

STATEMENT

By Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yana Manolova, PhD,

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Medical University - Varna,

member of the Scientific Jury,

according to Order No. R-109-139/23.02.2023. of the Rector of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" – Varna

Regarding the participation of Dr. Mladena Nikolaeva Radeva, in a competition for Associate Professor in the field of university education; (7.) *Health care and sports, professional direction (7.1) Medicine, specialty "Ocular diseases"*, department "Ocular diseases and visual sciences", at the Faculty of Medicine; Department of "Eye Diseases and Vision Sciences"; Clinic: "SBOBAL" - Varna, According to the announcement in the State Gazette, no. 102 of 23.12.2022

The candidate meets all the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations thereto and the Regulations on the Development of the Academic Staff of the University of Medicine - Varna, and all the required documents have been prepared and provided by him in paper and electronic media.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Dr. Mladena Radeva graduated from Fourth Language School "Frédéric Joliot-Curie", Varna. She has an excellent level of knowledge in English and Spanish. In 2015, the candidate graduated with honors in the specialty "Medicine" at the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna. During her studies, she received a number of awards for achieved high results. In 2018 she successfully passed a competitive exam, after which she was selected as an assistant in the department of "Ocular Diseases and Vision Sciences" at the Medical University - Varna. In 2019 acquires the specialty "Eye Diseases". March 2019 Dr. Radeva won the "Young Scientist" award of the Bulgarian Glaucoma Association, and later that year the "Doctors we trust" newspaper "24 Chasa" award. In 2020 the candidate completes a master's program in health management. March 2021, Dr. Radeva defended a dissertation on the topic "Possibilities for microstructural analysis and assessment of damage to the anterior ocular surface from ultraviolet rays of natural and artificial origin." The same year, after successfully passing a competitive exam, Dr. Mladena Radeva was elected as "Head assistant" in the department. The candidate holds a diploma of the European Board of Ophthalmology (EBOD) and has successfully completed numerous international

training courses and specializations. She is a member of numerous national and international professional and scientific organizations, some of which are: Bulgarian Society of Ophthalmology; Union of Scientists in Bulgaria; Bulgarian Medical Association; European Board of Ophthalmology.

RESEARCH ACTIVITY:

The candidate's dissertation on the topic "Possibilities for microstructural analysis and assessment of damage to the anterior ocular surface from ultraviolet rays of natural and artificial origin" investigates and analyzes the microstructural changes of the ocular surface caused by ultraviolet rays of natural and artificial origin by means of confocal microscopy. The conclusions drawn have achieved a contribution of a scientific-applied, scientific-theoretical and confirmatory nature.

Dr. Radeva's monographic work on the topic "Meibomian glands - normality and pathology" is practically oriented and intended for the professional development of both practicing ophthalmologists and students of the specialty.

Dr. Radeva has published a total of 27 publications in magazines and scientific collections, of which 11 are in Bulgarian, and the remaining 16 are in a foreign language (English).

As an independent author, she has compiled 3 volumes. publications, and co-authored another 24 issues, of which as: first author – in 8 publications and 2 scientific works; second author – in 10 publications; third author – in 5 publications; fourth author – in 4 publications.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY:

The study load report presented by Dr. Radeva meets the criteria for holding the academic position of "associate professor".

DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC ACTIVITY:

The diagnostic and therapeutic work performed by Dr. Radeva corresponds to the highest standards and achievements of modern ophthalmology, and her efforts satisfy the requirements for modern and reliable health care.

CONCLUSION:

Obtaining the academic position "Associate Professor" is a natural stage in the professional and academic development of Dr. Mladena Radeva as a doctor and

educator. Her candidacy meets all the criteria for evaluating candidates for obtaining scientific degrees and positions in medicine at the Medical University - Varna, which is why I propose to the esteemed jury to award Dr. Mladena Radeva the academic position of "Associate Professor".

15.05.2023

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yana Manolova, PhD

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