

The Chairman of the Scientific Jury

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OPINION

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Member of the scientific jury for the competition (SG No. 28/28.03.2023) for the occupation of the academic position "Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.1 Medicine and scientific specialty "Child Psychiatry" for the needs of the Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Varna and the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Clinic at the UMHAT "St. Marina" EAD, Varna.

By Decision of the Faculty Council of Medicine of the Medical University of Varna, minutes 02/04/05 2023 and Order No. R-109-270/25/05/2023. of the Rector - Prof. Dr. V. Ignatov dm, I was elected as a member of the scientific jury, and according to Protocol No. 1 of its first meeting, I was appointed to prepare an opinion on the procedure for acquiring the academic position "Professor" for the needs of the Department " Psychiatry and Medical Psychology" at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University - Varna and Clinic of Child Psychiatry at UMHAT "St. Marina" EAD, Varna.

The announcement procedure complies with the legal requirements and there are no established procedural violations. For the competition, documents were provided by one candidate - Associate Professor Petar Milchev Petrov, associate professor at the Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology at the Medical University of Varna. The information submitted by the candidate complies with the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at Varna Medical University.

1. Brief biographical data about the candidate

Associate Professor Petar Milchev Petrov graduated from the Medical University of Varna, specialist in "medicine" in 1995. After graduation, he successively worked as a doctor, consultant in a pharmaceutical company, general practitioner. From 2004 to 2006, he worked as a psychiatrist at the Asparuhovo Medical Center, Varna, and from 2005 he worked at the "St. Marina", city of Varna. From 2008 to 2016, he was the Head of the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the "St. Marina", and from 2016 to this moment he is the Head of the Clinic for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, MHAT "St. Marina".

In 2010/2011, Assoc. Prof. Petrov was a part-time assistant at VSU. In 2011/2013, he was a part-time assistant at the Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology at the University of Varna. Since 2013 is an assistant at the "Psychiatry and Medical Psychology" department, and since 2014 - Ch. assistant professor in this department. In 2015, after a competition, he was appointed Associate Professor at the Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology at the Medical University of Varna, a position he holds to this day.

In 2004 Assoc. Prof. Petrov acquired a specialist in Psychiatry, in 2010 – Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and in 2016. - Forensic psychiatry. In 2012, he defended a dissertation for the acquisition of the ONS "Doctor" on the topic "Research of children with hyperkinetic disorder with attention deficit disorder". In 2018 obtained the ONS "Doctor of Sciences" with the topic of the dissertation work "10-year prospective follow-up of children with hyperkinetic disorder with attention deficit disorder in Varna".

Assoc. Prof. Petrov is a member of the Bulgarian Medical Union, Bulgarian Psychiatric Association. He is the president of the "Bulgarian Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Related Professions".

2. Scientific research activity

The total number of scientific works of Associate Professor Petar Petrov includes:

- Abstract of a dissertation work for the award of the ONS "Doctor" 1 copy
- Author's abstract of a dissertation work for the awarding of the National Academy of Sciences "Doctor of Sciences" 1 issue
- Habilitation work - monograph - 2 pcs
- Scientific publications in journals with/without SJR and/or IF - 42 issues
- Chapters in University textbooks – 10 copies
- Participation in scientific forums - 10 issues

Of the full-text scientific journal publications – 13 are in English, 10 of which are related to international projects in the ICMH Study Group and currently conducted research in the field of Child Psychiatry in the general population involving 10 countries. In the cited scientific works, Dr. Petrov is the first author of 12 publications in journals and 6 of the chapters in textbooks.

All the works of the author are in the scientific fields of Psychiatry, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Medical Psychology, which are inseparably connected with each other.

The most general scientific directions for the published scientific works are in 5 areas:

- Hyperkinetic disorder with impaired active attention
- Eating disorders in childhood and adolescence
- Multinational studies to define problems in children and adolescents
- age in the general population
- General presentation of the features in the field of child psychiatry
- Others

To cover the minimum required scientometric indicators, Associate Professor Petrov has submitted 1 dissertation work for the acquisition of the ONS "Doctor", 1 habilitation work - monograph, 6 Publications and reports published in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information, 6 Publications and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes. The presented scientific production fully covers and exceeds the required minimum criteria.

An indicator of the scientific value and contributions of Assoc. Prof. Petrov's scientific work are the indicated 115 citations, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes, and according to this indicator he has collected 1725 points, many times exceeding the required minimum of 100 points.

3. Educational and teaching activity

Assoc. Prof. Petrov has more than 9 years of teaching experience at the Medical University - Varna, having undergone comprehensive academic development at the Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology of the Medical University. Conducts lectures and practical exercises in Psychiatry, Child Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatry and Medical Psychology to students of the specialties "medicine", "dental medicine", "health care", as well as to students in the medical college. His study load exceeds the norm determined by the decision of the AC at the MU - Varna, and for the academic year 2021/22 it amounts to 121 study hours. He also leads the training of specialists, doctoral students, psychiatrists and general practitioners. Participated in thematic training seminars and congresses of ESCAP and IACAPAP. Assoc. Prof. Petrov was the supervisor of three doctoral students who obtained the ONS "Doctor" and of five specialists who obtained a specialty in child psychiatry. Participated as an author in 4 textbooks related to the education of child-adolescent psychiatry for students of medicine, health care and specialists.

Assoc. Prof. Petrov is a member of the state examination commissions for the acquisition of a specialty in Psychiatry and Child Psychiatry and is the Chairman of the state examination commission for the acquisition of a specialty in Forensic Psychiatry.

4. Therapeutic-diagnostic and expert activity

Assoc. Prof. Petrov has 28 years of medical experience, 18 of which as a psychiatrist. From 2008 to 2016, he headed the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at MHAT "St. Marina", and from 2016 to the present time he is the Head of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Clinic in the same hospital. He has extensive clinical experience in the field of child psychiatry, successfully applying and combining pharmacological, psychotherapeutic and electroconvulsive treatment methods. Over time, he has undoubtedly proven himself as one of the leading specialists in Bulgaria in his field. Given his qualifications, he is a preferred expert in examining children and adolescents, having prepared over 60 forensic psychiatric examinations.

5. Conclusion

The presented data on the scientific, teaching and medical activities of Associate Professor Petar Milchev Petrov, Ph.D., unequivocally indicate that the candidate fully meets the requirements of ZRASRB and its regulations, as well as the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of MU-Varna for occupying the academic position "Professor".

I propose to the esteemed jury to vote positively for awarding the academic position "Professor" in the specialty "Child Psychiatry" at the Department of "Psychiatry and Medical Psychology" of MU-Varna to Associate Professor Petar Petrov.

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Prepared the opinion:

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