

STATEMENT

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WITH REFERENCE TO:

CONTEST FOR THE ACADEMIC POSITION "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" in the Area of Higher Education 7. „Healthcare and Sports“, Professional field 7.3 "Pharmacy", Scientific specialty "Pharmacology (incl. Pharmacokinetics and Chemotherapy)" for the needs of the Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Pharmacotherapy, Faculty of Pharmacy (FF) at the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna.

1. GENERAL PRESENTATION OF THE PROCEDURE

1.1. LEGAL BASIS OF THE PROCEDURE

The competition for the academic position "Associate Professor" in the Area of Higher Education 7. „Healthcare and Sports“, Professional field 7.3 "Pharmacy", Scientific specialty "Pharmacology (incl. Pharmacokinetics and Chemotherapy)" for the needs of the Department of Pharmacology, Pharmacotherapy and Toxicology of the Faculty of Pharmacy (FPh), was announced on the basis of Art. 3, para. 1 of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, in the State Gazette, issue 85 of 08.10.2024.

1.2. PARTICIPANTS IN THE COMPETITION

Only one candidate submitted documents for participation in the competition within the legal deadline - **Chief Assistant Professor, Master of Pharmacy Stella Dragomanova, PhD** - application dated 14.10.2024. The submitted documentation includes all documents required by MU-Varna: Creative CV; Certified copy of the diploma for the "Master" with the appendix; Certified copy of the diploma for the acquired "Doctor"; Certified copy of the document for the acquired specialty in the field of healthcare; Certificate of internship in the relevant specialty; Certificate of teaching internship; Certificate of academic workload; Medical certificate; Certificate of criminal record; Notice of personal data protection; Declaration of authenticity; Academic reference; Monographic/habilitation thesis or equivalent publications; Declaration of author's consent; Abstracts of the monographic/habilitation thesis; Summaries of scientific papers; Reference for original

scientific contributions; List of participation in national and international scientific events; Reference for similarity of scientific papers submitted under the procedure for hiring an Associate Professor with scientific developments available online, including scientific databases and websites, issued by MU-Varna; others.

1.3.CHRONOLOGY OF THE PROCEDURE AND ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES

On the basis of Art. 4, para. 2 of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, Art. 57, para. 1 and 2 of the Regulations for the Implementation of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, Art. 6, para. 1, Art. 127, para. 1 and 2 of the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff in Positions at the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna and by Order No. 109-442 of 05.12.2024, the Rector of MU-Varna appoints a Scientific Jury to conduct the announced competition.

The first meeting of the Scientific Jury was held remote on 18.12.2024. - the Chairman of the Scientific Jury was elected, the members of the Scientific Jury who will prepare reviews and statements were determined, an initial assessment of the candidate's scientific output was made by the members of the Scientific Jury, compliance with the minimum national requirements was established in accordance with Art. 2b, para. 2 and para. 3 of the Academic Staff Development Act, a decision was made on admissibility and to start the scientific evaluation procedure on the merits of the competition.

2. GENERAL PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

2.1. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Chief Assistant Professor, Master of Pharmacy Stella Dragomanova, PhD was born on 09.11.1976, in Varna. The professional career of **Chief Assistant Professor, Master of Pharmacy Stella Dragomanova, PhD** in the field of pharmacy began immediately after obtaining the Bachelor's Degree in Pharmacy Assistant in 1997. In the period 1998-2024, she studied pharmacy at the Medical University of Sofia. She obtained the Master's Degree in Pharmacy in 2004, and subsequently worked as a pharmacist in open-type pharmacies, manager of an open-type pharmacy, academic career up to the academic position of Chief Assistant to date.

The academic career of **Chief Assistant Professor, Master of Pharmacy Stella Dragomanova, PhD** began in 2010 as an assistant at the Medical University of Varna. For the period from 2010 to 2014 holds the academic position of "Assistant professor" in the scientific specialty of Pharmacology in the Department of "Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology and Therapy", Faculty of Medicine, MU - Varna. In the period from 2014 to 2015 - holds the position of "Assistant professor", specialty of Pharmacology, Department of "Pharmacology and Toxicology" at the Department of "Preclinical and Clinical Sciences", Faculty of

Pharmacy, MU-Varna. From 2015 to 2021 - "Assistant professor", specialty of Pharmacology, Department of "Pharmacology, Toxicology and Pharmacotherapy", Faculty of Pharmacy, MU - Varna. Since 2021, he has held the academic position of "Chief Assistant Professor" in the scientific specialty of Pharmacology, Department of "Pharmacology, Toxicology and Pharmacotherapy", Faculty of Pharmacy, MU - Varna. In 2020 as a PhD student at the Institute of Neurobiology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, she defended a PhD thesis in the professional field 7.1. Medicine on the topic "Pharmacological, toxicological and neurobiological studies of myrtenal - a bicyclic monoterpenoid of natural origin" and acquired the educational and scientific degree "Doctor". In 2024, as a PhD student in independent training at the Department of "Pharmacology, Toxicology and Pharmacotherapy" at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna, she defended a second dissertation in the professional field 7.3. Pharmacy on the topic "Neuropharmacological study of myrtenal conjugates with aminoadamantane" and acquired the educational and scientific degree "Doctor". **Chief Assistant Professor, Master of Pharmacy Stella Dragomanova, PhD** also has a recognized specialty "Clinical Pharmacy" - 2017.

