



**EXTRACT FROM THE MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES No. 41 of 8 June 2026**

Opinion by Assoc. Prof. Svetoslav Dobrilov, PhD, regarding the verification of the legality of the elections for the governing bodies held at the General Assembly of the Faculty of Dental Medicine on 11 May 2026.

Regarding the adoption of the annual balance sheet and the statement of income and expenses of Medunipharm Ltd., Varna, for 2025, the discharge of the Manager from liability for her activities during 2025, and the amendment of the Articles of Incorporation of Medunipharm Ltd.

The Academic Council resolved:

1.1. To approve the annual activity report, the balance sheet, and the statement of income and expenses of **Medunipharm Ltd.** for 2025.

1.2. To discharge the Manager of **Medunipharm Ltd.** from liability for her activities as Manager during 2025.

The Academic Council resolved:

"The company's capital amounts to EUR 153,388 (one hundred and fifty-three thousand three hundred and eighty-eight euros), divided into 100 (one hundred) shares, each with a nominal value of EUR 1,533.88 (one thousand five hundred and thirty-three euros and eighty-eight euro cents)."

Regarding an amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Centre for Medical Pedagogy and Communication.

The Academic Council adopted the following amendments and additions to the **Rules of Procedure of the Centre for Medical Pedagogy and Communication** at the **Medical University "Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov" – Varna**, adopted by resolution of the Academic Council under Minutes No. 26 of 21 July 2025.

§1. In Article 5, a new Item 4 is created with the following wording:

"4. (New, effective from) Other specialised courses and training programmes – The Centre for Medical Pedagogy and Communication may organise and conduct other specialised courses, seminars, and training programmes aimed at developing the pedagogical, communication, digital, and interdisciplinary competences of academic and non-academic staff, in accordance with contemporary trends and the needs of higher medical education."

Appendix: Rules of Procedure of the Centre for Medical Pedagogy and Communication of the Medical University "Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov" – Varna.

Regarding exemption from the tuition fee for doctoral studies in an independent form of study and from the fee for the public defence of a doctoral thesis.

The Academic Council resolved that Dr shall be exempt from paying the tuition fee for the doctoral programme in **Haematology and Blood Transfusion**, as well as the fee for the public defence of the doctoral thesis.

Regarding amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Research Institute at the Medical University – Varna.

The Academic Council resolved to adopt the amendments and additions to the **Rules of Procedure of the Research Institute at the Medical University – Varna**, in accordance with **Appendix No. 1** hereto.

Appendix No. 1: Amendments and Additions to the Rules of Procedure of the Research Institute at the Medical University – Varna.

Regarding the allocation of funds from the Medical University – Varna's own revenues to support publication activity in 2026.

The Academic Council resolved to allocate **EUR 50,000** from the Medical University – Varna's own revenues to supplement the already established **Fund for the Support of the Publication of Articles and Scientific Papers in Journals with an Impact Factor by Researchers from the Structures of the Medical University – Varna**.

The funds from the Fund shall be used only after the full utilization of the funds provided through the state subsidy for the University's inherent scientific or artistic and creative activities and for the publication of textbooks and scientific works for the Medical University – Varna for 2025, as determined by a resolution of the Academic Council (Minutes No. 31 of 10 November 2025).

Regarding the announcement of competitions for the academic positions of Assistant Professor and Professor.

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of **Assistant Professor in Field of Higher Education 7. Healthcare and Sports, Professional Field 7.1. Medicine**, specialty **General and Clinical Pathology – one position**, comprising a **0.5 full-time equivalent position** in the Department of General and Clinical Pathology, Forensic Medicine and Deontology, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University – Varna, and a **0.5 full-time equivalent position** in the Clinic of General and Clinical Pathology at “**St Marina**” **University Hospital for Active Treatment JSC – Varna**.

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of **Assistant Professor in Field of Higher Education 7. Healthcare and Sports, Professional Field 7.1. Medicine**, specialty **Pharmacology (including Pharmacokinetics and Chemotherapy) – one position** in the Department of Pharmacology, Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University – Varna.

