

## OPINION

by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lyudmil Vagalinski (NAIM-BAS) for the application of Chief Assist Prof. Boyan Dumanov (NBU) in the announced competition for the academic position "Associate Professor" in the professional field 2.2 "History and Archeology" according to the order 3-PK-242 /18.05.2022 of the Rector of NBU

The opinion was prepared according to the Academic Staff Development Act in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules for its implementation.

The applicant acquired PhD in the same specialty in 2004.

The candidate holds the academic position "Chief Assistant" since 2007 at the NBU Archeology Department.

Dr. Boyan Dumanov participates in the competition with the monographic work "Archeology of the Old Iron Mining of the Lower Danube and in the Balkan Mountains. Sofia 2021", which does not repeat the topic of his PhD dissertation "The Late Antique Jewellery in the Dioceses of Thrace and Dacia (4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> c.)". The difficult topic of ancient metallurgy has recently gained a widespread popularity, which has covered Bulgaria, albeit with some delay<sup>1</sup>. Praiseworthy and surprising (at least for me), my colleague B. Dumanov has turned his research interest to the same scientific field. In his new book (202 printed pages), he analyzes interdisciplinary all possible data – historical, ethnographic and archeological – creating a reliable picture of the iron mining between the Danube and the Balkans for eighteen centuries after Christ. The monograph is a markedly contributing and independent study. By the way, his current publications, presented to the jury, show the same in -depth scientific approach. I would like to mark his titles, dedicated to of the ideology in Bulgarian archeology from Liberation to the present day (numbers 7/1, 9/1, 24/24 of the table for individual evaluation and the list of scientific titles). A healthy, critical analysis of the development of home archeology is a rarity in our small professional milieu.

The self -assessment provided by the applicant (in a table) and evidence for it shows that he meets the minimum national requirements for the academic position "Associate Professor".

I did not find data on plagiarism in his scientific publications.

**In conclusion, I support Dr. Boyan Yuliev Dumanov's candidacy for the academic position "Associate Professor" at the NBU Archeology Department.**

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<sup>1</sup> I will mention only the impressive volume: Alexandrov, S. / Dimitrova, Y. / Popov, Chr. / Horejs, B. / Chukalev, K. (eds.). Gold and Bronze. Sofia 2018.

