



## EXCERPT FROM A MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

### MINUTES No. 38 of 23 March 2026

**regarding the announcement of a competition for the academic position of “Professor.”** The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of “Professor” – one position in the specialty “English for Medical Purposes,” field of higher education 2. Humanities, professional field 2.1. Philology, for the needs of the Department of Western and Classical Languages, Department of Foreign Language Teaching, Communication and Sports, Medical University – Varna. The Academic Council resolved not to apply the requirement of Art. 137, para. 1, item 6 of the Regulations for the Academic Staff of MU–Varna, and that the total number of points for indicators 15 to 22 in field 2. Humanities shall be one hundred, without applying the requirement that more than 80 points must come from indicators 15 and 16.

**regarding the approval of training practice and pre-graduation internship facilities for students.** The Academic Council resolved to approve the following institutions as facilities for conducting training practice and pre-graduation internships for students:

1. Association “Center for Rehabilitation and Social Contacts for Children and Persons with Visual Impairments” – Varna, for students in the specialties “Nursing” and “Speech Therapy.”
2. MHAT “Ivan Skenderov” – Gotse Delchev, for students in the specialty “Public Health Protection and Control.”
3. Regional Health Inspectorate – Yambol, for students in the specialty “Public Health Protection and Control.”
4. Regional Directorate for Food Safety – Burgas, for students in the specialty “Public Health Protection and Control.”

**regarding the adoption of strategic documents related to the research activities of MU–Varna.** The Academic Council adopts the following strategic documents related to the research activities of the Medical University – Varna:

1. **Strategy for the Development of Research Activities at the Medical University – Varna for the period 2026–2030**, in accordance with Annex No. 1 hereto;
2. **Implementation Plan to the Strategy for the Development of Research Activities at the Medical University – Varna for the period 2026–2030**, in accordance with Annex No. 2 hereto.

The strategic documents shall enter into force on the date of their adoption by the Academic Council.

#### Annexes:

1. Strategy for the Development of Research Activities at the Medical University – Varna for the period 2026–2030.
2. Implementation Plan to the Strategy for the Development of Research Activities at the Medical University – Varna.

**regarding the renewal of the editorial board of the journal *Scripta Scientifica Medica*.** The Academic Council determines the following composition of the Editorial Board of the journal *Scripta Scientifica Medica*:

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30. Dr. Georgi Stoyanov, MD – Multiprofile Hospital for Active Treatment – Shumen, Bulgaria

**regarding the nomination of a member of the Standing Committee for Area 5. Technical Sciences at NEAA.** The Academic Council approves Assoc. Prof. Medikha Enver Mehmed-Hamza, PhD, Department of Medical Equipment, Electronics and Information Technologies, as the candidate of the Medical University – Varna for the Standing Committee of the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency (NEAA) in Area 5: Technical Sciences.

**regarding the approval of fees for medical courses.** The Academic Council resolved that a cooperation agreement shall be concluded between MU–Varna and the Bulgarian Maritime Qualification Centre – Varna, in accordance with Annex No. 1 hereto. It determines the fees for participation in maritime courses conducted under the above-mentioned agreement, in accordance with Annex No. 2.

**Annexes:**

1. Draft cooperation agreement between MU–Varna and Bulgarian Maritime Qualification Centre – Varna.
2. Fees for medical courses conducted under the cooperation agreement with Bulgarian Maritime Qualification Centre – Varna.

**regarding the announcement of a competition 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 the specialty **Kinesitherapy**, field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.4. Public Health – one position, consisting of **0.5 full-time equivalent** for the Department of Kinesitherapy at the Faculty of Public Health, and **0.5 full-time equivalent** for the Second Clinic of Neurology at University Hospital “St. Marina” – Varna.

**Requirements for candidates:** – Master’s degree in Kinesitherapy; – Doctoral degree (PhD) in the specialty Kinesitherapy; – Minimum of two years of teaching experience.

**regarding the approval of participation fees and sponsorship tariffs for the Eleventh Pharmaceutical Business Forum.** The Academic Council approves the participation fees and the forms and tariffs for sponsorship for the Eleventh Pharmaceutical Business Forum, which will be held from 30–31 October 2026, as follows:

1. **Participation fees for the scientific event (VAT included):**
  - Student participants – free of charge
  - PhD students, residents, academic staff, and other medical specialists – **50.00 EUR / 97.79 BGN** (The fee includes participation in the scientific programme, promotional materials, coffee breaks, cocktail reception, and official dinner.)
2. **Forms of participation and fees for companies (prices include VAT):**
  - Sponsorship fee for participation with a company presentation (up to 15 minutes) – **500.00 EUR / 977.92 BGN**
  - Sponsorship fee for participation with an information booth (two-day rental for a booth up to 3 sq.m. or an equivalent-sized company booth) – **1000.00 EUR / 1955.83 BGN**
  - **Silver Sponsor** – participation with a company presentation; information booth; right to a promotional video – **2000.00 EUR / 3911.66 BGN**