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of **Professor in Field of Higher Education 7. Healthcare and Sports, Professional Field 7.1. Medicine**, specialty **Cardiology – one position**, comprising a **0.5 full-time equivalent position** in the Department of Cardiology and Rheumatology, Teaching Unit in Cardiology, Faculty of Medicine,

Medical University – Varna, and a **1.0 full-time equivalent position** in the First Clinic of Cardiology at “**St Marina**” **University Hospital for Active Treatment JSC – Varna**.

Regarding the approval of the participation fee for the course "Ankle and Foot Surgery with International Participation".

The Academic Council approved a participation fee of **EUR 150** for all participants, including medical specialists and resident doctors, attending the course "**Ankle and Foot Surgery with International Participation**", to be held on **2–3 July 2026**.

The funds received into the account of the Medical University – Varna in connection with the event shall be used to cover the costs for the course organisation.

Regarding the approval of the curriculum for the 2026/2027 admission to the Medicine programme and the updating of the current curricula for the 2021/2022, 2022/2023, 2023/2024, 2024/2025, and 2025/2026 cohorts.

The Academic Council approved the new curriculum for the **Medicine** programme for the **2026/2027 admission** and the updated curricula for the current cohorts, aligned with the newly adopted curriculum for the 2026/2027 academic year.

Regarding the extension of employment contracts of habilitated academic staff after reaching the age of 65, pursuant to §11 of the Transitional and Final Provisions of the Higher Education Act.

The Academic Council resolved to extend, after reaching the retirement age under Article 328(1), Item 10 of the Labour Code, the employment contract of **Prof. Antonia Yordanova Atanasova, MD, DSc**, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, for a period of **one year**, effective **17 June 2026** (*first extension*).

The Academic Council resolved to extend, after reaching the retirement age under Article 328(1), Item 10 of the Labour Code, the employment contract of **Prof. Yoto Trifonov Yotov, MD**, First Department of Internal Diseases, Teaching Unit in Cardiology, for a period of **one year**, effective **25 June 2026** (*first extension*).

The Academic Council resolved to extend, after reaching the retirement age under Article 328(1), Item 10 of the Labour Code, the employment contract of **Assoc. Prof. Yavor Dimitrov Peychev, MD**, First Department of Internal Diseases, Teaching Unit in Cardiology, for a period of **one year**, effective **23 July 2026** (*first extension*).

The Academic Council resolved to extend, after reaching the retirement age under Article 328(1), Item 10 of the Labour Code, the employment contract of **Prof. Ara Garabed Kaprelyan, MD, DSc**, Department of Neurology and Neurosciences, for a period of **one year**, effective **8 June 2026** (*first extension*).

The Academic Council resolved to extend, after reaching the retirement age under Article 328(1), Item 10 of the Labour Code, the employment contract of **Assoc. Prof. Evgeniya Dencheva Kalevska, MD**, Department of Neurology and Neurosciences, for a period of **one year**, effective **27 July 2026** (*second extension*).

The Academic Council resolved to extend, after reaching the retirement age under Article 328(1), Item 10 of the Labour Code, the employment contract of **Prof. Rosen Gospodinov Kolarov, MD**, Department of General and Operative Surgery, for a period of **one year**, effective **11 June 2026** (*third extension*).

Regarding the organisation of the Tenth Varna Summer School "Introduction to Emergency Medicine".

The Academic Council resolved that the **Medical University – Varna** shall organise the **Tenth Varna Summer School "Introduction to Emergency Medicine"** from **15 July to 26 July 2026**, during a period free from semester and state examinations, for **fifth- and sixth-year medical students**.

The Summer School shall comprise a **two-day theoretical module**, to be held on **15 and 16 July** in the **First Lecture Hall of the Medical University – Varna**, followed by a **ten-day practical module** at the **Centre for Emergency Medical Care – Varna** and the **Emergency Admissions Department of St Marina University Hospital for Active Treatment JSC – Varna**.

Regarding the extension of the employment contract of a habilitated academic staff member after reaching the age of 65, pursuant to §11 of the Transitional and Final Provisions of the Higher Education Act.

