

STATEMENT

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Scientific specialty: "General and Clinical Pathology"

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Subject: Competition for the occupation of the academic position "Professor" in the field of Higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, specialty "Dermatology and Venereology ", for the needs of the "Medical Cosmetologist" Educational Sector at the Medical College - Varna, announced in the "State Gazette" no. 59/26.07.2022

Candidate: Associate Professor Dr. Ilko Georgiev Bakardzhiev, MD

I. Analysis of the candidate's career profile

Documents for participation in the announced competition were submitted by only one candidate - Associate Professor Dr. Ilko Bakardzhiev, who is currently the head of the Academic Department "Medical Cosmetologist" at the Medical College at the Medical University - Varna.

Associate Professor Bakardzhiev was born on 28.05.1968 in the city of Varna. He completed secondary education at the "Dr. Petar Beron" Mathematical High School - Varna in 1986 and higher education at the Medical University - Varna (Diploma Series A-93 No. 005084) in 1994. He specialized in Dermatology and Venereology (1996-2000) at the Dermatology and Venereology Clinic of the Medical University of Varna and acquired a specialty in 2001. Since 2001, he has been a doctoral student at the Dermatology and Venereology Clinic at Aleksandrovska Hospital - Sofia, and obtained a "Doctor" from the National Academy of Sciences in the

scientific specialty "Dermatology and Venereology (Diploma No.31596 - 23.07.2007) in 2007 with a dissertation on the topic: "Modern aspects in the etiology, the diagnosis and treatment of non-gonococcal urethritis".

Associate Professor Bakardzhiev has been working in the specialty since 1996 and periodically acquires additional qualifications in the country and abroad (Switzerland, France, Italy, Germany). Since 2007, he has been a part-time lecturer in Dermatology and Venereology at the Medical College - Varna, and in 2013 he was elected "Associate Professor". Medical University - Varna has issued to Associate Professor Bakardzhiev a document certifying more than 9 years of teaching experience at the Medical College - Varna. In 2013, he participated in the "Pedagogical Foundations of Academic Teaching" course at the Faculty of Education of the University of Varna.

Associate Professor Bakardzhiev is included in the Editorial Boards of several scientific journals and is a member of the Organizing Committee of the annual national scientific-practical conference "Spring Varna Dermatology Days".

Associate Professor Bakardzhiev is a member of Bulgarian and international societies - Bulgarian Medical Union, Bulgarian Dermatological Society, Union of Scientists in Bulgaria, Balkan Association for the History of Medicine, International Dermoscopy Society.

I. Evaluation of scientific works

For participation in the competition, Associate Professor Bakardzhiev has submitted a total of 50 full-text publications in Bulgarian and English, printed after the docent competition, distributed as follows:

- abstract of a dissertation work for awarding PhD degree (Group of indicators A)

- 11 articles, equivalent to habilitation work, published in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information (Group of indicators B4)
- 10 articles published in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information (Group of indicators G7)
- 11 publications in non-refereed journals with scientific review and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information (Group of indicators G8)
- 1 publication – chapter in a collective monograph (Group of indicators G9)
- 16 publications, beyond the minimum scientometric requirements for the competition

Attached is the abstract of the PhD thesis, on the topic "Modern aspects in the etiology, diagnosis and treatment of non-gonococcal urethritis" is attached here and was defended successfully in 2007. The thesis was developed at the Dermatology and Venereology Clinic, Alexandrovska Hospital - Sofia.

Associate Professor Bakardzhiev has selected 11 articles, which he offers as equivalent to a monograph, published in journals according to the relevant regulation. Thematically, these studies mainly present cases from the oncodermatologist's practice and enrich the scientific literature with new knowledge on rare diseases.

This certifies that **Group of indicators A and B4** of Minimum requirements for the scientific and teaching activity of the candidates for the academic position "Professor" are fulfilled, respectively, with 50 and 120.93 points.

To cover **Group of indicators D**, Associate Professor Bakardzhiev has submitted for review:

- 10 articles devoted mainly to inflammatory dermatoses - mycotic and bacterial and premalignant processes

-16 publications dealing with various problems related to the therapy of skin disorders

The total score for this indicator is 232.96.

The most substantial contributions – of an original and confirmatory nature – also stem from these publications. The value of these studies is in enriching the scientific literature with more data.

The publication activity of Associate Professor Bakardzhiev thematically covers almost all areas of Dermatology and venereal diseases, mainly oncodermatology, autoimmune and inflammatory dermatoses, infectious and sexually transmitted diseases. Results from the application of innovative therapeutic procedures are also shown. Most of the studies are performed by authors from different medical specialties, which testifies to an interdisciplinary approach and the ability of the candidate to work in a team.

According to an Academic reference submitted by the Library of MU-Varna (№641/16.08.2022), 9 citations of the scientific works of Associate Professor Bakardzhiev are indicated in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information. The total number of 135 points meets the requirements under **Group of indicators D** and represents a good reflection of the candidate's scientific activity in the periodical literature.

Regarding **Group of Indicators E**, the "Doctoral School" Department at MU-Varna has issued Certificate No. 109-673/02.06.2022 that Associate Professor Bakardzhiev was scientific supervisor of three successfully defended doctoral students and thus collects 120 points, which meets the minimum requirements.

III. Therapeutic and diagnostic activity


Associate Professor Bakardzhiev is known as an experienced diagnostician and a specialist in Dermatology and venereal diseases respected by patients. Over the years, he has made extraordinary efforts to maintain his qualifications at high level and to increase his therapeutic capabilities. He acquired practical skills in areas such as cryotherapy, dermatoscopy, laser therapy...

IV. CONCLUSION

The documentation submitted for the Competition is complete and meets the procedural requirements in the regulatory documents. The candidate's scientific output corresponds to the required criteria. I accept the contributions without objection. I am impressed by the candidate's personal and professional qualities and believe that he is fully qualified for the position.

For these reasons, I am particularly pleased to fulfill my duty and to vote positively for Associate Professor Dr. Ilko Bakardzhiev to receive the academic position of "PROFESSOR" at Medical University - Varna.

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Varna


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