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 "Medical physics" in a professional field 4.1 Physical sciences, an area of higher education 4. Natural sciences, mathematics and informatics at Shumen University "Episkop Konstantin Preslavski" – Shumen

The procedure was opened by the Standing Committee on natural sciences mathematics and informatics on 11.07.2017 at the request of the higher school. The Expert panel, approved by the Accreditation Council on 19.10.2017 and on 25.01.2018, carried out an inspection of the evaluated institution in the period from 25.04.2018 to 27.04.2018.

At a meeting held on 21.06.2018, 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 in accordance with 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 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 19.07.2018:

1. Awards programme accreditation to a doctoral programme “Medical physics" in a 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 on the criteria of 8.55 (eight point fifty-five 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 stimulate the publishing activity of PhD students in reference and indexed journals. Term: permanent
2. To improve the social and living conditions for PhD students in the PhD programme.

Term: permanent

3. The leadership of Shumen University "Episkop Konstantin Preslavski" should identify measures for increasing the participation of PhD students in national and international projects, forums, seminars and mobility programmes.

Term: permanent

Chairperson of the SCNSMI

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