

OPINION

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Under the competition procedure for selection for the academic position "Associate Professor" in the field of high education 7. Health and Sport, professional field 7.1 Medicine and scientific specialty "Dermatology and Venereology" with candidate assistant Dr. Filka Georgieva Georgieva in Medical University of Varna in competition for "Associate Professor"

The candidate, Dr. Filka Georgieva Georgieva, MD, is currently a chief assistant in the Department of Dermatology and Venereology at the Medical University of Varna. She started her professional dermatological career in 1993 as a resident in a Clinic of Dermatology at the University Hospital "St. Marina" - Varna. In 2012, she won a competition for an assistant in the Department of Dermatology and Venereology at the Medical University of Varna. In 2012 she defended her PhD thesis (OHC "Doctor").

1. Set of materials

The presented set of materials on electronic media is in accordance with the regulations and the procedure for acquiring the academic position "Associate Professor" at Medical University of Varna.

2. Scientific activity of Filka Georgieva Georgieva, MD, PhD

The scientific work and published scientific papers are presented by two monographs – one in English and one in Bulgarian languages, and participation in two textbooks - one in English and one in Bulgarian languages. The actual scientific publications in scientific journals are 37 as 30 in English and 7 in Bulgarian languages.

The participation in scientific forums is 24, as 18 are international and 6 are national.

The total number of citations - 9. Citations or reviews in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world famous databases with scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes - 1. Cited in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review - 2. Cited or reviewed in non-refereed journals with scientific review - 6.

7 of the citations are in foreign scientific journals and 2 in Bulgarian.

The publications in editions with impact factor - 4, as the total impact factor is 17.184.

The presented publication activity provides an opportunity to determine the following areas in the scientific and professional interests of Filka Georgieva, MD, PhD.

The largest share in the scientific works is on the dermatosis "Lichen simplex chronicus".

The dissertation "Condition of the autonomic nervous system, changes in the indicators of the skin barrier and psycho-emotional aspects in patients with lichen simplex chronicus" was defended in 2016.

In the dissertation and scientific publications for the first time in Bulgaria, an extensive literary analysis, as well as a systematic study on this dermatosis was made. The influence of the autonomic nervous system, stress and the violation of the indicators of the skin barrier on the pathogenesis of chronic skin lichen was studied.

The role and pathogenetic basis of pruritus as a major symptom was extensively pointed out. A critical analysis of therapeutic approaches was presented
Epidemiological studies have been performed in patients with sensitive skin, psycho-dermatoses, rosacea and malignant melanoma.

The influence of some chronic dermatological conditions and dermatoses on the quality of life of the patients was analysed. For the first time in Bulgaria, an assessment was made based on comparing the condition / dermatosis before and after treatment.

The influence of the ANS and the psycho-emotional state of patients with sensitive skin, psycho-dermatoses, rosacea and some chronic dermatoses were studied. An original method of comparison between the changes in the skin barrier functions and the assessment of the patients' psychopathology was used. For the first time in Bulgarian scientific literature examines the psycho-neurological aspect and the role of stress in the development of chronic skin diseases.

Report of efficacy of the use of desloratidine in patients with cold urticaria was made.

3. Teaching activity

Filka Georgieva, MD, PhD has 09. 01.02 days teaching experience until 18. 03. 2021.

The study load includes lectures by English-speaking students for 2015/2016 - 44 and for 2016/2017 - 16-study hours. Supervises the exercises of English and Bulgarian students as in total hours are respectively for the school years: 2015/2016 - 168 study hours; 2016/2017 - 278; 2017/2018 - 318; 2018/2019 - 298; 2019-2020 – 310 study hours.

The total workload with students is 1432 study hours.

4. Conclusion

After carefully reading the documentation presented to me for the professional and scientific development of Filka Georgieva Georgieva, MD, PhD, I believe that the scientific production contains scientific, scientific-applied and applied results, which represent an original contribution to science and meet all the requirements of the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB), the Regulations for implementation of ZRASRB and the Regulations of MU – Varna.

The attached documents show that the candidate Filka Georgieva, MD, PhD, has theoretical knowledge and professional skills in the scientific specialty of Dermatology and Venereology, and has the qualities and skills to conduct research independently.

Due to the above, I give my positive assessment of and propose to the esteemed scientific jury to award the academic position of "Associate Professor" to Filka Georgieva Georgieva, MD, PhD.

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