EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ON A DECISION

of the Standing Committee of Technical Sciences on the results of the completed evaluation procedure for programme accreditation of a doctoral programme “Radiolocation and radio navigation” in a professional field 5.3 Communication and computer equipment, an area of higher education Technical sciences at Shumen University “Episkop Konstantin Preslavski”

The procedure was opened at a meeting of the Standing Committee on Technical Sciences on 11.09.2014 (Protocol № 29) at the request of the higher school – ref. № 624/23.07.2014.

The Expert Panel, approved by the Accreditation Council on 05.11.2015 (№ Protocol 25), inspected the institution under evaluation from 09.03. до 11.03.2016, inclusive.

At a meeting held on 22.04.2016, 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 observations about the compliance of the evidence found with the criteria system on the implemented procedure. In assessing the criteria measures in the controlled areas of activity (educational activity, academic environment, material and informational conditions for productive research and creative achievements and competitiveness of the doctoral programme), the Standing Committee used the rating scale of ENQA. Verbal evaluation criteria are "substantial compliance” and "full compliance" respectively and comply with estimates and relevance of art. 79, para. 1 of the Higher Education Act.

After summarizing the results of voting according to “Voting rules of procedures for accreditation and evaluation of projects”, adopted by the Accreditation Council of NEAA, the Standing Committee on Technical Sciences made the following decision on 17.06.2016:

1. Awards programme accreditation to a doctoral programme “Radiolocation and radio navigation” in a professional field 5.3 Communication and computer equipment, an area of higher education Technical sciences at Shumen University “Episkop Konstantin Preslavski” on the grounds of an overall assessment: 9.20 (nine, point twenty hundredths).

2. The validity of the accreditation is SIX years.

The Standing Committee on Technical Sciences made the following recommendations:

1. To continue the renovation and modernization of material and technical and library base to constantly improve the conditions for productive research and creative achievements in the doctoral programme. Deadline: constant, with annual reporting.

2. To continue the development of the system of incentives for activating research and creative activity of doctoral students. Deadline: constant, with annual reporting.

3. To continue and activate the use of innovative practices in the training of PhD students. Deadline: constant, with annual reporting.

Chairman of SCTMS

(Prof. Dr. Racho Ivanov)