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OPINION

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for obtaining academic position “Professor,” which was announced in the State Gazette, issue. 66 from 08/20/2019 by the Institute for Historical Research, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

The only candidate in this procedure is Penka Peykovska from the Institute for Historical Research at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. The Commission checked the applicant's documents and subsequently did not find any gaps or irregularities. Therefore, Associate Professor Penka Peykovska was admitted to the procedure.

The present opinion has been prepared in accordance with the submitted scientific output of academic activity by the applicant.

P. Peykovska acquired her scientific degree “Candidate of Historical Sciences” in 1995 after defending a dissertation: “Documents of Personal Origin for Bulgarian-Hungarian Cultural Relations 1879–1941” (the academic title was later replaced by the Higher Education Act of December 27, 1995 with the academic degree “Doctor”).

She acquired the academic title Associate Professor in 2014 with the work: “Documentary, archival, paleography, incl. historiography and source studies, by defending rehabilitation work on the topic “Bulgarian Communities in Hungary in the 19th and 20th Centuries. Migration and Historical and Demographic Characteristics.”

She is working in the Institute for Historical Research of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences for over 20 years, 5 of which as an assistant professor. In addition, Assoc. Prof. Peykovska has 18 years of experience as a part-time lecturer at the Sofia University (Faculty of Philology - Hungarian Philology).

At the end of 2015, Assoc. Prof. Peykovska received her Doctor of Science in Documentation, Archival Studies, Paleography, incl. historiography and source knowledge after defending a dissertation on the topic: “Migrations from Austria, Hungary and Russia to Bulgaria (mid-1960s - mid-1930s). Historical and demographic aspects.”

Out of 112 works registered in the NACID database, the applicant submitted 36 for participation in the present procedure: 2 monographs; 1 book with claimed authorship; scientific editorial; 1 co-authorship encyclopedia; 1 collection and scientific editorial; 13 studies and 8 articles. It is noteworthy that more than half of her mentioned works were published in foreign languages in prestigious journals. Half of all publications submitted were published after taking up the academic position of Assistant Professor in 2014. Additionally,

52 conferences have been submitted, and the applicant has participated in 9 international projects (1 of which she managed).

Peykovska's topic for her professorship is "Demographic aspects of migration in Bulgaria, 1912-1944," 350 pp., also printed in 2019. Thematically, the monograph is new. It is based on the analysis of non-scientific sources (also in Hungarian and Slovak languages). The relevant work consists of three parts, dedicated respectively to external, international and internal migration, and their connection to urbanization. Its relevance is indisputable and is determined by its scope, purpose, structure, content, and especially well-thought methodology. It has been elaborated in accordance with the ZRASRB, since it is dedicated to current and socially significant issues, corresponding to the working flow of the PINI section.

Beside all, more relevant scientific achievements are listed in a separate report, showing that her work represents the first summarizing historical and demographic study for the development of migration in our country during the wars and interwar period.

The rest of the scientific production - with which Assoc. P. Peykovska participated in the present procedure – furthermore, demonstrates long-lasting and deep personal interest in the field of historical demography and migration history of Bulgaria and Europe.

In conclusion, I strongly recommend that the members of the Distinguished Scientific Jury positively vote for the academic title of "Professor" of Assoc. Penka Peykovska by professional field 2.2. (History and Archeology).

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