

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ON A DECISION

**of the Standing Committee on natural sciences, mathematics and informatics on the results of the completed evaluation procedure for programme accreditation of a doctoral programme "Physics of condensed matter and wave processes" to professional field 4.1 Physical Sciences from area of higher education 4. Natural sciences, mathematics and informatics at the South-West University "Neofite Rilski" – Blagoevgrad**

The procedure was considered and opened at a meeting of the Standing Committee on natural sciences, mathematics and informatics on 27.14. 2015 at the request of the higher school. The Expert panel, approved by the Accreditation Council as of 01.10.2015, inspected the evaluated institution in the period from 07.10.2015 to 09.10.2015.

At a meeting held on 25.01.2016, the Standing Committee adopted the report of the expert panel and on its basis prepared a decision on the results of the completed programme accreditation. The decision reflected **assessments and observations about the consistency of the evidence provided with the criteria system for the implemented procedure. In assessing the criteria measures in the controlled areas of activity (academic activities, academic environment, scientific potential and research results, availability of material and information conditions for productive research and creative achievements in the doctoral programme and competitiveness of the doctoral programme) the Standing Committee applied the rating scale of ENQA. Verbal assessments on the criteria are "full compliance" and "substantial compliance" respectively and are in compliance and relevance with estimates under art. 79, para. 1 of the Higher Education Act.**

After summarizing the results from voting on the basis of the adopted by the Accreditation Council to NEAA "Voting rules of procedures for accreditation and evaluation of projects", the Standing Committee on natural sciences, mathematics and informatics took the following **DECISIONS** on **29.02.2016**:

**1. Awards programme accreditation to doctoral programme "Physics of condensed matter and wave processes" to professional field 4.1 Physical Sciences from area of higher education 4. Natural sciences, mathematics and informatics at the at the South-West University "Neofite Rilski" on the grounds of an overall assessment on the criteria of 8.52 (eight point fifty-two hundredths).**

**2. The validity of the accreditation is FIVE years, according to art. 79 (4) of the Higher Education Act.**

The Standing Committee on Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics formulated the following **recommendations**:

1. To increase the number of publications in high impact scientific journals, including with the participation of PhD students. Date: permanent
2. To ensure modernisation and gradual enrichment of material-technical base, having a direct relation to the training of doctoral students. Deadline: permanent

**Chairperson of SCNSMI:**

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