To the Scientific Jury,

Appointed by order No. P-109-201/16.04.2025.

Of the Rector of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna

STATEMENT

by Assoc. Prof. Natalia Peteva Chilingirova, MD, PhD.

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Subject: Competition for the academic position of Associate Professor in the scientific specialty of Oncology - one position, 0.5 full-time position for the Department of Oncology, Faculty of Medicine at MU-Varna and 1 full-time position for the Clinic of Medical Oncology at UMHAT Sveta Marina EAD, announced in the State Gazette No. 15/21.02.2025.

By order of the Rector of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna, I have been appointed as an external member of the Scientific Jury. After the first meeting of the Scientific Jury, I have been appointed to prepare a statement on this competition.

Only one candidate has submitted documents to participate in the competition – Chief Assistant Dragomir Svetozarov Stoyanov, MD, PhD.

Brief biographical data of the candidate:

Dr. Dragomir Stoyanov was born in Varna. He completed his secondary and higher education in his hometown. After obtaining the Master of Medicine degree in 2017, he began working as a resident physician at the Clinic of Medical Oncology at University Hospital Sveta Marina – Varna. As of 01.01.2023, after successfully passing the state examination, he has been certified as a specialist in "Medical Oncology" (Diploma No. 025991/10.02.2023). Since then, he has continued to work as a specialist at the same clinical institution.

In 2018, he was appointed as an assistant at the Department of Propaedeutics of Internal Medicine at the Medical University of Varna. In 2020, he defended a PhD dissertation in the doctoral program "Oncology" with the topic "The Relationship Between Distress and Time Perception in Cancer Patients" (Diploma No. 418/29.12.2020). Currently, he is a Chief Assistant in the Department of Oncology at MU-Varna.

Scientific output:

According to the data from the academic reference provided by the MU-Varna library (No. 61/24.02.2025), the candidate participated in the competition with the following scientific output:

Indicator	Number	Number of points received	Required number of points according to regulatory requirements
A1. Dissertation for acquiring PhD degree	1 — "The relationship between distress and time perception in cancer patients", 2020.	50	50
B3. Habilitation thesis / monograph	1 monograph – "Palliative Care for Cancer Patients",	100	100

	260 pages, 2024.		
Γ7. Publications and reports in referenced and indexed scientific journals	7 publications/reports	64.7	60
Γ8. Publications and reports in non-referenced journals with scientific review	13 publications/reports	Total for indicators Γ 7 and Γ 8 = 201.38	Total sum of indicators Γ 7 and Γ 8 = 200
Д10. Citations in referenced and indexed scientific publications	6 citations	90	50

The presented scientific output meets the minimum national requirements for the academic position of "Associate Professor".

Teaching activity:

According to the provided reference from MU-Varna, Dr. Dragomir Stoyanov's teaching workload includes 1,116 academic hours over the past 5 academic years. The candidate teaches practical seminars and lectures to students of the Faculty of Medicine at MU-Varna, both in Bulgarian and English language programs.

Conclusion:

The scientific production of Dr. Dragomir Stoyanov meets the national minimum requirements in terms of volume and quality for the academic position of "Associate Professor" as outlined in the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its implementation and the Regulations for the Development of Academic Staff at MU-Varna.

Based on the submitted materials for the competition and their analysis, I give my positive statement and recommend to the esteemed members of the Scientific Jury to award the academic title of "Associate Professor" to Dr. Dragomir Svetozarov Stoyanov, PhD.

Заличено на основание чл. 5, §1, б. "В" от Регламент (ЕС) 2016/679

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