# THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCIENTIFIC JURY, DETERMINED BY ORDER № P-109-158 / 14.4.22 OF THE RECTOR OF MU - VARNA

#### **STATUS**

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in the competition for the academic position "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty: "Forensic Psychiatry", professional field 7.1. Health and Sports, for the needs of the Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology at the Faculty of Medicine at the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov "and the First Psychiatric Clinic at the University Hospital" St. Marina "EAD-Varna, announced in SG, issue 14 / 18.02.2022

Grounds for the opinion:

The only candidate:

Order No P-109-158 / 14.4.22 of the Rector of MU - VARNA, Minutes No 63 / from 5.4.2022 and Minutes No 1 from 03.05.2022 from a meeting of the NJ

Dr. Adelina Boyanovna Djordjanova, MD from MU - Varna, Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology at the Faculty of Medicine at the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov "and the First Psychiatric Clinic at the University Hospital" St. Marina "EAD-Varna. For participation in the competition the candidate Adelina Boyanovna Djordjanova has submitted a full set of documents in accordance with the requirements of ZRASRB and the Regulations for the academic position "Associate Professor" of the Rules of MU-Varna, they are described in the application to the Rector of MU-Varna.

### I. CAREER-PROFESSIONAL PROFILE OF THE CANDIDATE

1. Education and qualification From the documentation it is established that the candidate Dr. Adelina Djordjanova meets the conditions for the competition: she has a university degree in medicine (diploma № 005073 from MU-Varna 1988/1995), certificate of acquired specialty in psychiatry (diploma № 009874 / 20.06). 2005 from MU-Varna) and in forensic psychiatry (diploma № 016159 /

person, and often that of his family, may depend. In the interest of preserving the decision of the testator and the rights of the heirs, the preparation of forensic psychiatric, forensic psychological or complex consultations before the preparation of wills, donations and transactions may be regulated by law.

The article "Diagnostic assessments leading to incapacity or limited capacity and their relationship with the parameters of the SPE and expert assessment" analyzes the diagnostic assessments until the adoption of incapacity or limited capacity, and their relationship with the parameters of the SPE. The object of research are a total of 327 persons certified in civil cases with subsequent court decisions by the District Court - Varna, for a period of 5 years. To determine the criterion of "incapacity" in psychiatric diagnoses, the following symptoms and syndromes are most common: thinking disorders, hallucinations or delusional interpretations of reality, affective disorders with a predominance of diseased emotions, personality and situation orientation disorders, attention disorders and memory, severe disorders of the self, quantitative and qualitative disorders of consciousness, lack of insight, negative symptoms, paratymia and parabulia.

The article "The historical development of forensic psychiatry in Bulgaria" reviews the historical development of forensic psychiatry in Bulgaria from the ancient Thracians to the present day. The article "Schizophrenic disorders in forensic psychiatric expertise in civil process" examines 99 sub-experts with schizophrenic disorders who have been the subject of expertise in civil cases. Analyzes show that the influence of subjectivity on the results of psychiatric evaluations is great, and one of the ways to overcome it is to increase objectivity through the application of standardized procedures.

The article "Organic mental disorders in SPE in civil proceedings" examined 84 persons with organic mental disorders, with subsequent court decisions by the District Court - Varna, trying to link the relationship between organic mental disorders and court decisions.

2. Evaluation of scientific papers with contributions in the field of psychology

Here are two publications that focus on psychological assessment in individuals with normal and cognitive impairments in the Bentan test. The connection of some demographic factors, the state of the general cognitive capacity and the assessment from the test are considered.

3. Evaluation of scientific papers with scientific and practical contributions

They can be classified into the following groups: - the forensic psychiatric expertise in the civil process has not been comprehensively studied so far, and this is a certificate of the importance and relevance of the presented monograph; - the proposal made for the preparation of a Standard for the structure of the SPE in order to improve its quality, which reflects on the judiciary: reducing the time

- 30.06.2011 from MU-Varna); defended dissertation for ONS "Doctor" in the scientific specialty: Psychiatry (forensic psychiatry) with (diploma  $N_{\odot}$  151/20/05/2016 from MU-Varna) in the Department of "Psychiatry and Medical Psychology" in MU Varna.
- 2. Work experience As of March 16, 22, Dr. Djordjanova has a total professional work experience of 16 years, 8 months and 26 days. Her teaching experience on the same date is 2 academic years as a part-time teacher and 4 years and 5 months as a senior assistant.
- 3. Teaching activity and study load The report on study load shows that for the reported 6 school years (2011-2012 and 2016-2017) the total workload is 61 hours. The workload in the academic year 2017/2018 is 232 hours, in 2018/2019 268 hours, in 2019/20120. 231 and for 2020/2021. 197 hours. The standard workload for non-habilitated lecturers is 220 hours.
- 4. Academic activity As a part-time teacher in the academic years 2011-2012. and 2016-2017 Dr. Adelina Djordjanova teaches 5th year students in the discipline of Psychiatry at the Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology. As a senior assistant in the same Department at MU-Varna in the years 2017/2022. teaches students in medicine, dentistry and in the medical college of psychiatry and medical psychology. In the period 2013-2016 he was a doctoral student of independent training in the same department. The topic of her dissertation is "Analysis of forensic psychiatric and forensic psychological examinations in civil proceedings according to the inventory of the District Court Varna, for the period from 2007 to 2012".

