



## ATTITUDE OF REVIEWER

Regarding the application of the following candidate for the academic position of

### **ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**

in Professional Field **2.1. PHILOLOGY**,

Scientific Specialty (**Bulgarian Language**),

as per the announcement in the **State Gazette, issue No. 36 of 03.05.2019**

Candidate: *Assistant Professor Maya Dimitrova Vlahova-Angelova, PhD*

from the Department of Onomastics

at the Institute for Bulgarian Language “Prof. L. Andreychin” at BAS

Reviewer (member of the Academic Jury): Prof. Dimitar Vesselinov, DSc (Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Faculty of Classical and Modern Philology).

#### 1. Overview of the submitted documents

To participate in the procedure, the only candidate, Assistant Professor Maya Dimitrova Vlahova-Angelova, PhD, has submitted 30 publications which include: 2 monographs, 1 study, 22 articles, 2 peer reviews, 1 academic report, 2 chronicles. The list does not include publications which the candidate has submitted to participate in previous procedures. Dr. Maya Vlahova was born on 16 May 1977. In 2001 she graduated from Sofia University with a Master’s degree in Slavic Philology. In 2010 she defended a doctoral thesis under the supervision of Prof. Anna Choleva, DSc, entitled “Urbanonyms in the City of Sofia (A Sociometric Study and Cognitive Model of the City Based on Street Names)” [„Урбанонимите в град София (социометрично изследване и когнитивна картина на града въз основа на уличните названия)“], and in 2013 she was made Assistant Professor at the Department of Onomastics, Institute for Bulgarian Language “Prof. L. Andreychin” at BAS. Assistant Professor

Maya Dimitrova Vlahova-Angelova, PhD, meets the minimum requirements for the academic position “Associate Professor”. The attached reference shows she has 725 points, with a minimum requirement of 595 points according to the Rules on the conditions and procedures for acquiring academic degrees and occupying academic positions at the Institute of Bulgarian Language at BAS, adopted on 22 April 2019. Dr. Maya Vlahova’s publications have been published in authoritative periodicals.

2. Overview of the academic, applied academic and teaching activities of the candidate

The candidate, Assistant Professor Maya Dimitrova Vlahova-Angelova, PhD, has submitted 2 monographs: “Onomastics and Ethnobotany: A Study of Fruit Names Based on Toponymic Data from Western Bulgaria” (Sofia, Marin Drinov Academic Publishing House, 2018, 120 p.) [„Ономастика и етноботаника: названия на плодове според данни от топонимията в Западна България“ (София: Издателство на БАН „Проф. М. Дринов“, 2018, 120 с.)] – habilitation work and “Streets of Sofia: Mapping Urban Identity” (Sofia, IBL, 2013, 328 p.) [„Улиците на София: картографиране на градската идентичност“ (София: ИБЕ. 2013, 328 с.)]. The first monograph was published as an electronic book and received a positive peer review in the journal *Balgarski ezik* [i.e. *Bulgarian Language* – translator’s note]. The second monograph is a printed book and it has also received positive peer reviews – in the journal *Linguistique balkanique* [Балканско езикознание] and the journal *Problems of Onomastics* [Вопросы ономастики]. It should be noted that the academic interests of Dr. Maya Vlahova fit into the research profile of the Department of Onomastics at the Institute of Bulgarian Language “Prof. L. Andreychin” at BAS. My overall evaluation of the candidate’s publication, project and organisation work is positive.

### 3. Major academic and/or applied academic contributions

Dr. Maya Vlahova's contributions in the field of onomastics and in particular ethnobotanonymy and urbanonymy are indisputable. They are theoretical and theoretico-practical in nature. The candidate's overall research output contains academic and applied academic results which are an original contribution to modern onomastics.

### 4. Critical notes and recommendations

I do not have any critical notes or recommendations concerning the documents submitted by the candidate, Assistant Professor Maya Dimitrova Vlahova-Angelova, PhD, for participation in the announced procedure.

### 5. Conclusion

Based on this critical analysis, I confidently propose to my esteemed colleagues of the Academic Jury that *Assistant Professor Maya Dimitrova Vlahova-Angelova, PhD*, be granted the academic rank "Associate Professor" in Professional Field 2.1. Philology (Bulgarian language), for which I hereby vote in favour.

Date:

25.07.2019

Reviewer:

/Prof. Dimitar Vesselinov, PhD/