

REVIEW

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Head of Centre of Dental Implantology, Professor in the Department of Prosthetic Dental Medicine, Faculty of Dental Medicine, Medical University - Sofia, external member of the scientific jury, appointed by order № R-109-467/09.12.2024 of the Rector of Medical University – Varna

Subject: Conducting a competition for the position of „Associate Professor“ in Prosthetic Dental Medicine in the field of higher education: 7. Healthcare and Sports, Professional Direction 7.2. Dental Medicine, and scientific specialty "Prosthetic Dental Medicine" for the "Dental Technicians" Department at the Medical College of the Medical University - Varna, **one position**, announced in the Government Gazette No. 85 of 08.10.2024

One candidate participates in the competition: Dr. Radostina Panayotova Vasileva, Ph.D., who has provided the necessary documentation according to the regulations for acquiring the academic position of „Associate Professor“ at MU - Varna.

1. Candidate's career profile

Dr. Radostina Panayotova Vasileva is a „Chief Assistant Proffesor“ at the Medical College in the "Dental Technicians" Department of MU - Varna. She was born on June 24, 1974. In 1995, she graduated from the Medical College at MU "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov," Varna, specialty "Dental Technicians". She graduated DMD from the Faculty of Dentistry of the Medical University - Sofia in 2003. Six years later, she was appointed as a „regular Assistant Proffesor“ in the Department of Prosthetic Dentistry FDM-Varna, after successfully passing a competitive exam. She has a recognized specialty in Prosthetic Dentistry since 2013. In 2014 to 2017 she was a full-time Ph.D. student in the Department of Prosthetic Dentistry, and she defended her dissertation on the title "Photography in contemporary prosthetic dental medicine" and acquired a Ph.D. degree. From 2018 to 2024, Dr. Vasileva was a „Chief Assistant Proffesor“ in the Department of Prosthetic Dentistry. Since 2024 and currently, she is a „Chief Assistant Proffesor“ at the Medical College, MU - Varna, Department "Dental Technicians". She is proficient in written and spoken English and Russian. She has a very good level of computer literacy. Dr. Vasileva has submitted all documents regulated by the Act for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB), the regulations for its application, and the regulations for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions at MU - Varna.

2. Research Activity

Dissertation

In indicator A1, Dr. Vasileva presents an abstract of a successfully **defended dissertation** for acquiring a Ph.D. degree on the topic "Photography in contemporary prosthetic dental medicine." **50 points.**

3. Monographs and teaching aids

Under indicator **B**, a monograph is presented: Radostina Vasileva "Color Determination in Dental Medicine," Steno Publishing House, 2019, ISBN 978-619-241-059-9. The monograph contains numerous **scientific and practical contributions** related to the main directions in color science, the color characteristics of human teeth, and color determination, as well as conducted author studies on the topic. **100 points.**

4. Teaching Aids

Dr. Vasileva participates in the competition with two teaching guides:

"Guide to Dental Photography," 2017, Lettera Publishing House, ISSN: 978-619-179-077.

"Dental Photography, Theory and Practice," 2022, Bulbrand Media Plovdiv Publishing House, ISSN: 978-619-04-0002-8. **13.33 points + 40 points for one specialty.**

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5. Publication Activity

In the competition documentation, Dr. Vasileva presents **24** scientific publications and one monograph – a total of **25** scientific works. **Four of them** are published in journals indexed in the Web of Science / Web of Science (CABI). **Eleven** publications are in Bulgarian and **8 publications** in English. Articles reviewed in international and Bulgarian journals – 25 in total. **535 points.**

The scientific works are in several main areas **of Dental Medicine**: Digital tools in dental medicine and dental photography; Color determination, color transfer, color reproduction, dental laboratory communication; Prevention and management of some rare syndromes and diseases; Ergonomic conditions for safety and creation of optimal working conditions for dental practitioners and dental technicians.

Dr. Vasileva is the sole and first author in 15 publications, while the rest are co-authored, demonstrating her ability to work both independently and collaboratively with colleagues.

6. Citations

Dr. Vasileva has **5** citations, **3** of which are in international journals indexed in foreign databases – Scopus and Web of Science; **2** citations are in non-indexed, peer-reviewed journals. **55 points.**

7. Teaching Activities and Workload

According to the presented report, Dr. Vasileva conducts the following educational activities: exercises and pre-diploma internships in propaedeutics and clinic of prosthetic dental medicine in Bulgarian and English at FDM, MU - Varna; lectures and exercises on "Aesthetic Aspects of Dental Prosthetics" and lectures on "Dental Material Science" at FDM and Medical College, US "Dental Technology" MU "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" – Varna; lectures on "Anatomy and Morphology of Teeth" and exercises in "Dental Material Science for Dental Technicians" at the Medical College, US "Dental Technology," MU "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" – Varna, among others. The teaching workload of the candidate for the past five academic years is **2132** hours, significantly exceeding the standard. Dr. Vasileva is a knowledgeable, precise, and beloved lecturer with more than 15 years of teaching experience. **458.5 points.**

8. Conclusion

Regarding: The competition for the academic position "**Associate Professor**" in the field of higher education 7. "Healthcare and Sports" in the professional direction 7.2. Dental Medicine, specialty "Prosthetic Dental Medicine," for the needs of teaching at the Medical College, Department "Dental Technicians" Medical University - Varna, one position, published in the Government Gazette, issue 85/08.10.2024. Meeting the minimum requirements of MU - Varna for participation in the competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the scientific field of "Dental Medicine" - 1860 points.

After a detailed analysis of the overall activity of Dr. Vasileva from the provided documentation, I make the following **conclusion**:

The candidate in the competition at FDM, MU - Sofia, Dr. Radostina Panayotova Vasileva, PhD, **completely meets** the national requirements for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" according to the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff and the regulations for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions at MU - Varna. I give my **positive assessment** of the candidate's overall activity and will confidently vote YES for the awarding of the academic position "Associate Professor" in the professional direction "Dental Medicine," specialty "Prosthetic Dental Medicine," to Dr. **Radostina Panayotova Vasileva, PhD**.

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Reviewer:

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