EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF 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 "Astrophysics" in the professional field 4.1 Physical Sciences, an area of higher education 4. Natural sciences, mathematics and informatics at Shumen University "Episkop Konstantin Preslavski"

The procedure was opened at a meeting of the Standing Committee on natural sciences, mathematics and informatics on 22.01.2018 at the request of the higher school. The Expert Panel, approved by the Accreditation Council on 13.12.2018 and 07.02.2019, reviewed the institution under evaluation in the period from 20.03.2019 to 22.03.2019.

At a meeting held on 01.04.2019, 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 stipulates findings and assessments regarding the compliance of the evidence submitted with the criteria system in the implemented procedure, and following the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG) - Part 1 / 1-10 / and within the meaning of Art. 78, para. 3 of the HEA (Table 5). The Standing Committee used the 10-point assessment system provided for in Art. 79, para. 1 of the HEA and the rating scale of ENQA.

After summarizing the results from voting based on 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 13.05.2019:

1. Awards programme accreditation to a doctoral programme "Astrophysics" in the professional field 4.1 Physical Sciences, an area of higher education 4. Natural sciences, mathematics and informatics at Shumen University "Episkop Konstantin Preslavski" on the grounds of an overall assessment under the criteria of 9.55 (nine, point, fifty-five hundredths).

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

Chairperson of the SCNSMI
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