

STATEMENT

of

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Member of scientific jury, appointed with Ordinance No. R-109-323/07.10.2019 of Prof. Dr. Krasimir Ivanov, MD, PhD, Rector of Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" Varna

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

During the first meeting of the Scientific Jury it has been 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 academic 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 academic 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 competition.

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 Nikolova Paskaleva-Georgieva, MD, PhD, was born in Yagodovo, Plovdiv region. She graduated secondary education at 1976 German Language School "B. Brecht", Pazardzhik. In 1982 she graduated medicine at Higher Medical Institute "Ivan P. Pavlov" Plovdiv. After his subsequently she worked as a regional pediatrician in City Polyclinic Blagoevgrad, 28th Polyclinic Sofia. From 1989 until 2007 she worked as a staff physician in Pediatric Ward of University Multiprofile Hospital for Active Treatment "St. Anna" – Sofia. From 2007 until now she has been a pediatrician in Clinic of Pulmonology with Intensive

Ward, Specialized Hospital for Active Treatment of Pediatric Diseases “Prof. Dr. Ivan Mitev” – Sofia. She speaks German, Russian and English.

Obtained specialties and postgraduate qualification

Dr. Elena Nikolova Paskaleva-Georgieva, MD has obtained specialties in “Pediatrics” in 1990, diploma No. 36102 and “Pediatric Pulmonology and Phtisiatics” in 2017, diploma No. 016040.

Specializations:

University Multiprofile Center “Charite” – Berlin, Clinic of Anesthesiology and Intensive Medicine, “Emergency situations during childhood and respiratory reanimation” part A+B – 2009.

University Multiprofile Center “Charite” – Berlin, Clinic of Pediatric Pulmonology and Immunology – 2012.

Summer school of paediatric respiratory medicine, 15-18 June, Lisbon – 2016.

Qualifications:

“Homeopathy” – Medical University Sofia, 2001.

“Functional diagnostics during childhood” – 2007.

“Conventional ultrasonography – abdominal ultrasonography and superficial structures” – 2008.

“Healthcare management”, Southwest University “Neofit Rilski”, Blagoevgrad – 2009.

Professional experience

Dr. Elena Georgieva, MD has been committed to pediatric health care ever since her first working day. She subsequently worked as a regional pediatrician and pediatrician in pediatric university clinics. Later on she became highly specialized and worked in the field of pediatric pulmonology and intensive care.

For the indicator professional qualification, she fulfills the habilitation requirements.

Scientific research activity

In 2015 Dr. Elena Georgieva, MD obtained scientific and educational degree „Doctor” with topic of the dissertation: “Diagnostic and therapeutic approach to broncho-obstructive syndrome in early childhood”.

The presented publications of Dr. Elena Georgieva, MD in the contest are 32: abstract of her dissertation, publications in medical periodicals and collections 31, from which 21 are in Bulgarian, 9 in English and 1 in Russian.

To meet the minimal state requirements according to LDASRB from 2018 and the Regulation on the Development of Academic Staff (RDAS) of Medical University Varna / 2018: a total of more than 200 points.

- In scientific journals, peer-reviewed or indexed in worldwide databases WOS or Scopus: full text – 8 publications, abstracts of reports – 6
- In non-peer-reviewed journals with scientific review issues: 17 publications.

According to the distribution of the scientific publications by authorship, Dr. Elena Georgieva, MD is a sole author of 19, co-author as a first author in 8 publications, second in 2 and third and following in 2 publications.

Dr. Georgieva, MD presents a reference for participation in 27 national and international forums with published abstracts.

From the presented official reference the quotations are 18, from them 4 in Bulgarian and 14 in foreign journals. The total impact factor is 19.88.

Scientific achievements and contributions

The scientific interests of Dr. Georgieva, MD are mainly related to the pulmonary pathology in early childhood. A major role in these publications have the broncho-obstructive diseases, their clinical manifestations and the behavior in broncho-obstructive syndrome.

The focus is on the role of vitamin D in diseases with broncho-obstructive syndrome – the first study of its kind in Bulgaria. In her publications and participations in scientific forums Dr. Elena Georgieva, MD discusses the problem of obstructive sleep apnea and its complications in childhood.

Publications on the clinical course of infectious and allergic diseases of the respiratory system in children are presented. Special attention is paid to clinical course and X-ray images of cases with Wegener's granulomatosis, a review of the chronic granulomatous disease is also presented.

In her publications Dr. Georgieva, MD studies the prevalence of tuberculosis amongst the pediatric population in Bulgaria, its course during infancy and its complications.

In other publications are presented clinical cases of congenital lung abnormalities – lobar emphysema, hypoplasia, bronchiectasis. She has also paid attention to cases of children with underlying congenital heart malformation and frequent pulmonary infections, cases with shunt nephritis, conditions with space-occupying processes in the brain and their differential diagnosis.

A special attention is paid to the effect of the antibiotic treatment in the neonatal period and especially during the first year of the child's life for the occurrence of broncho-obstructive syndrome and the need to make the indications for its use more precise.

In some of her publications Dr. Georgieva, MD confirms the significance of breastfeeding and proper nutrition as protective factors for the development of broncho-obstructive syndrome in early childhood.

Through the prism of her scientific interests Dr. Georgieva, MD performs author, editorial and translation activities on health promotion. She is the author of the book "Nutrition of the child from 3 to 18 years" of the publishing house "Bookmark Publishing", 2007. She is a translator from German and she edited three more books of publishing house "Emas": "Family Health Encyclopedia", "Guide to Homeopathy", "My child has an allergy".

She is a consultant of several books on popular medical topics. She is pediatrician-consultant in the TV show on the Bulgarian National Television “Television baby”, season 2006/2007.

From 2019 she is a part of the editorial team of American Journal of Paediatrics.

Educational and teaching activity

In the presented statement of the Executive Director of Specialized Hospital for Active Treatment of Pediatric Diseases “Prof. Iv. Mitev”-EAD, Sofia it is said that that Dr. Elena Georgieva, MD works every day with trainees and residents for the last 10 years at Clinic of Pulmonology with Intensive Ward of the hospital and twenty years before that at Pediatric Ward in University Multiprofile Hospital for Active Treatment “St. Anna” – Sofia. For several consecutive years he has been teaching courses for the professional development of healthcare professionals from the country, held in Specialized Hospital for Active Treatment of Pediatric Diseases “Prof. Iv. Mitev”-EAD, but the exact hours are not mentioned.

Dr. Elena Georgieva, MD is a member of Bulgarian Medical Association, Bulgarian Pediatric Association, Bulgarian Society for Pulmonary Diseases, Society for Pediatric Pulmonology and Phtisiatics, European Respiratory Society /European Respiratory Society/.

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 meets the minimal requirements according to 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”.

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