

## Opinion

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**Subject:** Competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health and sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty "Skin and venereal diseases", 0.5 half-time position for the needs of the Educational Sector of Dermatology and Venereology, Department of Infectious Diseases, Parasitology and Dermato-venereology, Faculty of Medicine. MU Varna.

### 1. Information about the procedure

The competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. "Health and Sports", professional field 7.1 "Medicine", in the scientific specialty "Skin and Venereal Diseases", 0.5 half-time position for the needs of the Education Sector in Dermatology and Venereology, Department of Infectious Diseases, Parasitology and Dermato-venereology, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University of Varna was announced in SG No. 17 / 26.02.2020. With Order №P-109-1777 / 23.04.2021 from the Rector of MU Varna I have been appointed a member of the Scientific Jury and the decision of the first online meeting was to present an opinion.

Documents for participation in the competition have been submitted to only one candidate - Dr. Filka Georgieva Georgieva, MD, who meets all the requirements of ZRASRB, PPZRASRB and the Regulations for the development of the academic staff of the Medical University - Varna.

### 2. Professional data of the candidate

Dr. Filka Georgieva MD graduated in 1987 at the Medical Institute - Varna. She acquired a degree in Dermatology and Venereology in 2001 from the Medical University of Sofia. In 2016, based on a defended dissertation on the topic: "State of the ANS, changes in skin barrier indicators and psycho-emotional aspects in patients with lichen simplex chronicus" with supervisor Assoc. Prof. D-r Racheva, was awarded the educational and scientific degree "Doctor".

Dr. Georgieva began her professional career in 1993. As an excellent graduate, she was awarded a clinical residency at the Skin Clinic at MU-Varna, where she worked until 2011. In 2011 she starts working in the Medical Center "St. Anna" - Varna. From February 2012 has been selected as an assistant and since 2019 as a chief assistant at the Education Sector in Dermatology and Venereology, Department of Infectious Diseases, Parasitology and Dermato-venereology at the Medical University of Varna

### 3. Evaluation of the quantitative and qualitative indicators of the candidate

The candidate has a total of 65 scientific papers, of which: 1 author's monograph, 1 author's scientific book, 2 co-authorships in a textbook in dermatology and venereology for students of

medicine, dentistry and pharmacy: in Bulgarian - ISBN: 978-619-221-233-9, MU - Varna, 2020  
and in English - ISBN 978-619-221-194-3, Medical University Varna, 2018; 37 publications, of which 29 in English and 8 in Bulgarian. The candidate is the sole author in 20 articles, the first author in 9, and the second author in 2 of the publications. 18 participations in national and international scientific forums (of which 8 European EADV forums and 10 in our country) with a total of 24 reports and posters (of which 14 abroad)

At the competition, Dr. Filka Georgieva presents herself with the following scientific papers:

- a dissertation for the acquisition of ONS "Doctor",
- one habilitation thesis - monograph, reviewed and printed with ISBN 978-619-221-072-4 (MU-Varna, 2016)
- a published book based on a defense dissertation for the acquisition of ONS "Doctor", printed with ISBN 978-3-330-07407-1 (Lambert Academic Publishing, 2017)
- two publications in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases of scientific information (Scopus, WOS),
- five publications in non-peer-reviewed publications with scientific review.

Dr. Filka Georgieva is an independent author of a monograph and a scientific book

The scientific works of Dr. Georgieva's have been cited nine times, of which one citation in an indexed and referenced scientific publication, two citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review and six citations in non-refereed journals with scientific review.

Beyond the minimum scientific requirements, Dr. Georgieva has presented one full-text publication in an unrefereed / indexed scientific journal and three publications in non-refereed journals with scientific review in obtaining the educational and scientific degree "Doctor"

The comparison of Dr. Georgieva's data with the national, minimum requirements for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" shows that it covers them, and in a number of points exceeds them.

#### **4. Major scientific contributions**

The candidate is most interested in Lichen Simplex Chronicus. Dr. Georgieva conducts an in-depth study of the epidemiology, pathogenesis and quality of life of patients with this dermatosis. The dissertation topics Lichen Simplex Chronicus and has an interdisciplinary character, analyzing not only the dermatological but also the pathophysiological and psychological aspects of the disease. These researches, as well as extensive literary analysis and therapeutic methods, Dr. Georgieva published in 2 independent monographs and 8 articles in Bulgarian and international scientific journals. Another aspect of Dr. Georgieva's research is the study of the role and pathogenetic basis of pruritus as one of major symptom in dermatology.

Epidemiological studies in patients with sensitive skin, psycho-dermatoses, rosacea and malignant melanoma have a scientific and practical focus.

Dr. Georgieva is also interested in sensitive skin syndrome. In her research, she uses an original method of comparing changes in skin barrier functions and the assessment of patients' psychopathology.

The publications analyzing the quality of life in patients with chronic dermatoses are of practical orientation. For the first time in Bulgaria, she made an assessment based on a comparison of the condition / dermatosis before and after treatment for dermatosis as rosacea and melasma.

Dr. Georgieva also participates in teams representing rare dermatoses, which have a strong didactic focus.

## 5. Teaching activity

The workload of Dr. Filka Georgieva is well represented and includes active participation in the training of students of medicine and dentistry at the Department of Infectious Diseases, Parasitology and Dermato-venereology of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" Varna. For the period 2015-2020, she has realized an average annual workload of 274 hours, which exceeds the required 220 hours.

She has participated in the development of lecture material on skin and venereal diseases, chapters in textbooks - 2 pcs. as well as exams for students of medicine and dentistry 4th and 5th year of Bulgarian and English language training at MU - Varna.

## Conclusion

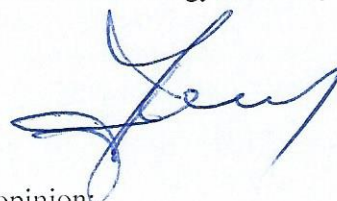
The candidate, Dr. Filka Georgieva, MD, fully meets the requirements of ZRASRB, PPZRASRB and Regulations for the development of the Academic Staff of the Medical University of Varna for the academic position of "Associate Professor".

Dr. Georgieva is a dermato-venereologist, with many years of clinical experience, with a sufficient amount of research with real theoretical and practical contributions.

Given the above, I strongly recommend to the esteemed members of the Scientific Jury to vote in favor of the election of Dr. Filka Georgieva Georgieva, M.D. for the academic position "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty "Skin and Venereal Diseases", 0.5 half-time position for the needs of the Education Sector in Dermatology and Venereology, Department of Infectious Diseases, Parasitology and Dermato-venereology, Faculty of Medicine MU Varna.

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