

STATEMENT

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on the announced competition for the academic position "Professor" in the field of higher education 7. "Health and Sport", in the professional field 7.3. "Pharmacy" and scientific specialty "Hospital Pharmacy" for the needs of the Department of "Organization and Economics of Pharmacy", Faculty of Pharmacy (FPh), Medical University (MU) - Varna, issued in State Gazette, 54/23.06.2023.

One candidate, Assoc.-prof. Evgeni Evgeniev Grigorov, PhD, who meets the scientific-metric requirements in accordance 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 of MU-Varna" (Academic reference for publications, citations and scientific profiles) and has been admitted to the competition by the committee for the admission of the required documents.

Assoc.-prof. Grigorov acquired the following qualifications: Master of Pharmacy in 2003 from Medical University of Sofia, Master of Health Policy and Health Care Management from New Bulgarian University (2005); Bachelor's degree in finance, University of National and World Economy (UNWE) (2013); PhD in Social Medicine and Organization of Health Care and Pharmacy, National Center for Public Health and Analyses (2014); Master in Economic Logistics, UNWE (2017). Specialized in "Organization and Economics of Distribution and Pharmacy Practice", "Clinical Pharmacy", "Healthcare Economics", "Organization and Economics of Pharmaceutical Production" and "Hospital Pharmacy". The work experience as a lecturer of Assoc.-prof. Grigorov passes through assistant, senior assistant, principal assistant and from 2015 Associate professor at MU-Varna. The academic development of Assoc.-prof. Grigorov undoubtedly shows the acquired and necessary knowledge and skills required for his professional realization as a teacher and scientist in the field of Pharmacy.

Educational work

The educational work of Assoc.-prof. Grigorov is mainly related to the training of pharmacy students in acquisition of the educational-qualification degree "Master in Pharmacy" in the following disciplines: Social Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Legislation, Pharmacoeconomics; Medical Devices, History of Pharmacy, Fundamentals of Clinical

Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Marketing, Evaluation of Pharmaceutical Technologies, Pharmaceutical Regulation and Economics, Development of Innovative Pharmaceutical Studies and Devices. According to the curricula, Assoc.-prof. Grigorov leads lectures, conducts practical exercises, seminars, participates in semester and state examination committees with teaching load exceeding the required teaching hours, according to the decision of the Academic Council of MU-Varna. He is a supervisor of one defended PhD student, a co-supervisor of ten defended PhD students, as well as of five PhD students in training. Assoc.-prof. Grigorov is the supervisor of 13 graduate students (MU-Varna) and 22 continuing graduate students (MU-Varna). He is the supervisor of 18 students who have defended their master theses at MU-Varna. Assoc.-prof. Grigorov participates in the development and continuous updating of the curricula of the courses he teaches and is co-author of one textbook "Social Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Legislation" and three handbooks. His non-classroom teaching has been associated with lectures in Continuing education programmes in various specialties in University of National and World Economy, New Bulgarian University, Bulgarian Pharmaceutical Union, and Medical University – Varna.

The educational work of Assoc.-prof. Grigorov gives grounds to define him as a constantly developing lecturer at MU-Varna, generally in the fields of Social Pharmacy, Pharmacoeconomics and Pharmaceutical Legislation.

Scientific research work

Regarding scientific research work, Assoc.-prof. Grigorov fully meets the quantitative criteria defined in the Minimum National Requirements and the Requirements of the Regulations on the Conditions and Procedure for the Acquisition of Scientific Degrees and Academic Positions at MU-Varna. According to the report prepared in the MU-Varna Library, he participated in the competition with 16 scientific publications, refereed and indexed (indicator C4), of which 9 publications in IF journals, indicator D7 - 30 publications (refereed and indexed) and indicator D8 - 21 publications (non-refereed). Assoc.-prof. Grigorov has participated in national (101) and international (22) scientific forums. He has participated in three scientific projects.

The citations reflecting the scientific activity of Assoc.-prof. Grigorov are 30 from foreign scientific journals and authors (indicator E10).

The main scientific contributions of Assoc.-prof. Grigorov are of scientific-theoretical and scientific-applied nature in the areas of Hospital Pharmacy, Pharmacotherapy, History of Pharmacy, Experimental Laboratory Studies, Role of the Hospital Pharmacist in the provision of Clinical Pharmaceutical Services, Social Pharmacy and Health Technology Assessment.

Precisely, Assoc.-prof. Grigorov focuses on exploring and demonstrating the promising nature of Hospital Pharmacy with an emphasis on the importance of the Hospital Pharmacist in analyzing scientific drug information and providing Clinical Pharmacy Services. This is an approach for effective pharmacotherapy in the treatment of cardiovascular and neurological diseases. The feasibility of the approach for accelerated post-operative recovery in Bulgaria and its socio-economic importance are demonstrated.

The role of the pharmacist in the pharmacy system as a provider of various health services and its importance for counselling the potential patient is analyzed. These results provide an opportunity for optimization and better efficiency regarding the importance and work of the pharmacist in the pharmacy system.

The pharmacoeconomic analysis of certain cancer therapies, medication abortion in Bulgaria and plaque psoriasis treatment is relevant to answer the "cost/utility" question. The chosen analytical approach could be applied to different therapies and drug products.

Assoc.-prof. Grigorov applies modern and convincing research approaches and methods. This scientific quest defines him as a continuously evolving scientist responding to the challenges of time. The scientific metrics presented by Assoc.-prof. Grigorov for holding the Academic position of "Professor" in accordance with the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for the Development of Academic Staff of the Medical University - Varna are convincing. For indicator C, the minimum is 100 points, against the candidate's 268.5 points. Overall, for indicators D 5-9, the minimum is 200 points, against 768.5 points of Assoc.-prof. Grigorov.

Conclusion

Assoc.-prof. Grigorov meets all the requirements for acquiring the academic position "PROFESSOR". My evaluation is convinced **POSITIVE**.

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