

SCIENTIFIC OPINION

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to the Protocol №1 of the first meeting**

SUBJECT: Competition for the academic position "Professor", in the field of higher education 7. "Health and Sports", professional field 7.1. "Medicine", specialty "Pharmacology and pharmacotherapy (drug policy)", announced in SG no. 17 / 26.02.2021 for the needs of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Pharmacotherapy.

One candidate participates in the competition - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Albena Todorova Zlatareva, Ph.D. The candidate has submitted all the necessary documents for the competition in accordance to the Regulations for the development of the academic staff at the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna, as well as a reference for fulfillment of the minimum requirements for holding the position "Professor".

Brief biographical data

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Albena Zlatareva was born in 1968 in the city of Plovdiv. She has graduated the Mathematical High School in Plovdiv in 1986. In 1992 she graduated from the Medical School in Plovdiv. She has acquired a specialty in "Anesthesiology and Resuscitation" in 1998. After developing a dissertation at the Department of Pharmacology, Pharmacotherapy and Toxicology (Faculty of Pharmacy Sofia), with the topic "Financing

the pharmacotherapy of rare diseases" she has received the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the scientific specialty "Pharmacology" (including pharmacokinetics and chemotherapy) in 2014. In 2016 she has won a competition for "associate professor" in the scientific specialty: "Clinical Pharmacology and Therapy" at MU-Varna. Her teaching activity began as an assistant at CARID, MU-Plovdiv (1993-95), then she was a part-time lecturer at MU Varna, PHC, KIUZ for the period 2014-2016, and from 2016 until now she has held the position of Associate Professor of Higher Education at the Department. "Economics and Management of Health Care" and the Master's Program in Public Health and Health Management, part-time, with teaching in Russian in the elective course "Comparative Analysis of Health Systems". She was the research supervisor of 3 successfully defended doctoral students. She is also a reviewer in three international scientific journals.

Scientific and publishing activity

Assoc. Prof. Albena Zlatareva participated in the current competition with 30 scientific papers and a monograph (habilitation thesis):

- 10 scientific publications covering the minimum scientometric requirements for holding the academic position of "professor". Out these, 6 have been published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information (Web of science and Scopus) and 4 have been published in non-refereed journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes.
- 18 full-text publications in scientific journals and collections, beyond the minimum scientometric requirements for the academic position of "professor".
- Published monograph (Habilitation thesis) - "Fundamentals and trends of drug policy in the European Union", published by MU-Varna, 2020.
- Published university textbook - "Drug policy and market access to drugs", published by MU-Varna, 2018.

In most of the presented publications, the candidate is the first or second author, which shows the main contribution to the scientific production. A total of 18 citations are presented, most of them - 14, are in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes and four in non-refereed journals with scientific review.

The presented scientific production and the interests of the candidate can be defined in the following main directions: drug policy and drug regulation, pharmacoeconomic and financial aspects of drug therapy, drug use and clinical trials of drugs. These directions are decisive for the direction in which the competition is announced.

Conclusion

The scientific production of Assoc. Prof. Albena Zlatareva complies with the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB), as well as the Regulations for its implementation and the PRAS of MU-Varna for holding the academic position "Professor". The minimum requirements for holding the position of "professor" are also met. This gives me grounds to give a **POSITIVE EVALUATION** and to propose to the esteemed members of the Scientific Jury to vote for awarding the academic position "Professor" in the field of higher education 7. "Health and Sports", professional field 7.1. "Medicine", specialty "Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapy (Drug Policy)", for the needs of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Pharmacotherapy, to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Albena Todorova Zlatareva, Ph.D.

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