

OPINION

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on the materials presented for participation is a competition
for attaining the academic position “Associate Professor”

in professional field 5.7. Architecture, Construction, and Geodesy,

announced in State Gazette No 87 of 19 October 2021,

with candidate **Chief Assistant Professor Kliment Ivanov, PhD, Architect,**

full-time lecturer at the Department of Architecture, NBU

I. Assessment for conformity with the national minimum requirements and the requirements of the New Bulgarian University

The materials for the competition presented by Chief Assist. Prof. Kliment Ivanov, PhD, contain: a monograph, scientific publications, built author’s projects, and reviews for built or in-production author’s projects in the field of architecture or design, and also data according to the requirements by groups of indicators for different scientific degrees and academic positions.

The materials satisfy and exceed the minimum requirements and the requirements of the New Bulgarian University.

II. Research (creative) activities and results

1. Evaluation of the monographic work, including an evaluation of the scientific and applied contributions of the author

The monograph “High Living Room Space in Houses”, written by the single author Kliment Ivanov, is a profound scientific research on an important architectural aspect. This is the high space in the single-family residential buildings – i.e. the space with a height more than the traditional height of one storey. The book consists of two parts – the first one presents a research of the origin and the historical development of this spatial scheme, while the second analyses the contemporary notion of it and its role

in the composition of the modern dwelling. In this study the high space is regarded as the most important innovation in the development of the Modern house and one of the key elements for its creation. This theoretical problem is analysed via systematic scientific arguments and is meticulously illustrated with a multitude of drawings and figures.

The monograph earns a high estimate as a scientific work and the author makes serious scientific and applied contributions in it.

2. Evaluation of the contributions in the other presented publications (creative activities) made after the attaining of the academic position “Chief Assistant Professor”

The other presented materials for the competition contain publications and creative activities of the candidate, made after his attaining of the academic position “Chief Assistant Professor”. They include: 2 articles, published in editions, which are referenced and indexed in world-famous scientific information databases – in Bulgarian and in English; 3 articles in non-referenced journals with scientific review or in reviewed collective volumes; 7 built or in-production author’s projects in the field of architecture or design; and 7 reviews for built or in-production author's products in specialized editions in the same field at home and abroad.

The editions that had published the articles occupy extraordinary high and acknowledged scientific ranks of both international and national scale:

- The edition “**Conservar Património**” (Portugal) is referenced and indexed in the world-famous scientific information databases **Scopus** and **Web of Science**, and in **Scopus** it ranks in the Second Quartile (Q2) in two categories: Museology и Conservation;
- The edition “**Art Readings...**” (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) is registered in the “National Reference List of contemporary Bulgarian scientific publications with scientific review” of the National Centre for Information and Documentation (**NACID**), and since 2017 has been referenced and indexed in the world-famous scientific information database **Web of Science**;
- The edition “**Collection of Scientific Publications – departments Design and Architecture**” (New Bulgarian University) is also registered in the “National Reference List of contemporary Bulgarian scientific publications with scientific review” of the National Centre for Information and Documentation (**NACID**).

The presented materials exceed the requirements in volume and content. They indicate in-depth research and make serious contributions in both scientific and applied aspect. They earn the highest evaluation for the publications' referencing.

3. Citation by other authors

One citation has been noted in the presented materials. It is made in the edition **“Annuaire de l'Universite d'Architecture, de Genie Civil et de Geodesie – Sofia”** (UACEG), registered in the “National Reference List of contemporary Bulgarian scientific publications with scientific review” of the National Centre for Information and Documentation (NACID).

4. Evaluation of the results of participation in research and creative projects, and application of the obtained results in practice

Kliment Ivanov participates actively in research and creative projects as a scientist and as a creator. It is obvious that he applies the obtained results in practice as an architectural designer with his own architectural bureau, which has many built buildings and prizes awarded.

III. Scholarly and academic activities

1. Auditorium and extracurricular employment, work in the electronic training module “MOODLE – NBU”, provision of practice and internships for students, work with students and PhD students

The employment of the candidate significantly exceeds the required amount and he is effectively using MOODLE in all the academic courses he teaches or leads.

His work with students is characterized by dedication and perseverance. I have witnessed him many times, in the office we share together, working extra hours with his students on their academic architectural projects. For this purpose, a powerful computer equipped with specialized software for architectural design has been installed in our office on Kliment Ivanov's request.

2. Score from student's inquiries

The above determines the score from the student inquiries – 4.51.

IV. Administrative and social activities

In his position of Program Consultant, and with his personal dedication and understanding with other colleagues, Kliment Ivanov contributes to the successful development of the Master's Program in Architecture, as evidenced by the ever-growing interest in it in recent years.

V. Personal impressions of the candidate

I have personally known the candidate from our mutual work in the Department of Architecture of NBU since 2010. Kliment Ivanov is known for his respect and empathy for his colleagues and for the tolerant and individual approach to the students.

VI. Opinions, remarks, and recommendations on the activities and achievements of the candidate

I recommend the candidate to continue his scientific research in the direction he has chosen – the High space in buildings, and to extend its scope to the other types of residential buildings too.

Conclusion

On the basis of the demonstrated impressive scientific and creative activities, scholarly skills, as well as my personal positive impressions of Kliment Ivanov, I confidently give a **positive assessment** of the academic activities of the candidate.

I propose to the esteemed Academic Council of NBU, Chief Assistant Professor Kliment Ivanov, PhD, to be elected “Associate Professor” in professional field 5.7 Architecture, Civil Engineering, and Geodesy at the Department of Architecture of the New Bulgarian University.

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