

STATEMENT

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External member of the Scientific Jury

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, published 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, in the specific sections for acquiring the academic position of Associate Professor.

Biographical data and career profile of the candidate

Dr. Yonka Kornovska, PhD, was born in 1975. She completed her medical education in 1999 at the Higher Medical Institute in Pleven. In 2005, she obtained her Certificate of Completion of Special Training (CCST) in Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Reproductive Medicine. In 2022, she defended a PhD in medicine with a thesis on: Treatment of Cervical Precancerous Lesions by Large Loop Excision (LLETZ) in an Outpatient Setting.

Her professional career after acquiring CCST began as a physician in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Maichin Dom Medical Complex – Varna (2004–2005). In 2005–2020, she was a senior medical representative and regional coordinator for Pfizer, Sanofi-Aventis Bulgaria, and Novartis Pharma Services. From 2020 – present Dr. Kornovska has worked as a physician, obstetrician-gynaecologist at the Gynaecology Clinic, St. Anna Hospital – Varna.

Teaching activities of the candidate

Her academic career has progressed through successive ranks at the Department of Healthcare, MU-Varna, Shumen Affiliate: 2020/2021 – part-time assistant professor; 2021/2023 – full-time assistant professor; from 2023 to present – chief assistant professor.

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

Assessment of scientometric indicators

The scientific output of Dr. Yonka Kornovska includes 81 papers and 63 presentations at scientific forums, a doctoral thesis and related scientific research. For the current procedure, the candidate has submitted for review 38 full-text published scholarly papers. Of these, 11 are in peer-reviewed journals (presented as cumulative habilitation), 10 are in journals indexed in international databases, and 16 are in Bulgarian non-peer-reviewed journals. Additionally, one peer-reviewed paper beyond the minimum requirements of MU-Varna has been submitted.

According to a report from the Research Library at MU-Varna, there are 10 citations of the reviewed papers submitted for the procedure, thus meeting the minimum requirements of MU-Varna. There is one citation beyond the minimum criteria.

The number of points from the submitted publications meets the minimum required 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 total impact factor of the candidate's research papers is 112.3. According to the global database Google Scholar, her papers have been cited 281 times in the world literature. According to the Google Scholar report, Dr. Kornovska's publications have an h-index = 10.

The candidate's research and applied activities are focused primarily on the following areas of Obstetrics and Gynaecology: anatomical considerations and surgical techniques in operative gynaecology; ERAS (Enhanced Recovery After Surgery) and prehabilitation; Erbium lasers in gynaecology; and gynaecologic oncology.

The candidate offers valuable contributions to both theoretical science and practical implementation in gynaecologic oncology practice: namely, in the surgical treatment of ovarian carcinoma, as well as patient preparation and recovery. The increasingly widespread use of laser therapy in the treatment of stress incontinence is an issue that Dr. Kornovska, drawing on her own clinical results, summarises and discusses for the first time in Bulgaria.

Conclusion

All procedures regarding the announcement of the competition and admission to participation have been observed.

The facts presented clearly demonstrate that Dr. Yonka Kornovska's scientific output and teaching activity fully comply with the current requirements for holding the academic title of Associate Professor, both in terms of quantity and quality. All requirements in the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules for its application at the Medical University of Varna have been met.

My assessment in the current competition for Dr. Yonka Kornovska is positive.

I recommend that the esteemed members of the Scientific Jury duly recognise the overall research output and teaching activities of Dr. Yonka Ivanova Kornovska, PhD, as meeting our national criteria for quantity and quality, and vote positively for awarding her 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 – for the needs of the Department of Healthcare, Shumen Affiliate, MU-Varna.

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