

STATEMENT

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Regarding: Competition for occupation of academic title "Associate Professor", in the higher education area 7. „Healthcare and sport”, professional direction 7.1. "Medicine", "Hygiene (incl. occupational, communal, school, radiation, etc.)" major, announced in State Gazette issue No. 10/2014. 61/23.07.2021 for the needs of the "Public health" faculty, department of Hygiene and Epidemiology. With order No P-109-395/20.09.2021 of Prof. Dr. Valentin Ignatov, MD, PhD – Rector of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" – Varna, issued by the Rector of MU – Varna, I'm an elected member of the Scientific Jury (SJ), and according to Protocol №1 of the conducted first meeting of the SJ, I've been allocated the duty to prepare a statement according to the procedure of occupying the academic title "professor" of the "*Hygiene (incl. occupational, communal, school, radiation, etc.)*" major. Chief Assistant Dr Rositsa Hristova - Chamova., MD, PhD is the single candidate in the competition. The competition procedures are met and the candidate's documents are in accordance with the requirements of the Development of the academic staff law in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Rules of procedure for the development of the academic staff in Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" – Varna and the established in it criteria for occupation of academic title " Associate Professor ”.

Professional qualifications: Chief Assistant Dr Rositsa Hristova - Chamova., MD, PhD is born in 1972 in the city of Jambol. She graduated Medical University of Plovdiv in 1996. Her language communication skills including English, Russian languages. She started working in the Emergency Medical Care Center of Jambol and Varna. In the period 2009 -2021, she went through the academic positions – assistant and chief assistant at the Department of Hygiene, MU-Varna. In 2017 she acquired a scientific and educational degree "Doctor" with the theme of the doctoral thesis "Breastfeeding and urinary tract infection on children up to 3 years in Varna". Chief Assistant Dr Rositsa Hristova - Chamova has two specialities in Emergency medicine and Nutrition and Dietetics.

Presented materials for the competition: For this competition Chief Assistant Dr Rositsa Hristova - Chamova., MD, PhD presents a total of 33 scientific works, on top of those presented for the occupation of the academic title "Associate professor". The list of scientific papers includes scientific

publications equivalent to a habilitation thesis, published in publications that are referenced and indexed in world-famous databases for scientific information, as required by The Law for the development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for the development of the academic staff of MU-Varna. Publications and reports published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information - 5; Publications and reports published in unreferenced journals with a scientific review or published in edited collective volumes - 25; monograph – habilitation thesis “Breastfeeding and urinary tract infection on children up to 3 years in Varna” – 1 issue; monograph that are not presented as the main habilitation work – 2 issues.

Chief Assistant Dr Rositsa Hristova - Chamova is a member of the authors' team of 1 university book and 4 university textbooks in hygiene and ecology for students speciality "Medicine".

Research activity: The scientific works of Chief Assistant Dr Rositsa Hristova - Chamova., MD, PhD has been published in authoritative and peer-reviewed scientific journal - Journal of IMAB, as well as in scientific journals, published in renowned Bulgarian editions and edited collective volumes - Medinfo, Practical Pediatrics, Proceedings of the Jubilee Scientific Conference with International Participation, Virtual Congresses and others.

Chief Assistant Dr Rositsa Hristova - Chamova., MD, PhD is the co-author in most of the presented publications and reports. The scientific activity is expressed in numerous participations as an author at 21 international and national scientific forums, where over 15 scientific reports in various scientific fields.

Evaluation of the scientific contribution: The author searches of Chief Assistant Dr Rositsa Hristova - Chamova., MD, PhD are directed towards solving important practical issues:

I. Nutritional status, nutrition of pregnant women, intake of supplements during pregnancy and metabolic programming of diseases.

II. Breastfeeding and its role in the prevention of urinary tract infections in children up to 3 years of age

III. Honey and bee products as a functional food

IV. Current issues of hygiene of children and adolescents with an emphasis on schools working capacity in primary school age.

VI. Assessment of the nutritional status of different population groups.


Teaching experience: Chief Assistant Dr Rositsa Hristova - Chamova., MD, PhD has a total of 10 years of teaching experience, in MU-Varna. She trains students, interns and graduates from the Faculty of Public Health, the Faculty of

Medicine, and the specialities from the Medical College Varna, with an workload in recent years over 384 teaching hours, which is over the standard of 380 hours of teaching. The range of subjects in the teaching palette of Chief Assistant Dr Rositsa Hristova - Chamova includes Hygiene and Ecology - Bulgarian and English Language Training, Environment and Health-Masters, Masters Public Health-Cyprus and Bulgaria, Environment, nutrition and health - Masters in Health Management (Bulgarian and Russian Language Training), , Nutrition and dietetics - Masters, Rehabilitation, Wellness and spa, Food safety - Master's program in Safety and control of public health, Hygiene of nutrition - bachelors-Inspectors in public health, lecturer in the following CME training: Nutrition during the first 1000 days; Nutrition of children with type 1 diabetes mellitus.

Chief Assistant Dr Rositsa Hristova - Chamova., MD, PhD participates in numerous professional institutions and organizations - Member of the Bulgarian Medical Union, of the Bulgarian Society of Nutrition and Dietetic, of the European Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (ESPGHAN), of the Bulgarian Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, Bulgarian Public Health Association (BPHA), European Public Health Association (EUPHA)

Conclusion: Based on the materials presented to me for the competition and on my personal impressions of Chief Assistant Dr Rositsa Hristova - Chamova., MD, PhD, I'm convinced that she fully meets the requirements of the Development of the academic staff law in the Republic of Bulgaria, The rules of procedure for its implementation and the Rules of procedure for the development of the academic staff in Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" – Varna and the laid down criteria for the occupation of academic title " Associate Professor r". This is why I give my positive assessment for the selection of assoc. prof. Pancheva for professor and recommend to the honorable members of the Scientific jury to vote positively for her selection.

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