

SHORT REVIEW



for the competition of holding the academic position *Associate Professor*
under speciality 2.1. *Philology. Bulgarian language*
according to the announcement in OG № issue 36/ 03.05. 2019

with a candidate: Yoanna Hristova Kirilova, PhD, Chief Assistant Professor at the
Institute for Bulgarian Language “Prof. L. Andreychin” at the Bulgarian Academy of Science

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I. General characteristics of the submitted materials, of the scientific and applied scientific activity of the candidate

Chief Assistant Professor PhD Yoanna Hristova Kirilova is the only candidate in the competition for holding the academic position *Associate Professor* under speciality 2.1. *Philology. Bulgarian language* for the needs of the Department for ethnolinguistics at the Institute for Bulgarian language “Prof. L. Andreychin” of BAS, announced in OG issue 36/ 03.05. 2019.

The candidate has the educational and scientific degree “doctor (PhD)” from 04.05. 2004. Her dissertation was published in 2011 as a book “The Shepherd Terminology in Sofia Region (villages Iskrets, Breze, Brakyovtsi and Dobravitsa). Veliko Tarnovo: Znak’94, 2011, 274 pp. ISBN 978-954-8305-08-2”. Yoanna Hristova Kirilova has the required length of service according to the Law on the Academic Staff Development in Republic of Bulgaria. (LASDRB). From 1995 to 2004 she is a philologist specialist, from 2004 to 2009 she is a Research Associate of II degree, from 2009 to 2011 she is a Research Associate of I degree, and from 2011 until now she is a Chief Assistant Professor at the Institute of Bulgarian Language “Prof. L. Andreychin” at BAS.

For participation in the competition Chief Assistant Professor Yoanna Kirilova has submitted the following materials: two monographs, one of which is a habilitation monograph “The *Mind* in the Bulgarian language picture of the world. Sofia: DioMira, 2017, 201 pp. ISBN 978-954-2977-39-1” and the other is her printed doctor’s dissertation and will not be reviewed here; one published chapter of a collective monograph; twenty-six articles, published in non-indexed peer-reviewed journals or in edited collective volumes (five of which are in foreign journals, one of which is in print); two studies, published in non-indexed peer-reviewed journals or in edited collective volumes (one of them in foreign journal) and two bibliographies. She has participated in eighteen prestigious scientific conferences (five of them abroad) and in eleven projects (three of which international). Thirty-two citations of her publications are noted (one of which is in scientific journal, indexed in ISI WEB).

The materials, submitted by Yoanna Kirilova for the competition, significantly exceed the national minimum requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 and meet the quantitative indicators of the requirements under Art. 2b, para. 5 of the Law on the Academic Staff Development in Republic of Bulgaria, (LASDRB), respectively under Art. 1a of the

RGALASDRB (Appendix A of the Terms and conditions for the acquisition of academic degrees and positions at the Institute for Bulgarian language at BAS).

II. Main scientific and applied scientific contributions

The long-standing research activity in the Department for ethnolinguistics and the rich scientific production of Ch. Asst. Prof. PhD Yoanna Kirilova in the field of cognitive linguistics and dialectology allow the emphasizing and summarizing of many scientific contributions of the candidate. Some of them are:

1. The monographic work is an up-to-date and in-depth study of the concept *mind* in the Bulgarian linguistic picture of the world, based on material from Bulgarian proverbs and sayings in comparison with The Tihonravov Damascin and the modern vocabulary. The theoretical statement that the structure of the concept consists of three main components (notion, image and part of meaning) is proved by numerous examples and convincing conclusions.

2. In her studies Yoanna Kirilova formulates her own understanding of the meaning of the concept. She presents and successfully analyzes the existing theoretical terms, referring to the concept - the basic terminological unit of the cognitive linguistics and the linguoculturology.

3. She uses an original methodology, developed and validated by her, to retrace the development of concepts in diachrony. The application of the diachronic method in the study of basic concepts such as *mind*, *heart*, *friend* and more, allows tracing historically the development of the differentiation of functions, which Bulgarians attribute to *the mind* and *the heart* as basic characteristics and manifestations of human.

4. The candidate's publications on concepts that have not been developed so far give a new look to the manner of life of Bulgarians and help to understand the reasons for some behavioral and mental stereotypes.

5. The ethnocultural and sociocultural information, contained in the extracted and classified by Yoanna Kirilova paremiological material, reveals unknown facts and aspects of Bulgarian mentality and culture.

III. Conclusion

Ch. Asst. Prof. PhD Yoanna Hristova Kirilova meets all requirements of the Law on the Academic Staff Development in Republic of Bulgaria, (LASDRB), the Regulations governing the application of the Law on the Academic Staff Development in Republic of Bulgaria (RGALASDRB) and the Terms and conditions of the Institute for Bulgarian language for the acquisition of the academic position of **Associate Professor**. The candidate's scientific output is thematically relevant to the profile of the competition and contains significant scientific and applied scientific contributions. I strongly support the conferment of the academic position of **Associate Professor** to Ch. Asst. Prof. Yoanna Hristova Kirilova, I give my positive vote and recommend her election by the honorable Scientific jury and by the Scientific Council of the Institute for Bulgarian Language.

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