# **OPINION**

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Head of the Department "Pharmacology, Toxicology and Pharmacotherapy", Faculty of Pharmacy, Medical University "Prof. Dr. P. Stoyanov" - Varna Member of a Scientific jury based on order No. R-109-370/21.08.2023 of the Rector of Medical University-Varna. According to the protocol of the first meeting of the scientific jury held on 01.09.2023, I am appointed to prepare an opinion.

<u>REGARDING</u>: Competition for the academic position "Professor" announced in the State Gazette, issue 54 of 23.06.2023 for the needs of the Department "Organization and Economics of Pharmacy", Faculty "Pharmacy" at MU-Varna, specialty "Hospital Pharmacy", field of higher education 7. Healthcare and sports, professional direction 7.3. Pharmacy.

One candidate participated in the competition — Assoc. Prof. EVGENI EVGENIEV GRIGOROV, PhD. The set of documents has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (LDASRB), as well as the Regulations for the Implementation of the LDASRB (RILDASRB) and the Regulations for the Terms and Procedures of Acquiring Academic Positions at MU-Varna.

## Brief biographical data

Evgeni Evgeniev Grigorov was born on 28.05.1979 in the city of Sofia. He graduated in 2002 from MU-Sofia with an educational and qualification degree "Master" in "PHARMACY". Additionally, he has completed a second higher economic education and a master's degree in health policy and healthcare management. From 2007 to 2016, he was an ASSISTANT, SENIOR and CHIEF ASSISTANT at the "Organization and Economics of Pharmacy" Department of the Faculty of Pharmacy at MU-Sofia. In the period 2013-2014, he was a free doctoral student at the NCPHA. After a successfully defended dissertation on the topic "Study and pharmacoeconomic evaluation of the prevention of risk factors and therapy in CHD" in 2014, he obtained the ESD "DOCTOR" in the scientific specialty "Social medicine and organization of healthcare and pharmacy". In the years since his graduation as a master pharmacist, E. Grigorov has repeatedly undergone postgraduate training and has five recognized specialties: Organization and Economics of Distribution and Pharmacy Practice, Clinical Pharmacy, Healthcare Economics, Organization and Economics of Pharmaceutical manufacturing and "Hospital Pharmacy". Since 2015, he has been habilitated as an ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR in the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Medical University "prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov"-Varna. From 2021 - until today, he also works as a lecturer at the Department of Military Medicine of the MMA-MBAL-Sofia.

Has excellent computer literacy. Main languages of communication: Bulgarian, English, French and uses Russian. Member of the Bulgarian Pharmaceutical Union and other scientific and professional organizations.

# Teaching and learning activity

Prof. Evgeni Grigorov has accumulated 21 years of experience in the specialty, of which more than 16 years are teaching experience in higher schools.

Disciplines that he teaches at MU-Varna to students studying for the Master's degree in "Pharmacy" are: Social Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Legislation, Pharmacoeconomics, Medical Devices, History of Pharmacy, Basics of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Marketing. He also gives lectures to students in the master's program "Technology Transfer and Innovations in Pharmacy". He is a guest lecturer at other universities and colleges, as well as at various scientific and practical forums and conferences. The annual classroom study load of 110 hours has been exceeded in the last four years - 2018/19 - 136 hours, 2019/20 - 111 hours, 2020/21 - 112 hours, 2021/22 - 110 hours, there is also extracurricular employment, mainly during the of theoretical trainings for PGE.

# Scientific and publication activity

The main specialized scientific areas in which the candidate works are the study of various aspects of Hospital Pharmacy and pharmacotherapy, the services provided by the hospital pharmacist, as well as in the general scientific areas: history of pharmacy, social pharmacy and evaluation of health technologies.

For the current competition, assoc. prof. Evgeni Grigorov presents 70 scientific publications, of which 46 are in publications that are referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information (*Scopus and Web of science*) and are equivalent to the need to present a monograph. A total of 16 of the articles are in international scientific journals also referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases. The remaining 24 publications are in non-refereed journals. In the presented number of publications for participation in the contest, the candidate is the last author of 32. A significant number of the publications - 34 are in English, and 36 - in Bulgarian.

In indicators G and D in the reference for the minimum national requirements concerning publication activity and citation, the points for minimum requirements – 200 and 100 respectively for the two indicators are covered. The total IF of the journals in which the candidate has publications is 34,6. From the author reference in world-famous databases, the following data are found at this moment: SCOPUS - 30 articles that have been cited 49 times (h-index 3) and Web of science - 35 articles that have been cited 46 times (h-index 3). All this shows the importance of the published scientific output of the author.

Assoc. prof. Evgeni Grigorov has participated in 123 scientific events, of which 22 are international and 101 national. The candidate is also involved in five scientific and educational projects.

He is the co-author of a published monograph - "Evaluations of drug therapies - theory and practice" with a volume of 336 pages. It is intended for students and doctoral students in medical

universities and provides basic knowledge about the essence of the economic evaluation of drug therapies (pharmacoeconomic evaluation) and its application in making a decision on the reimbursement of therapies by public health systems.

Assoc. prof. E. Grigorov was the supervisor of 11 successfully defended doctoral students. In addition, 5 more people are currently being trained under his mentorship to acquire the ESD "Doctor". He is very actively involved in PGE, leading theoretical modules in several specialties. In addition to the training of specialists, assoc. prof. Evgeni Grigorov is also a member of the state examination commissions, which conduct the final stage for acquiring a specialty.

For his participation in the competition, the candidate has provided the following officially published publications: 1 monograph; 1 university textbook and 3 university study aids and 1 studia.

In indicator E in the reference for the minimum national requirements, referring to additional criteria for the evaluation of educational and scientific research activities, the minimum points – 100 for the indicator are covered. The total number of successfully defended doctoral students under the supervision of assoc. prof. Evgeni Grigorov is 11. The candidate has recognized 5 medical specialties, as well as participation in five scientific and educational projects. He has developed and co-published: 1 monograph, 1 university textbook and 3 university notebooks. All this shows the author's active educational and research activity, realized after his habilitation as "Associate Professor".

#### Conclusion

The candidate's scientific output and achievements fully meet the conditions in the LDASRB, RILDASRB, as well as the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of the MU-Varna, for the acquisition of the academic position "PROFESSOR". The minimum national requirements laid down in the normative documents are fully covered for occupying the given position. Assoc. prof. Evgeni Grigorov is an established fellow pharmacist with significant scientific research and widely advocated educational and teaching work. All this gives me the reason to give a **POSITIVE ASSESSMENT** and to propose to the respected members of the Scientific Jury to vote for awarding the **academic position of "PROFESSOR"** in the specialty "Hospital Pharmacy" to **assoc. prof. EVGENI EVGENIEV GRIGOROV, PhD**, in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and sport, by professional direction 7.3. Pharmacy, for the needs of the Department of "Organization and Economics of Pharmacy" of the Faculty of Pharmacy at MU "prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov"-Varna.

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