

STATEMENT REPORT

under the procedure for acquisition of the educational and scientific degree “Doctor”

by candidate Panagiotis Konstantinos Anagnostou

of the PhD Thesis entitled: “EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE REMOTE ONLINE LEARNING BASED ON THE PERCEPTIONS OF LEARNERS AND TRAINERS”,

In the Scientific field: 1. Pedagogical Sciences

Professional field: 1.3. Pedagogy of education in ...

Doctoral program “Teaching Methodology of Mathematics and Informatics”

Department „Education in Mathematics and Informatics”,

Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics (FMI), Sofia University “St. Kl. Ohridski”

(SU)

The statement report has been prepared by: prof. Georgi Teoharov Tuparov, PhD, from Department of Informatics at New Bulgarian University, as a member of the scientific jury for the defense of this PhD thesis according to Order № RD-38-155/27.03.2024 of the Rector of the Sofia University.

1. General characteristics of the dissertation thesis and the presented materials

The dissertation work presented to me for opinion is written in English, contains 245 pages and consists of an introduction, five chapters, a list of used literary sources containing 84 titles and an appendix with a volume of 10 pages. The final fifth chapter contains a conclusion, lists of claims for scientific, scientific-applied and applied contributions, a list of the candidate's publications relevant to the dissertation work and a declaration of originality of the results.

2. Short CV and personal impressions of the candidate

Doctoral student Panagiotis Konstantinos Anagnostou was enrolled in a doctoral course of self-study by order RD-20-421/15.02.2021 and was dismissed with the right of defense by order RD-20-544/12.03.2024 of the Rector of the SU due to expiration of the duration of the doctoral studies and implementation of the curriculum.

On a personal level, I do not know the candidate for the educational and scientific degree "doctor" and I have no personal impressions about him.

3. Content analysis of the scientific and applied achievements of the candidate, contained in the presented PhD thesis and the publications to it, included in the procedure

I accept the claims of the doctoral student's contributions as they are formulated, but allow myself to evaluate them only as scientific-applied and applied, which is quite enough for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "Doctor". However, I leave their detailed judgment to the reviewers.

4. Approbation of the results

According to the submitted report on the implementation of the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of the ZRAS of the Republic of Bulgaria for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "doctor" in the scientific field and professional direction of the procedure, the doctoral student presented eight scientific papers, seven of which were co-authored with the scientific supervisor and one with another co-author. One of the research papers was published in Springer and indexed in Scopus with SJR, and another one was indexed in Web of Science. Scientific works are presented in full text together with evidence of their publication. I believe that these scientific works adequately represent the results of the dissertation work.

On the basis of the presented evidence, I believe that the scientific works meet the minimum national requirements (according to Art. 2b, paras. 2 and 3 of ZRASRB) and, accordingly, the additional requirements of SU "St. Kliment Ohridski" for the acquisition of an educational and scientific degree "doctor" in the scientific field and professional direction of the procedure.

Due to the fact that it is a first step in the doctoral student's scientific development, it could not be claimed that the results presented by the candidate in the dissertation work and related scientific works repeat those from previous procedures. Also, I am not aware of any proven plagiarism in the submitted dissertation and research papers under this procedure.

5. Qualities of the abstract

The abstract consists of 36 pages in the Bulgarian version and 29 pages in the English version. Both versions meet the requirements for the preparation of an abstract and adequately reflect the results and content of the dissertation.

6. Critical notes and recommendations

Apart from my reappraisal of the classification of claims for scientific, scientific-applied and applied contributions made above, I have no other substantive objections.

7. Conclusion

Having become acquainted with the PhD thesis presented in the procedure and the accompanying scientific papers and on the basis of the analysis of their importance and the scientific and applied contributions contained therein, **I confirm** that the presented PhD thesis and the scientific publications to it, as well as the quality and originality of the results and achievements presented in them, meet the requirements of the Act on Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Rules for its Implementation and the corresponding Rules at the Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” (FMI-SU) for acquisition by the candidate of educational and scientific degree “Doctor” in the Scientific field 1. Pedagogical Sciences, Professional field 1.3 Pedagogy of learning in ... In particular, the candidate meets the minimal national requirements in the professional field and no plagiarism has been detected in the scientific papers submitted for the competition.

Based on the above, **I strongly recommend** the scientific jury to award Panagiotis Konstantinos Anagnostou, the educational and scientific degree “Doctor” in the Scientific field 1. Pedagogical Sciences, Professional field 1.3 Pedagogy of education in ..., Doctoral Program “Teaching Methodology of Mathematics and Informatics”.

Date: June 4, 2024

Signature:

prof. Georgi Tuparov, PhD