The Academic Council resolved to extend the employment contract of **Prof. Tsanka Dimitrova Dikova, DSc (Engineering)** for a period of **one year** (*first extension*), effective **3 September 2026**, in the position of **Professor in a Higher Education Institution** in the **Department of Dental Materials Science and Prosthetic Dental Medicine**.

Regarding the approval of academic documentation for the 2026/2027 academic year.

The Academic Council approved the **programme qualification profiles**, effective from the **2026/2027 academic year**, for the following programmes:

1. Nursing, Bachelor's degree
2. Midwifery, Bachelor's degree
3. Health Management, Bachelor's degree
4. Health Management, Master's degree
5. Health Management and Medico-Social Care, Master's degree
6. Pharmaceutical Management, Master's degree
7. Pharmaceutical Management and Care, Master's degree
8. Rehabilitation, Thalassotherapy, Wellness and SPA, Master's degree
9. Physiotherapy, Bachelor's degree
10. Physiotherapy, Master's degree
11. Biomedical Engineering and Technologies, Bachelor's degree
12. Electronic and Information Technologies in Healthcare, Master's degree, 1.5-year programme
13. Electronic and Information Technologies in Healthcare, Master's degree, 1-year programme
14. Optometry, Master's degree
15. Healthcare Management, Bachelor's degree
16. Healthcare Management, Master's degree
17. Public Health Protection and Control, Master's degree
18. Speech and Language Therapy, Bachelor's degree

19. Speech and Language Therapy, Master's degree
20. Clinical Speech and Language Therapy, Master's degree
21. *Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare*, Master's degree
22. Public Health, Master's degree.

The Academic Council approved the **curricula** for the **2026/2027 academic year** for the following programmes:

1. Nursing, Bachelor's degree
2. Midwifery, Bachelor's degree
3. Health Management, Bachelor's degree (Professional Field 7.4. Public Health)
4. Health Management, Master's degree, following a Bachelor's degree in Health Management (Professional Field 7.4. Public Health)
5. Health Management, Master's degree, following a Bachelor's degree in the field of Healthcare and Sports (Professional Field 7.4. Public Health)
6. Health Management, Master's degree, following a Bachelor's degree in the field of Social Sciences (Professional Field 7.4. Public Health)
7. Pharmaceutical Management, Master's degree, full-time and part-time study
8. Rehabilitation, Thalassotherapy, Wellness and SPA, Master's degree
9. Physiotherapy, Bachelor's degree
10. Physiotherapy, Master's degree
11. Biomedical Engineering and Technologies, Bachelor's degree
12. Electronic and Information Technologies in Healthcare, Master's degree, 1.5-year programme
13. Electronic and Information Technologies in Healthcare, Master's degree, 1-year programme
14. Optometry, Master's degree
15. Healthcare Management, Bachelor's degree
16. Healthcare Management, Master's degree
17. Public Health Protection and Control, Master's degree
18. Health Management and Medico-Social Care, Master's degree (Professional Field 7.5. Healthcare), full-time and part-time study
19. Pharmaceutical Management and Care, Master's degree, full-time and part-time study
20. Speech and Language Therapy, Bachelor's degree, full-time study
21. Speech and Language Therapy, Master's degree, full-time and part-time study
22. Clinical Speech and Language Therapy, Master's degree, full-time and part-time study
23. *Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare*, Master's degree, distance learning
24. Public Health, Master's degree, full-time and distance learning.

The Academic Council approved the **updated curriculum** for the **Midwifery** programme, Bachelor's degree, full-time study, for the **2025/2026**, **2024/2025**, and **2023/2024** academic years.

The update concerns:

- the duration of the **pre-graduation clinical placement**, which is increased to **1,600 academic hours**, in accordance with the amendments to the **Ordinance on the Uniform State Requirements for the Acquisition of Higher Education in the Specialties "Nursing", "Midwifery", and "Physician Assistant" for the Bachelor's Degree** (amended and supplemented, *State Gazette*, No. 16 of 10 February 2026); and
- the **Sport** course, with a total workload of **180 academic hours**, to be studied as a compulsory subject during the first, second, and third years of the students' programme of study.

