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 “Algebra and number theory” in a professional field 4.5 Mathematics from 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 04.07.2016 at the request of the higher school. The Expert panel, approved by the Accreditation Council as of 27.10.2016, inspected the evaluated institution in the period from 08.03.2017 to 10.03.2017.

At a meeting held on 10.04.2017, 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 summarising the results from voting on the basis of the adopted by the Accreditation Council to NEAAA "Voting rules of procedures for accreditation and evaluation of projects", the Standing Committee on natural sciences, mathematics and informatics took the following DECISIONS on 25.05.2017:

1. Awards programme accreditation to a doctoral programme “Algebra and number theory” in a professional field 4.5 Mathematics from 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 9.17 (nine points seventeen-hundredths).

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

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

1. To activate international contacts in order to create prerequisites for doctoral mobility. Deadline: permanent

2. To increase the participation of the Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics in the joint forms of doctoral study. Annually, to conduct a joint course on academic writing and a common project preparation course for PhD students. Deadline: permanent

The total verbal assessment according to the numeric score obtained is full compliance.

Chairperson of SCNSMI:
(Prof. Dr Maria Shishinyova)