

## **PEER REVIEW**

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The candidate Zora Georgieva Yanakieva participates in the announced competition for occupation of the academic position “Professor” on scientific specialty: “Fine Arts Teaching Methods”, professional field: 1.3 Pedagogy of Education in ...

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zora Yanakieva presented a complete and thorough documentation containing everything required under the law and the Regulations – creative biography, correct reference complying with the minimum national requirements, author’s reference of scientific contributions, reference for creative achievements, etc.

Yanakieva is a PhD student on a self-study basis at Sv. Kliment Ohridski Sofia University. In 2006, she obtained a certificate for completed training in “Basic and Specific Computer Skills of the Teacher” from the Ministry of Education and Science and a Certificate of Professional Degree from the Department of Lecturer Information and Improvement with the Sofia University. In 2012, she was appointed on the academic position of “Associate Professor” in Fine Arts Teaching Methods at the Academy of Music, Dance and Fine Arts. Yanakieva has worked continuously since 1997 as a teacher, principal teacher, part-time teaching methodologist and full-time teacher, and is undoubtedly an educator with extensive experience and capabilities. She has organized numerous exhibitions of children’s art and teaches students at Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yanakieva develops teaching programs, manages multiple graduates and participates in numerous national and international conferences, as well as in national projects. She is currently the Vice-Chairman of the Control Board of the Academy of Music, Dance and Fine Arts.

The list of Zora Yanakieva's publications after her appointment as Associate Professor is respectable – 20 articles and reports, 2 monographs, one book.

Yanakieva participates in the competition for “Professor” with habilitation work – monograph “Interactive Training in the Professional Education of Students in the Methodology of Fine Arts”. She also presented a second monograph, as well as a book. She also presents a second monograph as well as a book. All of them are of a very high scientific level and have indisputable practical applicability. In the time of the consumer society, such developments are necessary, relevant and useful for the preservation of the spirituality and the aspiration for intellectual development of students.

I fully accept the scientific contributions of the works, which Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yanakieva submitted:

- The materials presented are of theoretical, applied and practical nature and are a valuable assistant for teachers and students;
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yanakieva makes a thorough theoretical and empirical study of the problem of interactive teaching of art educators;
- The problem of motivation in the teaching of fine arts in secondary schools is comprehensively studied and analyzed;
- A system of new exercises for basic and advanced training in the training of students in fine arts methodology is developed and introduced;
- Yanakieva develops and implements her own pedagogical model in an interactive mode of training;
- A system for evaluation of the academic achievement of students' vocational training is also developed;
- The book of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yanakieva, based on her dissertation, also brings high-level scientific contributions.

Considering all of the above and emphasizing the fact that Associate Professor Yanakieva is a wealth in our educational system, I firmly propose that the venerable Scientific Jury vote in favor of the appointment of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zora Georgieva Yanakieva at the academic position “Professor”.

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