EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ON A DECISION

of the Standing Committee on Technical Sciences on the results of the completed evaluation performed under a programme accreditation procedure for a doctoral programme "Applied mechanics" from a professional field 5.1 "Machine engineering" at Ruse University "Angel Kanchev"

The procedure was opened at a meeting of the Standing Committee on Technical Sciences of 11.12.2015 at the request of the higher school. The expert panel, approved by the Accreditation Council as of 09.03.2017 inspected the evaluated institution in the period from 11.12.2017 to 13.12.2017.

At a meeting held on 26.01.2018, 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 reflects findings and assessments on the implementation of the requirements of the Criteria System in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG) - Part 1 / 1-10 / and pursuant to 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 "Voting rules of procedures for accreditation and evaluation of projects", adopted by the Accreditation Council of NEAA, the Standing Committee on Technical Sciences took the following DECISION on 26.01.2018:

1. Awards programme accreditation to a doctoral programme "Applied mechanics" from a professional field 5.1 "Machine engineering" at Ruse University "Angel Kanchev" on the grounds of an overall assessment of 9.12 (nine, point twelve hundredths).

2. The period of validity of accreditation is SIX years in accordance with Art. 79, para 4 of the HEA.

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

The Standing Committee on Technical Sciences formulates the following recommendations:

1. To provide opportunities for conducting effective and diverse research activities in the doctoral programme, as well as for promoting its results.

   Deadline: permanent, with annual reporting.

2. To continue completing the library fund with new periodicals and scientific literature in the field of the doctoral programme in order to provide the information for the preparation of PhD students.

   Deadline: permanent, with annual reporting.

Chairman of SCTS
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