

STATEMENT

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Member of the scientific jury, appointed by order № P-109-399 / 20.09.2021 of the Rector of
MU - Varna

In a competition for the academic position of "**Associate Professor**"

Professional field **7.1. MEDICINE**

Specialty: **GENERAL MEDICINE**

Candidates: ***Ch. Assistant Professor Zhenya Ruseva Petrova, MD, PhD***

For the needs of the Department of General Medicine, Faculty of Medicine,

MU Varna

The scientific jury, at its first meeting, reviewed the documents and admitted to participation in the competition for "Associate Professor" in "General Medicine" one candidate - Ch. Assistant Professor Zhenya Ruseva Petrova, MD, PhD. The set of documents with which Dr. Petrova participates in the competition are presented according to the requirements, there are no missing documents, the presented evidence is correct, thorough and in accordance with the requirements of current regulations related to the development of the academic staff. At its meeting, the Scientific Jury assessed compliance with the minimum national requirements and decided to allow the candidate to be assessed on the merits. This statement has been prepared in accordance with the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in Bulgaria (ADASRB), the Rules for Implementation of the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff and the Rules for the Development of the Academic Staff of MU - Varna.

Professional Development. Jenya Ruseva, MD, PhD graduated successfully in 1999 at the Medical Faculty of MU - Varna with a master's degree in the professional field of medicine. The professional career of the candidate began in EMC - Varna for the period 2000 - 2011. After acquiring a specialty in "physiotherapy and rehabilitation" in 2009, she began her career in DCC "St. Marina" Ltd. Since 2016 she has been a full-time independent PhD student, defending her doctorate in general medicine in 2017, and in 2018 finishing residency in the same discipline.

From 2011 to 2018 she was an assistant in the Department of General Medicine at MU - Varna. After a successful competition, he moved to the position of chief assistant, which she still holds.

The candidate has acquired several additional qualifications: Neural Therapy and Prolotherapy.

Jenya Ruseva Petrova, MD, PhD has a total of over 10 years of experience as a lecturer in the specialty. There is a correspondence between the scientific specialty of the competition and the acquired educational and scientific degree "Doctor". Attention should be paid to the acquired SED "Doctor" of Zhenya Ruseva, MD in 2017 on the basis of a successfully defended dissertation on the topic: "Possibilities of physical factors for infancy of children with tonsillar hypertrophy and symptoms of night breathing disorders", which is entirely in

the field of the scientific specialty of the competition, is an in-depth multidisciplinary study in primary care, physiotherapy, otorhinolaryngology and pediatrics and was highly appreciated by the scientific community.

Teaching activity. Jenya Ruseva Petrova, MD, PhD participates in the training and education of full-time students for the acquisition of a master's degree in medicine and a professional bachelor's degree in health management. She has an active participation in the undergraduate internship in "General Medicine" as well as in the management of the module "General Medicine" of the residents specializing in the discipline enrolled in the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna. The topics covered and the acquisition of specific skills are entirely within the scope of scientific interests, practical experience and career of the candidate and include: preventive medicine, communication skills, health promotion and protection, health marketing and management.

All this shows that Jenya Petrova, MD has passed the initial stages and steps in her academic career, has a well-established name and has proven herself among the teaching staff and students of the faculties where she was attracted to cooperate. Among the submitted documents there is evidence of the active and in-depth work of the candidate with students and graduates. From the presented set of documents it is evident that Dr. Petrova speaks English and Russian, has the skills and motivation for leadership, management, excellent communication skills, strong personal adaptation and teamwork in a multicultural environment. In this part of the opinion I would recommend after the habilitation Jenya Petrova, MD to direct efforts together with other colleagues from the University in writing and publishing textbooks for students and PhD students - manuals, workshops, textbooks and more in the disciplines taught, in order to establish her name as a serious academic lecturer and to fully reveal her capacity. In conclusion, I highly appreciate the professionalism and pedagogical skills, theoretical and practical training of Jenya Ruseva Petrova, MD, PhD.

Research activity. Zhenya Ruseva Petrova, MD, PhD has submitted for evaluation a total of 16 scientific papers, incl. full-text publications, which are classified as follows:

Monograph / habilitation paper on the topic: Improving the quality of life of patients with disc disease through the methods of physical therapy;

Publications in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information - 11;

Publications and reports published in non-peer-reviewed journals with scientific review in non-peer-reviewed publications - 4;

The main topic of the publications is medical-social and interdisciplinary, which falls entirely within the scope of the scientific specialty of the announced competition and confirms the reference to the author's contributions.

The candidate presents his / her scientific contributions in four main groups, some of which are of different weight, and others are grouped rather mechanically, which I attribute to inexperience. The main contribution comes from the multidisciplinary approach used in scientific production and the smooth and elegant transition and collaboration between primary care physicians in the face of general practitioners and secondary care specialists - physiotherapist, orthopedist, otorhinolaryngologist, pediatrician and rheumatologist.

The candidate's publishing activity supports her contributions and is a natural continuation of her dissertation and monograph. Common problems in general practice are affected, which require a complex approach - rheumatoid arthritis, pain symptoms, amenorrhea, low back pain, attention deficit in children and congenital anomalies in the urinary system. It is noteworthy that Dr. Petrova focuses mainly on national journals with IR. I recommend in the future to look for more international exposition, as well as those with IF.

A reference for open citations shows the presence of 7 positive citations on the scientific and publishing activity of the candidate, 2 of which are in peer-reviewed journals indexed in Scopus and Web of Science. When checking the candidate for the Google Scholar cited in the database, 6 were found, as it should be noted that the personal indicator h-index is 1. I accept the presentation of the contributions by scientific areas and priorities. At the same time, it would be very reasonable for the objective evaluation of the works, the contributions to be structured as scientific-theoretical, scientific-applied, contributions to the development of education and educational institutions and contributions to general medical practice.

Administrative activity. Zhenya Ruseva Petrova, MD, PhD has multifaceted and in-depth professional, administrative and professional experience and performances. Since 2011 she has been skillfully combining the activities of a teacher, researcher and doctor. These diverse in nature and scope positions, numerous activities and responsibilities, together with the accumulated solid experience, allow Dr. Petrova to expand her potential as an organizer and manager at the middle and high level.

Conclusion. The presented documents and facts prove that Ch. Assistant Professor Jenya Ruseva Petrova, MD, PhD is an academic person, expert and specialist in the scientific specialty of the competition, who manages to combine teaching and research work with the responsibilities expected of a future leader. Dr. Petrova has gradually gone through all the stages of academic development, participating actively and responsibly in the teaching and research activities of her chosen discipline. Based on the facts presented in the review, public and professional activities, opinions and assessment of the moral and ethical qualities of the candidate, I believe that the teaching and research activities of Ch. Assistant Professor Jenya Ruseva Petrova, MD, PhD fully meet the requirements for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in "General Medicine" for the needs of the Faculty of Medicine at MU - Varna and give a positive assessment. On the basis of ADASRB, the Regulations for its application and the Regulations for development of the academic staff of MU - Varna, I propose to the members of the SCIENTIFIC JURY to vote positively and to propose to the Academic Council of MU - Varna to elect for "Associate Professor" Ch. Assistant Professor Zhenya Ruseva Petrova, MD, PhD in "General Medicine" in the field of higher education 7. "Health and Sports", professional field 7.1 "Medicine", for the needs of the Medical Faculty at MU - Varna (announced in SG, issue .61 / 23.07.2021).

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