsanev's poetry in the context of modern Bulgarian literature". He won a competition for the position of chief assistant at Trakia University, where he currently teaches.

General characteristics of the candidate's scientific research and applied scientific activity

29 scientific publications were submitted for participation in the competition - one monographic work, two collections in electronic and paper versions with additions, one book with notes in the form of literary-critical studies, two

published books based on a protected dissertation work; 23 are the scientific publications, published mainly in peer-reviewed journals and collections. All texts are in Bulgarian.

The monograph "The child and the infant. The evolution of Self – the child in Bulgarian poetry. Between children's literature and other literature (1950s - 1990s)" unites the author's research in several directions:

- analysis of themes, ideas and motifs from Bulgarian children's poetry;
- rethinking of artistic texts and the discovery of their relevance in the first decades of the new century;
- the reinvention of the idea of educating without teaching, through the prism of a child's perception of the world.

The book is a complete expression of the author's understanding of the specifics of children's literature, which is complemented by other narrative texts of a monographic and studio nature.

Assessment of the candidate's pedagogical training and activity

Ch. Dr. Plamen Penev has developed four study programs for students from the bachelor's and master's majors of Trakia University. It prepares specialists to acquire the "Children's teacher" and "Primary teacher" SDC. Participated in two scientific projects in the period from 2020 to the present.

Basic scientific and applied scientific contributions

In the publications of Ch. Dr. Plamen Penev, two types of contributions are outlined, which in a synthesized form can be presented in the following way:

Scientific contributions:

- modernization of the literary-critical traditions through a new reading and emphasis on the work of Bulgarian authors;
- the absence of factual references is compensated by chronological markers, which are a reliable means of grouping and individualization.

Scientific and applied contributions:

- theoretical preparation of future teachers for the multi-faceted and multi-layered messages of the Bulgarian author's lyrics;
- stimulating the scientific and artistic creativity of students by creating their own texts.

7 citations of the candidate's works are indicated - including publications indexed in a world-famous database.

Significance of contributions to science and practice

Both types of contributions realized by the candidate are essential for his professional achievements. The presence of citations implies the presence of scholarly authority. The scientometric data for the specific academic position has been achieved and exceeded in specific cases.

Critical notes and recommendations

The candidate could leave the field of theoretical-literary analysis of given authors and works, of the "children's-non-children's" comparison, by going deeper into the historical-literary processes, characterizing the changes in children's literature, or highlight contemporary trends - connection with other arts /visual literary works - Wimmelbuch, comic book, graphic novel/, social and genre forms /political fairy tale, psychocorrective fairy tale/, forms of analysis /case-technologies/, approaches to reading children's books /drabble, fan fiction/ etc.

Conclusion

Based on the acquaintance with the presented scientific works, their significance, the scientific and applied scientific contributions contained in them, I find it fair to propose Ch. associate professor Dr. Plamen Penev Penev to take the academic position of "associate professor" in professional direction 1.2. Pedagogy in the specialty "Literature for children".

Jury member:

Prof. DSc Margarita Terzieva.