

STATEMENT

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Member of the Scientific Jury, appointed with Ordinance No. R-109-323/07.10.2019 of the Rector of Medical University – Varna.

Regarding: Contest for the academic position “Associate Professor” in scientific specialty “Pediatrics” for the needs of Department of Pediatrics, Medical Faculty at Medical University – Varna, published in State Gazette, issue 62/06.08.2019.

On the first meeting of the Scientific Jury it was determined that I have to prepare a statement.

The statement has been prepared in accordance with the Law on the Development of Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria (LDASRB), the Regulation for implementation of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff (RILDAS) and the Regulation of the conditions and the procedure for acquisition of scientific degrees and titles and occupation of academic positions in Medical University Varna.

The contest and the procedure are in accordance with the LDASRB, RILDAS and the Regulation of the conditions and the procedure for acquisition of scientific degrees and titles and occupation of academic positions in Medical University - Varna. I have no conflicts of interest from my participation in this scientific jury.

Regular documents of a single candidate Dr. Elena Nikolova Paskaleva-Georgieva, MD, PhD, were submitted in the contest.

The materials presented for participation in the contest meet the requirements of LDASRB and RILDAS for obtaining the academic position “Associate Professor” in Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna. They include diplomas for education, additional qualification, career development, publication activity, participation in scientific forums in our country and abroad, official reference for the citations, reference for the contributions.



Short details of the applicant: Dr. Elena Georgieva, MD was born in 1958 in Yagodovo. In 1976 she graduated secondary education at German Language School Pazardzhik. In 1982 she graduated her higher education in medicine at Higher Medical Institute "Ivan P. Pavlov" Plovdiv.

Obtained specialties: In 1990 she obtained specialty in pediatric diseases in Medical University in Sofia, and from 2017 she is a specialist in pediatric pulmonology and phthisiatrics in the same university.

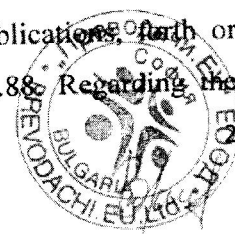
Professional qualification: In 2009 she obtained qualification in the specialty "Healthcare management" at Faculty of Economics in Southwest University "N. Rilski" in Blagoevgrad. She also has additional qualifications in homeopathy, functional diagnostics in childhood and in conventional ultrasonography – abdominal ultrasonography and superficial structures – first level. She has successfully taken courses and individual trainings for continuous qualification in allergy problems, immunology and autoimmune diseases, laboratory diagnostics.

Specializations: In her professional biography Dr. Georgieva, MD has several specializations, as the most important and significant of them are in the University Medical Center "Charite", Berlin, Clinic of Anesthesiology and Intensive Medicine with a topic "Emergency situations during childhood and respiratory reanimation" part A+B, as well as individual training in the University Medical Center "Charite", Berlin, Clinic of Pediatric Pulmonology and Immunology. In Lisbon, Portugal she participated in Summer school of paediatric respiratory medicine.

The professional route of Dr. Georgieva, MD started in City Polyclinic – Blagoevgrad, where she worked as a regional pediatrician. Later she worked in 28 Polyclinic, Sofia, also as regional pediatrician. From 1989 until 2007 she was a staff physician at the Pediatric Ward in University Multiprofile Hospital for Active Treatment "St. Anna", Sofia. From 2015 until 2017 she was a resident at Pediatric Pulmonology in the Pediatric Clinic of Specialized Hospital for Active Treatment of Pulmonary Diseases "St. Sofia", and from 2007 until now she has been a staff physician at Clinic of Pulmonology with Intensive Ward in Specialized Hospital for Active Treatment of Pediatric Diseases "Prof. Ivan Mitev", Sofia.

Dissertation: "Diagnostic and therapeutic approach to broncho-obstructive syndrome in early childhood", defended successfully in 2015.

Publications and citations: Dr. Georgieva, MD has a total of 31 published articles, out of which 21 are in Bulgarian, 9 are in English and 1 is in Russian. She is an independent author of 19 articles, 12 are in co-authorship. She is first author in 8, second – in 2 publications, fourth or following – in 2. The total impact factor, calculated by the applicant, is 19.88. Regarding the



citations, according to a reference from the National Information and Documentation Center the candidate has been cited 14 times, out of which 1 in a Bulgarian journal. According to a reference from the Central Medical Library in Sofia the citations are as follows: 7 in the Scopus database, 7 – in Web of Knowledge, 4 – in other sources and 4 in Bulgarian journals. According to a reference from the library in Medical University – Varna – 7 citations in referenced and peer-reviewed scientific journals and 5 in non-peer-reviewed journals with scientific review.