- **The Academic Council approved the updated curricula for the programme "Nursing", Bachelor's degree, full-time study, for the 2025/2026, 2024/2025, and 2023/2024 academic years.**
- The update concerns the duration of the **pre-graduation clinical placement**, which is increased to **1,600 academic hours**, in accordance with the amendments and supplements to the **Ordinance on the Uniform State Requirements for the Acquisition of Higher Education in the Specialties "Nursing", "Midwifery", and "Physician Assistant" for the Bachelor's Degree** (amended and supplemented, *State Gazette*, No. 16 of 10 February 2026), as well as the **Sport** course, with a total workload of **180 hours**, studied as compulsory classes during the first, second, and third years of the students' education.

Regarding the announcement of competitions for the academic position of Chief Assistant Professor.

- The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of **Chief Assistant Professor in Field of Higher Education 5. Technical Sciences, Professional Field 5.2. Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Automation, specialty Biomedical Engineering and Technologies – one position, a 1.0 full-time equivalent position** in the Department of Medical Equipment, Electronic and Information Technologies in Healthcare, Faculty of Public Health.
- The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of **Chief Assistant Professor in Field of Higher Education 5. Technical Sciences, Professional Field 5.2. Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Automation, specialty Simulation Equipment and Technologies in Medicine – one position, a 0.25 full-time equivalent position** in the Department of Medical Equipment, Electronic and Information Technologies in Healthcare, Faculty of Public Health.
- The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of **Chief Assistant Professor in Field of Higher Education 5. Technical Sciences, Professional Field 5.2. Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Automation, specialty Health Informatics – one position, a 1.0 full-time equivalent position** in the Department of Medical Equipment, Electronic and Information Technologies in Healthcare, Faculty of Public Health.

Regarding the announcement of a competition for the academic position of Assistant Professor.

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of **Assistant Professor – 0.5 full-time equivalent position** in the specialty **Healthcare Management** (Bulgarian language programme), **Field of Higher Education 7. Healthcare and Sports, Professional Field 7.4. Public Health**, for the needs of the **Nursing Training Sector** at the Faculty of Public Health, and **one full-time position** for the **First Cardiology Clinic with Intensive Cardiology Unit** at **St Marina University Hospital for Active Treatment JSC – Varna**.

Requirements for applicants: higher education, Master's degree in **Healthcare Management**, and a doctoral degree in the specialty **Healthcare Management**.

Additional requirement: applicants must possess professional qualification in the specialty **Nursing**.

Regarding the announcement of a competition for the academic position of Assistant Professor.

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of **Assistant Professor – 0.25 full-time equivalent position** in the specialty **Biomedical Engineering and Technologies** (Bulgarian language programme), **Field of Higher Education 5. Technical Sciences, Professional Field 5.2. Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Automation**, for the needs of the Department of Medical Equipment, Electronic and Information Technologies in Healthcare, Faculty of Public Health.

Requirement for applicants: a Master's degree in the specialty **Software Engineering**.

Regarding the announcement of a competition for the academic position of Associate Professor.

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of **Associate Professor** in the specialty **Public Health Management, Field of Higher Education 7. Healthcare and Sports, Professional Field 7.4. Public Health – one full-time position** for the needs of the Department of Social Medicine and Healthcare Organisation, Faculty of Public Health.

Regarding the purchase and delivery of a robotic spinal decompression system.

The Academic Council resolved that a **robotic spinal decompression system** shall be purchased and delivered for the facilities of the **Department of Physiotherapy**.

The estimated value of the system is **EUR 144,000.00 including VAT**.

Regarding the conclusion of a contract with a visiting Associate Professor.

The Academic Council resolved to conclude a contract with **Assoc. Prof. Dobrin Nikolaev Paskalev, MD**, as a **Visiting Associate Professor**, for the period from **3 August 2026 to 12 February 2027 inclusive**, at the **Medical Laboratory Technician Training Sector, Medical College – Varna**.

Regarding the conclusion of contracts with part-time lecturers for the winter semester of the 2026/2027 academic year.

The Academic Council resolved to conclude contracts with part-time lecturers for the winter semester of the **2026/2027 academic year** for the needs of the **Medical Optician, Radiographer, and Medical Laboratory Technician Training Sectors at Medical College – Varna**.