### II. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE MATERIALS PRESENTED IN THE COMPETITION

The documents submitted for the competition are in full and carefully arranged in a logical sequence according to the requirements for the competition. The monograph, textbook and articles are numbered separately from the appearances of scientific forums. The materials for her competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" are also given separately.

## III. EVALUATION OF THE CANDIDATE'S SCIENTIFIC PAPERS FOR HER OVERALL ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

For the competition Dr. Djordjanova presented a total of 12 scientific papers, of which dissertation, monograph (habilitation thesis), two publications in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases of scientific information, and seven - in journals with scientific review, not referenced in world-famous databases of scientific information. In addition to

the materials involved in the evidence to meet the minimum requirements for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor", the candidate presents a full text. Dr. Djordjanova also participates in a textbook on psychiatry, published by MU - Varna, in the section on Forensic Psychiatry. Materials from participations in congresses and conferences are also presented, three of which - abroad.

- 1. General characteristics of the scientific production: Dr. A. Djordjanova has presented a sufficient volume of scientific output as follows:
- According to criterion D, indicator 7, she is the first author in one publication and in the second second author;
- According to indicator 8 she is the first author in 4 publications out of 6;
- The monograph "Forensic Psychiatric Expertise in Civil Procedure" is a contemporary view and overview of this important issue. The bibliography includes 156 bibliographic sources.
- The dissertation: "Analysis of forensic psychiatric and forensic psychological examinations in civil proceedings on the list of the District Court Varna, for the period from 2007 to 2012." is well appreciated by NJ.
- 2. Dissemination and application of the scientific and practical achievements of the candidate among the scientific community:

According to the presented report, Dr. Djordjanova has 11 citations, which carry a total of 70 points, with a minimum national requirement for this indicator - 50 points.

- 3. Participation in the implementation and management of projects: Dr. Djordjanova has participated as a research expert in the research team on project № 15020, according to contract MFMN-79 / 21.12.2015. for a period of three years at MU-Varna on the topic: "Study of the effectiveness of transcranial magnetic stimulation to influence cognitive impairment in depressive episodes in recurrent depressive disorder and bipolar disorder", funded by the Science Fund of MU-Varna.
- 4. Scientific and creative achievements: According to the information provided, Dr. Djordjanova has scientific and theoretical contributions in the following two main scientific fields: forensic psychiatry and psychology. The candidate participated in the organizing committee of an international conference, for which she received a letter of thanks. From 2005 to 2019, Dr. Djordjanova is an expert at the District Court Varna: Her main activity is related to the

proceedings. The problems of the individual expertises are presented in detail - the legal capacity to be placed under guardianship, in transactions and contracts, probate, the responsibility of the state and municipalities for damages caused to citizens and individuals, divorce and mental fitness to exercise parental rights. The book includes seven forensic psychiatric and complex forensic psychiatric and forensic psychological examinations, prepared by the author and colleagues who have worked or continue to work in the structure of the University Hospital "St. Marina" - Varna.

The contributions are of research and practical nature: Undeveloped or limited research problems in forensic psychiatric and legal theory are analyzed; For the first time in our country a detailed analysis of the forensic psychiatric aspects of the expertise in civil proceedings has been made; Examples of good practices are presented and suggestions are made for optimizing and improving the quality of expert work.

The article "Special features of outpatient forensic psychiatric examination in civil proceedings according to the Varna district court docket for the period 2007-2012" examines the peculiarities of outpatient expertise and the difficulties in preparing posthumous forensic psychiatric examinations in civil proceedings.

examines the peculiarities of outpatient expertise and the difficulties in preparing posthumous forensic psychiatric examinations in civil proceedings. This is particularly complicated due to the absence of the object of study and the conclusion is based on evidence from the case. In many cases, another common difficulty in post-mortem forensic psychiatric examination is the lack of medical records. The objectification of the status of the examined person during the conclusion of a civil act in such circumstances is significantly complicated. The issue is the creation of a national electronic database, providing timely and reliable access to the preparation of documents of expert importance.

The article "Expert assessment of a male suffering mixed sensory and motor apnasia when entering into an agreement" presents a case in a civil case of a man suffering from sensory and motor aphasia at the time of transfer of ownership of real estate with a contract for purchase and sale. The topic is especially relevant from both a legal and psychological point of view.

