

OPINION

by Prof. Dr. Stavri Ferdov, Department of "Protection of Public Order and Border Control" at the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria for the scientific production presented by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Peter Loshontsi for participation in a competition for the academic position of "Professor", at the Academy of National and Information Security - Plovdiv, professional direction 9.1 "National Security".

1. Research results and original contributions

My opinion on the presented main habilitation thesis - a monograph on the topic "Professional risks for the personal safety of paramedics" is that it is an authentic scientific study. I'll say from the start that Strikeplagiarism anti-plagiarism similarity rates like 3.44 and 0.09% (keeping in mind that the latter is more important) are not seen every day in a monograph.

The relevance and significance of the research are predetermined by the state of the internal and external security environment for the EU. The EU is faced with huge threats and challenges, and in conditions of war up to the external borders and the de facto collapse of the world order. Slovakia is a member of the EU. The activity of paramedics and their security as employees of the "Health" sector in Slovakia are directly related to national security and hence to the security of the union. However, it is clear that each concrete-historical moment and for each professional activity brings special features and characteristics in this environment, which are worth investigating. This has been done and very successfully in the monographic work.

I am impressed by the content and clarity of the raised theses and their defense in the monograph presented as the main work in the competition.

The objectives, the subject and what is sought to be achieved are clearly outlined. The work uses a developed methodology: as the author himself defines it more qualitative as an approach (numerous interviews with experts) together with quantitative statistical approaches in the responsible institutions.

The analysis and synthesis of theory on the issue of threats and risk is carried out using already proven approaches in the scientific literature such as those of Deming. In general, the author assumes that risk is the probability that the threat will occur.

In the monograph itself, the author has applied the theory of risk in a specific object: the paramedic profession in Slovakia. Risks to paramedics are identified and measured. I recognize all this as an original contribution of the author, because this is science: a specific verification of a general (ideal) model in a specific subject area.

The author analyzes and synthesizes conclusions, summaries and recommendations, expressing his opinion and reasoned position. In this sense, the research enriches the existing knowledge and practice in this field.

A large-scale database of literary sources was used to prove the author's theses. The citations are submitted correctly, in an acceptable manner and correspond to the presented bibliography.

The scientometric indicators presented by the candidate in the competition correspond to those required in the ZRAS and PPZRAS. It makes a big impression that over the years the candidate is the author of a number of independent and co-authored monographs and other scientific publications, the supervisor of three doctoral students, a researcher in four projects as a researcher, and the practical-applied aspects of the stated scientific production are noted in the reviews. Some of

this output has been published in indexed databases such as Scopus and Web of Science. All this argues for the candidate's solid scientific base in the competition.

2. Conclusion:

1. I confidently give a positive opinion to the presented scientific production in the competition.

2. I do not detect plagiarism. I would say the opposite. I admire authenticity in the presented main habilitation thesis.

3. I propose to the esteemed jury to make a decision to propose to the Academic Council of the Academy for National and Information Security, Plovdiv, Assoc. Dr. Peter Loshontsi to occupy the academic position of "Professor" in professional field 9.1 National Security.

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