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## POSITION

**By Prof. VESELIN KOSTOV YANCHEV, PhD**  
**Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"**

*A member of the scientific jury for evaluating the materials in the competition for the occupation of the academic position "Professor" at the Institute for Historical Research at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, in the professional field 2.2. History and Archeology, scientific specialty History of Bulgaria (Monarchical Institution and the Third Bulgarian State), for the needs of the New Bulgarian History section, published in the State Gazette - Issue № 10 of February 4, 2022*

Documents for participation in the competition were submitted only by Ass. Prof. Dr. Petar Ivanov Stoyanovich.

Petar Stoyanovich is an emblematic name in the Bulgarian historical science and Bulgarian culture. He is a graduate of the University of Vienna, where he graduated with a master's degree in history and defended his doctoral degree in history with honours in 1998. He is a Doctor of Sciences in Bulgarian History (New Bulgarian History) since 2015 and since 2018 is Professor at the University of Shumen. In 2016, after a competition, he was appointed Assistant Professor at the Institute for Historical Research at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

For 25 years professional experience P. Stoyanovich defended two dissertation works and published six monographs, five studies, dozens of scientific and journalistic texts, prefaces and reviews of books. He has engaged also as a scientific editor and translator of historical texts. He organized and took part in numerous scientific conferences and projects, public discussions, festivals, radio and television shows that promote historical knowledge. P. Stoyanovich is a

member of the editorial board of the Historical Review magazine, chairman of the expert board of Faber Publishing House, Veliko Turnovo and of the editorial board of the Yearbook of the Royal Historical Society.

In the announced competition, Assoc. Prof. Stoyanovich participates with 3 monographs, 13 studies and articles, 5 "other articles" and 2 teaching manuals.

The presented scientific production significantly exceeds the minimum national requirements under the current Academic Staff Development Act of the Republic of Bulgaria - 685 of the required 550 points. According to the "D" indicator - publications other than the habilitation work, the applicant has 260 points (minimum requirement for 200 points). According to the indicator "E" – quotations or book reviews, the points are 125 against minimum requirement for 100, and according to the indicator "F" - 150 points (required minimum 100 points). The works of the applicant are original and no element of plagiarism is found.

The main focus in P. Stoyanovich's scientific research is the personality and deeds of Prince Ferdinand of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Bulgarian prince and tsar from 1887 to 1918. Three of the monographs, 1 study and 7 of the articles presented for the competition are dedicated to him. But in these studies, Ferdinand's figure is just a key that enables the author to open new unexplored spaces and answer such important and deep questions as those about the clashes and interaction between the East and the West, the role of the elite in the development of the society, the avenues of the belated modernization. Briefly - to present a new reading of a whole era in the new Bulgarian history - from the revival of the Bulgarian statehood to the beginning of the Balkan War.

The research of the applicant is a result of many years of studies in archives, museums and libraries in various countries - Austria, Germany, Slovakia, Russia and Bulgaria. Family chronicles, encyclopedic directories, periodicals and websites

are widely used. The applicant demonstrates an excellent knowledge of scientific publications related to the topic, both foreign and Bulgarian.

P. Stoyanovich has been taking lecture courses for years at the University of Shumen and at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". He is the author of two teaching manuals and is the tutor of a successful doctoral student.

The documents and materials provided by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Petar Stoyanovich meet the legal and academic requirements. Given that his research, teaching and organizational work is at a very high level, I give my positive vote for the award to P. Stoyanovich of the academic position "Professor" at the Institute for Historical Research at BAS, professional direction 2.2. History and archeology, scientific specialty "History of Bulgaria".

Sofia, 30 May 2022

Prof. PhD Veselin Yanchev