

STATEMENT

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For the procedure for holding the academic position of Associate Professor in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional area 7.1. Medicine, scientific speciality Obstetrics and Gynaecology, open for the needs of the Department of Healthcare, Shumen Affiliate, MU-Varna, announced by MU-Varna in the State Gazette No. 102 of 28.11.2025.

Regarding: THE SCIENTIFIC AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES OF:

DR. YONKA IVANOVA KORNOVSKA, PhD

On the procedure: One candidate has been admitted to the competition – Dr. Yonka Kornovska.

The regulations of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules for its application at MU-Varna have been observed, respectively, the specific requirements for holding the academic position of Associate Professor.

Biographical data of the candidate

Dr. Yonka Kornovska, PhD, was born in 1975. She completed her higher education in 1999 at the Higher Medical Institute in Pleven. Since 2005, she has been certified in the speciality of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Reproductive Medicine. In 2022, she defended a doctoral thesis on: *Treatment of Cervical Precancerous Lesions by Large Loop Excision (LLETZ) in an Outpatient Setting.*

Professional Career:

- 2004–2005 – physician in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Maichin Dom Medical Complex – Varna;
- 2005–2020 – senior medical representative and regional coordinator for Pfizer, Sanofi-Aventis Bulgaria, and Novartis Pharma Services;
- 2020 – present – physician, obstetrician-gynaecologist at the Gynaecology Clinic, St. Anna Hospital – Varna;
- 2015 – present – physician, obstetrician-gynaecologist, Women's Health Centre "Prof. Yavor Kornovski" EOOD.

Teaching activities of the candidate

- 2020/2021 – part-time assistant professor at the Department of Healthcare, MU-Varna, Shumen Affiliate;
- 2021/2023 – full-time assistant professor at the Department of Healthcare, MU-Varna, Shumen Affiliate;
- 2023 – present – Chief assistant professor at the Department of Healthcare, MU-Varna, Shumen Affiliate.

Dr. Kornovska has submitted a report on the practical exercises in Obstetrics and Gynaecology for midwives, which she conducts at the Department of Healthcare, MU-Varna, Shumen Affiliate, for the mentioned period.

Evaluation of scientometric indicators

For the academic procedure, Dr. Yonka Kornovska has presented the following publications: 11 in foreign peer-reviewed journals, qualifying as cumulative habilitation; 10 in foreign peer-reviewed journals; and 16 in Bulgarian non-peer-reviewed journals. She has presented an additional peer-reviewed publication beyond the minimum requirements. The number of points from the submitted papers meets the minimum requirements in the Regulations of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules for its application at MU-Varna.

The Research Library at MU-Varna has issued a citations report for the 10 papers in peer-reviewed journals. The citations meet the minimum requirements of MU-Varna. A citation beyond the minimum criteria is also presented.

Dr. Yonka Kornovska has a total impact factor of 112.3. According to the global database Google Scholar, her research papers have been cited 281 times, and the author has an h-index of 10.

The candidate's scholarly and applied work centres in the following fields of Obstetrics and Gynaecology: pelvic retroperitoneal anatomy and its significance in operative gynaecology; the implementation of ERAS (Enhanced Recovery After Surgery) protocols; and the application of Erbium lasers in gynaecological practice. In these areas, the candidate presents valuable scientific and applied contributions, with some of the reported data being first of their kind in Bulgaria.

Assessment of teaching activities

The candidate has 5 years of teaching experience, of which 3 years were as a chief assistant professor at MU-Varna. Her educational activities include practical exercises for midwives. The total number of teaching hours over the last 4 years meets the minimum requirements of MU-Varna for the respective academic periods.

Conclusion

The research output of Dr. Yonka Kornovska and her teaching experience meet the requirements of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules for Academic Staff Development at MU-Varna. Therefore, with firm conviction, I propose that the respected Scientific Jury vote positively for awarding Dr. Yonka Kornovska the academic position of Associate Professor in Obstetrics and Gynaecology for the needs of the Department of Healthcare, Shumen Affiliate at the Medical University of Varna.

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