

STATEMENT

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REGARDING: The competition announced in State Gazette No. 15 / 21.02.2025 for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in Higher Education Field 7. "Healthcare and Sports," Professional Field 7.1 "Medicine," and the specialty "Oncology" for the needs of the Department of Oncology, Faculty of Medicine at MU-Varna and the Clinic of Medical Oncology at University Hospital "St. Marina" EAD

According to the decision of the first meeting of the Scientific Jury, I was appointed to prepare an opinion on the procedure.

Only one candidate participates in the competition – Dr. Dragomir Svetozarov Stoyanov, PhD, who meets all the necessary requirements for participation in a competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" under the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (LDASRB), its Implementing Regulations, and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at MU-Varna.

1. Brief Biographical Information

Dr. Dragomir Svetozarov Stoyanov, PhD, was born on May 13, 1992, in Varna. He completed his secondary education at the High School of Mathematics "Dr. Petar Beron" – Varna. In 2017, he obtained a Master's degree in Medicine from MU-Varna.

The professional development on the candidate begins in 2017, when he was appointed as a resident physician at the Clinic of Medical Oncology at University Hospital "St. Marina" EAD – Varna. In 2022, he acquired a specialty in Medical Oncology and has been working as a specialist physician at the same clinic since 2023.

His academic development began in 2018, when he was appointed as an assistant at the Department of Propaedeutics of Internal Medicine at MU-Varna. In 2020, with the creation of the Department of Oncology, he was reassigned to the new department. In the same year, he obtained the educational and scientific degree of "Doctor" with a dissertation titled "The Relationship Between Distress and Time Perception in Cancer Patients." Since 2021, he has held the position of Chief Assistant at the Department of Oncology at MU-Varna.

2. Analysis of Scientific Output and Scientometric Indicators

Dr. Dragomir Stoyanov submitted the following scientific output for participation in the competition:

- Dissertation for the degree of "PhD" – titled "The Relationship Between Distress and Time Perception in Cancer Patients" – 50 points out of the required 50.
- Monographic work – a published monograph on topic "Palliative Care for Cancer Patients", 260 pages – 100 points out of the required 100.
- Publications and reports in peer-reviewed and indexed scientific journals in internationally recognized databases – 7 publications/reports – 64.8 points out of the minimum required 60.
- Publications and reports in non-referenced scientific journals with peer review or published in edited collective volumes – 13 publications/reports, total points: 201.38 out of the required 200.

- Citations or reviews in scientific editions indexed in international databases or in monographs and collective volumes – 6 citations, total points: 90 out of the required 50.

Provided report on total impact factor: 168.111.

3. Analysis of Teaching Activity

Since 2018, Dr. Dragomir Stoyanov has led practical seminars in the subject “Propaedeutics of Internal Medicine” for English-speaking students. Subsequently, he began conducting both practical seminars and lectures in the subject “Oncology” for English- and Bulgarian-speaking students. According to the provided report on teaching workload, he has had an average annual teaching load of 223 hours over the past five years.

4. Conclusion

The materials submitted by Dr. Dragomir Svetozarov Stoyanov, PhD, for participation in the competition meet the minimum national requirements according to the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, its Implementing Regulations, and the Regulations of the Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna.

Based on the above data, I give a **positive evaluation** and strongly recommend to the members of the esteemed Scientific Jury that **the academic position of Associate Professor in the scientific specialty “Oncology”** in the higher education field 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.1 Medicine, for the needs of the Department of Oncology, Faculty of Medicine at MU-Varna, and the Clinic of Medical Oncology at University Hospital “St. Marina” EAD, be awarded to **Dr. Dragomir Svetozarov Stoyanov, PhD.**

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