The academic experience of **Chief Assistant Professor, Master of Pharmacy Stella Dragomanova, PhD**, has a total duration of more than 14 years.

3. APPLICANT EVALUATION

The candidate's assessment was carried out in accordance with the requirements of Art. 24, para. 1 and Art. 27, para. 1-4 of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, Art. 52, para. 1 of the Regulations for the Implementation of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and Art. 125, para. 1 of the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at MU-Varna.

The requirements (criteria) examined in this opinion are:

Criterion № 1

Presence of the acquired educational and scientific degree "doctor", which for the specialties of the regulated professions must be in the same specialty

The applicant presents the diploma for degree "Doctor of Philosophy" in professional field 7.3 Pharmacy and Scientific specialty "Pharmacology (incl. Pharmacokinetics and Chemotherapy)", issued by Medical University – Varna, Faculty of Pharmacy based on the defended PhD thesis "Neuropharmacological study of myrtenal conjugates with aminoadamantane". There is full compliance with applicable requirements.

Criterion № 2

Have held an academic position "assistant", "chief assistant" or an elective non-academic position (lecturer or part-time lecturer) at MU-Varna and/or another higher education

institution and/or non-profit organization for at least 5 years and have had an average annual workload of at least 100 hours, distributed over the last 10 years, or be a specialist in practice and have proven achievements in their field;

The candidate, **Chief Assistant Professor, Master of Pharmacy Stella Dragomanova, PhD**, has academic experience with a total duration of more than 14 years. The evidentiary material includes autobiographical data, official notes, certificates, certificates, etc. There is full compliance with the requirements.

Criterion № 3

To have presented a published monographic work or equivalent publications in specialized scientific publications or evidence of corresponding artistic and creative achievements in the field of arts, which should not repeat those presented for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" and for the acquisition of the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences"

The candidate, **Chief Assistant Professor, Master of Pharmacy Stella Dragomanova, PhD**, presents her scientific production in sections, in accordance with the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff, the Regulations for the Implementation of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at MU-Varna.

The publication activity of **Chief Assistant Professor, Master of Pharmacy Stella Dragomanova, PhD**, is evenly distributed over the years. The candidate's scientific production covers the entire spectrum and subject of the scientific specialty "Pharmacology (incl. pharmacokinetics and chemotherapy)".

The quality and quantity of the scientific production are sufficient to meet the requirements for occupying the academic position of "Associate Professor".

Criterion № 4

The candidate must meet the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3, respectively the requirements under Art. 2b, para. 5 of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria

The scientific production presented in quantitative and qualitative terms significantly exceeds the minimum national requirements for holding the academic position of "associate professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, respectively Professional field 7.3 Pharmacy. Table 1.

Table 1

Number and content of indicator	Score
Group of indicators A	
Indicator 1: PhD thesis	50
Total score A	50
Group of indicators B	
Indicator 3: Habilitation thesis / monograph	100
Total score B	100
Group of indicators Γ	
Indicator 7: Publications and reports published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases of scientific information	176,39
Indicator 8: Publications and reports published in non-refereed scientific peer-reviewed journals or in peer-reviewed collective volumes	26
Total score Γ	202.39
Group of indicators Δ	
Indicator 10: Citations or reviews in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases of scientific information or in monograph and collective volumes	60
Indicator 12: Citations or reviews in non-refereed scientific peer-reviewed journals	0
Total score Δ	60
Total score	412,39

Criterion No. 5

There must be no proven plagiarism in scientific works in accordance with the established procedure

I do not find information about proven plagiarism in the scientific works of the candidate, **Chief Assistant Professor, Master of Pharmacy Stella Dragomanova, PhD.**

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

Chief Assistant Professor, Master of Pharmacy Stella Dragomanova, PhD, is the only candidate in the competition, which circumstance excludes the need to analyze the additional criteria in accordance with Art. 27, para. 4 of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the additional criteria of MU-Varna.

4. CONCLUSION

The submitted documentation for the competition by Chief Assistant Professor, Master of Pharmacy Stella Dragomanova, PhD, fully meets the requirements of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for the Implementation of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at MU-Varna.

The overall professional and scientific development of Chief Assistant Professor, Master of Pharmacy Stella Dragomanova, PhD, shows that she has the qualities of a well-established teacher and scientist, has undisputed scientific achievements and authority in pharmaceutical circles, possesses the necessary abilities to work with students, postgraduates and doctoral students, shows respect and collegiality, and is able to work in a team.

I will vote "FOR" the appointment of Chief Assistant Professor, Master of Pharmacy Stella Dragomanova, PhD, to the academic position of "Associate Professor".

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