

## OPINION

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on scientific papers for participation in a competition for the academic position of associate professor, in professional direction 7.4. Public Health, announced in the State Gazette number 50 /09.06.2023, with candidate Svetlozar Metodiev Vassilev, PhD.

### I. Assessment of compliance with the minimum national requirements and the requirements of the New Bulgarian University

The candidate meets the minimum requirements of the NBU for obtaining the academic position "Associate professor" because:

- Has a total of more than the required 470 control points;
- Has a defended doctoral dissertation;
- There is a habilitation thesis;
- There is a sufficient number of publications in both refereed scientific and non-refereed publications;
- There is a sufficient range of participation and coordination of research projects.

### II. Research (creative) activity and results

1. Evaluation of the monographic work, creative performances or other publications corresponding in volume and completeness to a monographic work, including an evaluation of the scientific and scientific-applied contributions of the author.

Dr. Vasilev presents for review a habilitation thesis on the topic "The mirror of the imagination / psychoanalysis of the film experience" published by Kolibri, 2019. The book is an analysis and psychoanalytical interpretation of some of the most significant film works, examining human relationships. 14 films have been analysed, in which intimate, disturbing and debatable topics from our lives are treated.

In addition to revealing the value of the film as a work of art, providing enjoyment and satisfaction from the experience, the author interprets the themes from the standpoint of psychoanalytic

theories. Some of these films practically modeled the public image of psychoanalysis as a psychological paradigm of knowledge about human nature.

I am not a psychoanalyst, I am not even a particular supporter of psychoanalysis as a science of man and a therapy of human problems, but I read the book with great pleasure and interest, and I think that it has a strong and important contribution to the understanding of both scientific perspectives and the understanding of psychoanalysis as a science.

2. Evaluation of the contributions in the other attached publications (creative performances) made after the appointment of the academic position "chief assistant.

Dr. Svetlozar Vassilev has presented 20 published scientific works, of which 9 in English and 11 in Bulgarian. Several co-authorships of articles in the British Journal of Psychiatry, as well as peer-reviewed publications in Bulgarian specialized publications focused on psychoanalytic, psychiatric and social medicine topics, make a good impression. Vasilev also works in the field of child development - the impact of parental trauma on the future mental health of adolescents. Also presented are 20 author reports of participation in various scientific forums, usually of an international nature - in Bulgaria, Spain, Germany, etc. The presented topics are usually aimed at the development of children's mental health and the social aspects of the problems that have arisen.

3. Evaluation of the results of participation in research and creative projects.

The candidate for the academic position of "associate professor" has a significant involvement in the development and implementation of projects with scientific research and practical-applied character. He is the coordinator of the research project "Early detection and prevention of psychoses in adolescence", NBU; Coordinator of research project "Early Interventions in Mental Disorders", funded by the neva Initiative in Psychiatry"; Coordinator for Bulgaria on the project "Child and adolescent mental health in an expanding Europe: Revision of Policies and Practices", international project funded by the European Committee; Project Manager "Psychoanalysis and Cinema", Bulgaria; He is a researcher for the project "Psychoanalytic training in different settings: The Path, the Experience, The Outcome", funded by the European Psychoanalytic Federation (EPF).

### III. Learning and teaching activity

Dr. Vassilev has taught several undergraduate and foundation courses, with an average student rating of 5.50 for his teaching. He is an active participant and organizer of a university-wide seminar,

as well as joint work with students in projects of the clinical and social work program of the NBU. He is the supervisor of an internship in a bachelor's program in the group psychiatric practice "Analytica" that he leads. Thus, it fully meets the requirements of the NBU for the academic position "associate professor".

#### IV. Administrative and public activity

The candidate is a member of the Bulgarian Psychoanalytic Society;

Participates in the International Psychoanalytic Association - IPA as a direct member and head of the committee for new groups in Eastern Europe;

He is a member of the Council of the European Psychoanalytic Federation - EPF.

All this illustrates good public activity and implementation.

Conclusion: My assessment of the candidacy for the academic position of "associate professor" of Dr. Svetlozar Vasilev is entirely positive, and I suggest that it be submitted to the esteemed scientific jury for approval by the NBU Academic Council.

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