Regarding the announcement of a competition for the academic position of Chief Assistant Professor for the Radiographer Training Sector.

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of **Chief Assistant Professor** in **Field of Higher Education 7. Healthcare and Sports, Professional Field 7.4. Public Health**, specialty **Healthcare Management** (Bulgarian-language programme) – **one position, a 1.0 full-time equivalent position** for the **Radiographer Training Sector** at the Medical College of the Medical University "Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov" – Varna.

Additional competition requirement: applicants must possess professional qualification in the specialty **Radiographer**.

Regarding the announcement of a competition for the academic position of Chief Assistant Professor for the Dental Technician Training Sector.

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of **Chief Assistant Professor in Field of Higher Education 7. Healthcare and Sports, Professional Field 7.4. Public Health**, specialty **Healthcare Management** (Bulgarian-language programme) – **one position, a 1.0 full-time equivalent position** for the **Dental Technician Training Sector** at the Medical College of the Medical University "Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov" – Varna.

Additional competition requirement: applicants must possess professional qualification in the specialty **Dental Technician**.

Regarding the announcement of a competition for the academic position of Chief Assistant Professor for the Public Health Inspector Training Sector.

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of **Chief Assistant Professor in Field of Higher Education 7. Healthcare and Sports, Professional Field 7.4. Public Health**, specialty **Public Health Management** (Bulgarian-language programme) – **one position, a 1.0 full-time equivalent position** for the **Public Health Inspector Training Sector** at the Medical College of the Medical University "Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov" – Varna.

Additional competition requirement: applicants must possess professional qualification in the specialty **Sanitary Inspector**.

Regarding the conclusion of contracts with part-time lecturers for the winter semester of the 2026/2027 academic year for the Veliko Tarnovo Branch of the Medical University – Varna.

The Academic Council resolved that civil contracts shall be concluded for the winter semester of the **2026/2027 academic year** for the programmes **Nursing** and **Midwifery** at the **Veliko Tarnovo Branch of the Medical University – Varna**.

Regarding the update of participation fees for the Eleventh Pharmaceutical Business Forum.

The Academic Council approved the participation fees for the **Eleventh Pharmaceutical Business Forum**, to be held on **30–31 October 2026**, as follows:

Participation fees for the scientific event, including VAT:

Student participants – free of charge. The fee includes participation in the scientific programme, promotional materials, coffee breaks, and cocktail reception.

Doctoral students, resident doctors, lecturers, and other healthcare professionals – **EUR 100.00 / BGN 195.58**. The fee includes participation in the scientific programme, promotional materials, coffee breaks, cocktail reception, and official dinner.

The forms of participation and fees for companies, including VAT, shall remain unchanged.

The resolution shall remain valid for subsequent editions of the **Pharmaceutical Business Forum** until a new proposal for changing the amount of the fees is submitted.

Regarding participation in the international network European Association of Centres for Medical Ethics (EACME).

The Academic Council resolved that the **Medical University – Varna** shall apply for membership in the international network **European Association of Centres for Medical Ethics (EACME)** and that the membership fee shall be paid.

Regarding participation in the international network World Federation of Hydrotherapy and Climatotherapy (FEMTEC).

The Academic Council resolved that the **Medical University – Varna** shall apply for membership in the international network **World Federation of Hydrotherapy and Climatotherapy (FEMTEC)** and that the membership fee shall be paid.

Regarding the nomination of a Deputy Chairperson of the Accreditation Council of the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency (NEAA) and supervisor of the Standing Committee for Post-Accreditation Monitoring and Control.

The Academic Council resolved to nominate **Assoc. Prof. Maria Petrova Kehayova-Stoycheva, PhD**, Associate Professor in **Field of Higher Education 3. Social, Economic and Legal Sciences, Professional Field 3.8. Economics**, at the **University of Economics – Varna**, for the position of **Deputy Chairperson of the Accreditation Council of the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency (NEAA)** and supervisor of the **Standing Committee for Post-Accreditation Monitoring and Control**.

Chairperson of the Academic Council:

Prof. Dimitar Raykov, MD, DSc

Rector