- **Gold Sponsor** – participation with a company presentation; information booth; right to a promotional video; logo on conference materials – **3000.00 EUR / 5867.49 BGN**
- **Platinum Sponsor** – participation with a company presentation; information booth; right to a promotional video; logo on conference materials and on the event banner – **5000.00 EUR / 9779.15 BGN**

The prices shall apply to all participants/sponsors who have registered and declared sponsorship by the deadline of **15 October 2026**. This decision shall remain in force for subsequent editions of the Pharmaceutical Business Forum until a new proposal for changes to the fees is submitted.

**regarding the extension of an employment contract after reaching the age of 65.** The Academic Council resolves to extend the employment contract of Assoc. Prof. Lyubka Yurieva Decheva-Ikonomova, MD, PhD, for a period of one year, effective from 13 May 2026 (second extension), for the position “Associate Professor, Higher Education Institution” in the Department of Clinical Medical Sciences.

**regarding the selection of a lecturer in Bulgarian as a foreign language.** The Academic Council elects **Petya Stoyanova Daskalova-Stancheva**, with an overall grade of **Very Good (5.00)**, as lecturer in Bulgarian as a foreign language in the Department of Slavic Languages and Communication of the Department of Foreign Language Teaching, Communication and Sports.

**regarding the withdrawal with the right to defend of Elka Dancheva Kostova.** The Academic Council adopts the following decisions:

1. Elka Dancheva Kostova shall be withdrawn with the right to defend.
2. The following composition of the Scientific Jury for the defense of Elka Dancheva Kostova is proposed:

**External members:**

1. Prof. Maya Lyubomirova Vizeva – Medical College, Medical University – Sofia
2. Assoc. Prof. Pavlina Penkova Teneva – Trakia University – Stara Zagora, Medical College
3. Prof. Galina Stamova Chaneva – Medical University – Sofia, Faculty of Public Health

**Alternate external member:** Prof. Ivanka Kostova Stambolova – Medical University – Sofia, Faculty of Public Health

**Internal members:**

1. Assoc. Prof. Pepa Miteva Dzhezheva – Medical University “Prof. Dr. P. Stoyanov” – Varna, Sliven Affiliate
2. Assoc. Prof. Silvia Ivanova Filkova – Medical University “Prof. Dr. P. Stoyanov” – Varna, Medical College

**Alternate internal member:** Assoc. Prof. Anna Petrova Georgieva – Medical University “Prof. Dr. P. Stoyanov” – Varna, Faculty of Public Health

The final meeting of the Scientific Jury for the defense of the dissertation of PhD candidate Elka Dancheva Kostova shall be held on **8 May 2026**.

**regarding the withdrawal with the right to defend of Denislav Krasimirov Ivanov.** The Academic Council adopts the following decisions:

1. Denislav Krasimirov Ivanov shall be withdrawn with the right to defend.
2. The following composition of the Scientific Jury for the defense of Denislav Krasimirov Ivanov is proposed:

**External members:**

1. Prof. Ruska Vasileva Paskaleva – Trakia University, Stara Zagora
2. Assoc. Prof. Katya Genova Mollova – Trakia University, Stara Zagora, Medical College
3. Prof. Galina Stamova Chaneva – Medical University – Sofia, Faculty of Public Health

**Alternate external member:** Assoc. Prof. Petya Georgieva Krumova – Trakia University, Stara Zagora, Medical College

**Internal members:**

1. Assoc. Prof. Pepa Miteva Dzhezheva – Medical University “Prof. Dr. P. Stoyanov” – Varna, Sliven Affiliate
2. Assoc. Prof. Nikolay Svetoslavov Nedev – Medical University “Prof. Dr. P. Stoyanov” – Varna, Medical College

**Alternate internal member:** Assoc. Prof. Svetlana Peneva Angelova – Medical University “Prof. Dr. P. Stoyanov” – Varna, Medical College

The final meeting of the Scientific Jury for the defense of the dissertation of PhD candidate Denislav Krasimirov Ivanov shall be held on **8 May 2026**.

**regarding the extension of an employment contract after reaching the age of 65.** The Academic Council resolves to extend the employment contract of Assoc. Prof. Diana Stancheva Dimitrova, PhD (Psychology), Department of Nursing Care, Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate (third extension), for a period of one year, effective from **17 April 2026**.

*Chair of the Academic Council: Prof. Dimitar Raikov, MD, PhD, DSc – Rector*