

# **Opinion**

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**REGARDING** Competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the specialty of "Pharmaceutical Chemistry", professional field 7.3. Pharmacy, area of higher education 7. Health care and sports for the needs of the Department of "Pharmaceutical Chemistry" at the Faculty of Pharmacy of MU-Varna, announced in the State Gazette, issue 7 of January 23, 2024.

According to Order N P 109-117/22.03.2024 of the Rector of MU-Varna, I have been selected as a member of the Scientific Jury, and by Protocol No. 1 of the first meeting held on 03.04.2024 of the SJ, I have been assigned to prepare an opinion on the procedure for filling the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the specialty of "Pharmaceutical Chemistry", professional field 7.3. Pharmacy. One candidate participates in the competition – Ch. Assist. Prof. Nadya Vasileva Agova, MPharm, PhD from the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Faculty of Pharmacy at MU-Varna.

The review of the materials submitted for the competition is based on 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 Development of the Academic Staff in the MU - Varna. The documents are accompanied by evidentiary material and are prepared precisely.

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### Biographical data and professional development

Nadia Vasileva Agova was born in the town of Petrich on 15.06.1991. In 2016, she graduated as "Master of Pharmacist" at the Medical University of Varna. In 2016, she started working as an assistant at the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Faculty of Pharmacy of the MU - Varna. She defended her PhD thesis in Pharmaceutical Chemistry in 2019 on the topic "Obtaining and characterization of bexarotene derivatives potential biological activity". She is a specialist in "Analysis of Medicinal Products" and "Toxicology and Toxicological Analysis"

### Evaluation of quantitative and qualitative indicators

The academic documentation confirms that Ch. Assist. Prof. Nadya Vasileva Agova, MPharm, PhD fulfils the minimum national criteria outlined in the Academic Staff Regulations and those specific to MU-Varna (Table 1).

Table 1. Reference to compliance with the requirements of the position.

A group of metrics		Minimum National Requirements (MNR) - sum of points	Minimum requirements MU-Varna-total points	Ch. Assist. Prof. Nadya Vasileva Agova, PhD
A	Indicator 1	50	50	50
Б	Indicator 2	-	-	-
B	Indicators 3 or 4	100	100	100
Г	Amount of indicators 5 to 9	200	200	239
Д	Amount of indicators 10 to 12	50	50	50
E	Amount of indicators from 13 to the end	-	-	-
Total points		400	400	439

Ch. Assist. Prof. Nadya Vasileva Agova, MPharm, PhD has presented a total of 24 publications, 1 monograph, 6 publications under indicator G7, "Publications and reports

published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information," 17 publications under indicator G8, "Publications and reports published in non-peer-reviewed journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes".

Indicator A: PhD thesis in Pharmaceutical Chemistry on the topic "Obtaining and characterization of bexarotene derivatives potential biological activity".

According to indicator B: a monograph on the topic "Systematic review of the properties and action of nutritional supplements" is presented. Safety and quality.", with ISBN 978-619-221-472-2, co-authored with Assoc. prof. Svetlana Georgieva, MPharm, PhD. The paper contains 243 pages and is based on 285 literature sources and is accompanied by a separate protocol for equal contribution between the authors.

According to indicator G: in G7 and G8, respectively, 6 and 17 publications have been presented with a total score of 239 points, as well as 1 additional publication with 7.5 points., which meets the minimum requirements for holding an academic position of "Associate Professor".

According to indicator D: Citations in scientific publications, in refereed and indexed journals - 2 and 4 in non-refereed publications are presented.

### **Assessment of teaching activities**

Ch. Assist. Prof. Nadya Vasileva Agova, MPharm, PhD is a teacher with just under 8 years of work experience at MU-Varna. Participates in conducting classes in Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Quality and properties of starting raw materials in cosmetics and Chemistry of antibiotics. The total classroom engagement of the candidate for the last 3 academic years amounts to 1052 hours.

### **Conclusion**

My final assessment of the educational, teaching, and scientific activities of Ch. Assist. Prof. Nadya Vasileva Agova, MPharm, PhD is positive. The scientific activity of the candidate significantly meets the required qualitative and quantitative indicators laid down in the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, as well as the Regulations of the MU-Varna for acquiring the academic position of "Associate Professor". All this allows me to confidently give a POSITIVE ASSESSMENT and to propose to the honorable members

of the scientific jury to vote **POSITIVELY** for the occupation to the academic position of "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" from Ch. Assist. Prof. Nadya Vasileva Agova, MPharm, PhD, in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and sports, professional field 7.3. Pharmacy, in the scientific specialty "Pharmaceutical Chemistry" for the needs of the Department of "Pharmaceutical Chemistry ", Faculty of Pharmacy at MU-Varna.

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