Areas of scientific research work of Dr. Georgieva, MD:

1. Diagnostic and therapeutic problems of the broncho-obstructive syndrome (BOS) in early childhood.
2. The role of vitamin D in diseases with broncho-obstructive syndrome.
3. Studies, observations and summaries for infectious, allergic and systemic lung diseases in childhood.
4. Studies of the obstructive sleep apnea in childhood.
5. Rare cases – presented are clinical cases in the field of pulmonary pathology: broncho-pulmonary abnormalities, cardio-vascular abnormalities, systemic lung diseases, cases with complicated course of tuberculosis during infancy, complications of obstructive sleep apnea in childhood.

Participation in scientific forums: Dr. Georgieva, MD has participated multiple times in the National Conference for General Practitioners and Pediatricians with International Participation – in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017, in National pediatric congresses – in 2012, 2015 and 2018, as well as in National conferences and symposia in the field of pediatrics, pediatric pulmonology, obstructive sleep apnea. Abroad she has participated in congresses of the European Respiratory Society in 2014 and 2017, as well as congresses of the European Pediatric Association in 2015 and 2019.

Educational and teaching activities: Dr. Georgieva, MD has participated in the training of physicians-trainees and residents for the last 10 years at Pulmonology Clinic in Specialized Hospital for Active Treatment of Pediatric Diseases “Prof. Iv. Mitev”. Twenty years before that she participated in the training of residents at Pediatric Ward in University Multiprofile Hospital for Active Treatment “St. Anna” in Sofia. She also participates in courses for postgraduate qualification for medical nurses.

Other activities in the field of scientific interests, public and expert activities: Dr. Georgieva, MD has participated in the translation of three medical books from German to Bulgarian: “Guide to Homeopathy”, Prof. Matthias Dorci, Publishing house “Emas”



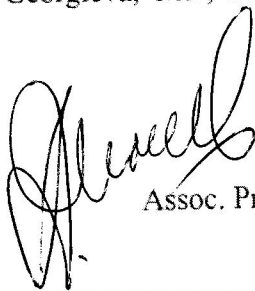
child has an allergy”, Dr. Petar Fisher, Publishing house “Emas”, 1997; “Family Health Encyclopedia”, Publishing house “Emas”, 1997. Her consultant activity includes the following activities: She is a consultant of the Bulgarian issues of the books: “Diabetes Guide”, “What laboratory values tell us?”, “Diabetes in children”, “What awaits you when you are expecting a child?”, “What awaits you in the first year of the child?”, “What awaits you in the second and third year of the child?”. Moreover, she was a pediatrician-consultant of the TV show on the Bulgarian National Television “Television baby”, season 2006/2007. Dr. Georgieva, MD is initiator and organizer of a workshop for physicians from the clinic and general practitioners from Sofia on current problems in the clinical practice, which was met with great interest from both sides. She has given interviews on current issues of children's health in newspaper “Doctor”, newspaper “24 hours”, on the Bulgarian National Radio and electronic platforms.

From 2019 she is a member of the editorial team of “American Journal of Pediatrics”.

She knows written and spoken German, Russian and English.

Conclusion: After analyzing the submitted materials in the contest, the overall assessment of the compliance with the mandatory conditions, the mandatory quantitative and scientometric indicators, according to the regulations for obtaining the academic position “Associate Professor”, I can conclude that the only participant in the contest Dr. E. Paskaleva-Georgieva, MD, PhD meets the requirements of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulation on the Development of Academic Staff of Medical University Varna. This gives me a reason to recommend to the honorable members of the Scientific Jury to vote positively and to award Dr. Elena Nikolova Paskaleva-Georgieva, MD, PhD, the scientific position “Associate Professor”.

12.11.2019



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I, the undersigned Viktoriya Georgieva Georgieva, certify the veracity of the translation performed by me from Bulgarian to English of the attached document – Statement. The translation consists of 4 /four/ pages.

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