The report "Assessment of Expertise and Decisions in Different Areas of Civil Law" analyzes the tasks set before the experts at the first and at the SPE for the second time. While in the case of first-time SPEs, the restriction of civil rights is mainly examined, in the case of second-time SPEs, other tasks are set related to the ability of individuals to manage their personal affairs. The lack of clear clinical criteria for incapacity for work in individual mental illnesses often leads to incorrect forensic psychiatric conclusions, on which the fate of the certified

preparation of numerous examinations, both individually and comprehensively. She presented both combined and other types of expertise.

5. Medical-diagnostic activity: The candidate Dr. Djordjanova from 2011. Until now he works as a forensic psychiatrist in the First Psychiatric Clinic at the University Hospital "St. Marina "- Varna. Since 2017 he has been the administrative head of the same clinic. Since 2017 he has been the Chief Assistant in Psychiatry at the Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology at the Medical University of Varna.

### IV. EVALUATION OF THE PUBLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION

In the competition, Dr. Djordjanova presented scientific publications that do not repeat those presented for the acquisition of ONK "Doctor". They are: in addition to the dissertation, a monograph ("Forensic psychiatric examination in civil proceedings");

- 2 full-text publications in refereed journals;
- 7 full-text publications in unreferred, peer-reviewed journals; section in a textbook on psychiatry and 9 participations in scientific forums national and international.
  - 1. Evaluation of scientific papers with contributions in the field of forensic psychiatry
  - Dr. Djordjanova's monograph "Forensic Psychiatric Expertise in Civil Procedure" was published in 2021. This work is a logical continuation and summarizing many years of work of the author in the field of forensic psychiatric examinations in civil proceedings. The work is 333 pages long, illustrated with 18 figures. The literature used includes 156 sources. The work is an in-depth continuation of the long-term work of the candidate in the field of SPE in civil proceedings. In it, Dr. Djordjanova makes an analysis of undeveloped or poorly researched problems in the SPE, which are also important for legal theory. The rich case law involved as a result of her personal expertise is important. Therefore, the monograph can be a guide for young professionals in the preparation of SPE. The monographic work is an in-depth study of current issues of expertise in civil law. The forensic psychiatric problems of the civil law are presented, the main legal categories legal capacity, legal capacity and incapacity, full and limited interdiction, as well as the peculiarities of the forensic psychiatric expertise in the civil court

for issuing court decisions and the cost of subsequent expertise; - the raised and protected idea of creating a national electronic database for fast and reliable access in the preparation of documents of expert importance; - the reasoned proposal in the interests of preserving the testator's decision and the rights of the heirs to be regulated.

# V. Reflections (citations) of the candidate's publications in the national and foreign literature (publication image)

For the competition Dr. A. Djordjanova presents 11 citations in refereed journals. This is still a weak "publication image", which may be explained by the fact that the citations require some "technological time" to familiarize and evaluate the published materials.

## VI. COMPREHENSIVE QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT OF TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

For her short internship, Dr. Djordjanova has shown good professional, scientific and teaching qualities.

### VII. Critical remarks and recommendations

I know the candidate personally and I have very good impressions of her dedication to science, correctness, perseverance and precision. Some purely editorial notes can be addressed to the monographic work, which are easily removed. In my particularly dynamic and tense time, my recommendation is for Dr. Djordjanova to continue to work hard and to affirm through the specifics of her work the principles of justice in law.

# VIII. General assessment of the candidate's compliance with the mandatory conditions and the mandatory quantitative criteria and scientometric indicators according to Art. Regulations for holding academic positions at MU-Varna

In Section IV "Holding an academic position" Associate Professor "at MU-Varna and" Appendix №1 "of the Rules for the development of the academic staff of MU-Varna. Dr. Adelina Djordjanova meets the general conditions for completed higher medical education, acquired two specialties (psychiatry and forensic psychiatry), protected by ONS "Doctor" in the scientific specialty Psychiatry (forensic psychiatry), as well as the mandatory quantitative scientometric criteria required for AD "Associate Professor". Out

of the legally required 200 points, she has collected 225 points, thus fulfilling the scientometric indicators.

#### CONCLUSION

From what has been stated so far, it is evident that the research and teaching workload of Dr. Adelina Djordjanova, Ph.D. meet both quantitatively and qualitatively the modern criteria for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" on all parameters set in ZRASRB, the Rules for its implementation and the Rules for the development of academic staff at the Medical University - Varna.

Based on this, I give a positive opinion and invite the esteemed members of the Scientific Jury to vote positively for the award of the academic position of "Associate Professor" to Dr. Adelina Boyanovna Djordjanova, MD, specialty "Forensic Psychiatry", for the needs of the Department. Psychiatry and Medical Psychology "at the Faculty of Medicine at the Medical University" Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov "- Varna, and the First Psychiatric Clinic at the University Hospital" St. Marina "EAD-Varna.

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