

OPINION

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I. Subject: Competition for the position of „Associate Professor” in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and sports, professional field 7.2. Dental medicine, specialty „Prosthetic Dental Medicine” at the Faculty of Medical College, Department of Dental Technician, according to an announcement in Government Newspaper, issue 85 of 08.10.2024, according to the approved proposal.

By Order No. R-100-929/04.12.2024 of the Rector of Medical University - Varna, I was appointed as a member of the Scientific Jury to prepare a statement.

For this competition, within the legally established period, a set of documents has been submitted by one candidate - Chief Assistant Proff. Dr. Radostina Panayotova Vasileva, DMD, Ph.D.

II. Brief biographical information about the candidate:

Dr. Radostina Panayotova Vasileva, Ph.D., was born on 24.06.1974. Marital status - unmarried.

Chief Assistant Professor Dr. Radostina Panayotova Vasileva, DMD, received a bachelor's degree in Dental Technician in 1995. In 2003, she graduated with a master's degree in Dental Medicine from the Medical University - Sofia. Between 2003 and 2009, she worked in private practice. Since 2009, she has been a regular "Assistant Professor" in the Department of Prosthetic Dental Medicine and Orthodontics. In 2013, she obtained a specialty in „Prosthetic Dentistry”. In 2014, she was enrolled as a full-time doctoral student in the scientific specialty "Prosthetic Dentistry" on the topic "Photography in Contemporary Prosthetic Dental Medicine" with supervisor Prof. Dr. Rosen Kolarov, DMD, Ph.D. She defended her dissertation in 2017, and since 2018 she has been a Chief Assistant Professor in the same department. In 2019, her first monograph on "Color Determination in Dental Medicine" was published. Dr. Vasileva. has 24 publications in Bulgarian and international journals. She is fluent in written and spoken English and Russian.

She is a member of the Bulgarian Dental Association (BDA) and other scientific organizations.

Dr. Vasileva has active scientific profiles on:

- ✓ Google Scholar – <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=MF1gTYEAAAAJ>
- ✓ ORCID – 0000-0002-2962-5237

III. Research activity of the candidate:

For the competition, Dr. Radostina Panayotova Vasileva, Ph.D. presents the following scientific works:

1. Dissertation – 1 piece
2. Publications in periodicals – 24 pieces
3. Monograph – 1 piece
4. Textbooks – 2 pieces
5. Participation in scientific congresses, conferences, and scientific sessions with printed abstracts – 15 pieces

Upon analyzing Dr. Vasileva's publications, they are diverse and cover the entire aspect of the specialty of Prosthetic Dental Medicine.

- **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)
- A monograph is presented under **indicator B**: "Color Determination in Dental Medicine" Radostina Vasileva 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. The monograph is 166 pages long and includes 206 bibliographical references and is illustrated with 149 figures and 5 tables. The topics of the dissertation and the monograph do not overlap, thus meeting the requirement and meeting criterion B. (100 points)
- **The Scientific and Practical Contributions** of Dr. Vasileva are

The scientific research activity of the candidate is an individual contribution to the implementation of the scientific priorities of the Medical University – Varna for the period from 2012 to 2022, stemming from the national scientific priorities in the fields of medicine, dental medicine, pharmacy, healthcare, public health, and other interdisciplinary areas. According to the topics, the scientific production can be divided into the following main scientific directions (fields):

Main Directions of Scientific Works:

1. Digital tools and dental photography in dental medicine
 2. Color determination, color rendering, color reproduction, dental laboratory communication
 3. Prevention and management of some rare syndromes and diseases
 4. Ergonomic conditions for safety and creating optimal working conditions for dentists and dental technicians
- The publications under **indicator G7** - publications and reports published in scientific journals, refereed and indexed in globally recognized databases with scientific information by Dr. Vasileva is 4. (210 points)
- Under **indicator G8** - publications and reports published in non-refereed journals with scientific peer review or published in edited collective volumes, the candidate presents 15 articles. (325 points)
- By **indicator D10** - citations or reviews in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information or in monographs and collected volumes, Dr. Vasileva has 3 citations
- By **indicator D12** - citations or reviews in non-refereed journals with scientific review, there are 2 citations
- Total by **indicators D10 and D12** – (55 points).
- Dr. Vasileva presents 5 publications beyond the minimum scientometric requirements for holding the academic position of "associate professor"

IV Teaching Activity:

Dr. Vasileva actively participates in the teaching activities of the Department of Prosthetic Dental Medicine and meets the required annual workload according to the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff. Dr. Vasileva is involved in both the Bulgarian and English language courses for dental medicine students, with an average teaching load of 346.66 hours over the past 5 years. Dr. Vasileva has proven teaching qualities and is one of the most prominent assistants who gladly shares her experience with students.

V Medical and Diagnostic Activity:

Dr. Vasileva, PhD, is a lecturer with extensive clinical experience and is a valuable addition to the academic staff of the "Dental Technician" Department at the Medical College Varna and would calmly meet the academic title of "Associate Professor."

Conclusion:

After thoroughly reviewing the provided documents and scientific developments, which prove the scientific and professional development of Dr. Radostina Vasileva, I can confirm that she fully meets the modern requirements for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional direction 7.2. Dental Medicine, in the scientific specialty "Orthodontics."

This gives me the grounds to confidently **vote positively** and recommend to the honorable scientific jury to **award the academic position of "Associate Professor" to Dr. Radostina Vasileva, PhD.**

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