

STATEMENT

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Member of the Scientific Jury, according to Order No. 109-132/16.03.2026 of the Rector of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov", Varna, Bulgaria.

***Regarding:** procedure for occupying an academic position "associate professor" in the scientific specialty "Oral Surgery" for the needs of the Department of Oral Surgery at the Faculty of Dental Medicine of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov", Varna, Bulgaria.*

The current competition for an academic position was announced in the State Gazette number 6 of 16.01.2026 and only one candidate participated in it - **Chief Assistant Professor Anna Kirilova Nenova-Nogalcheva, DMD, PhD**, who is a full-time assistant in the Department of Oral Surgery at the Faculty of Dental Medicine of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov", Varna, Bulgaria and is a specialist in oral surgery since 01.06.2012.

As a participant in the Scientific Jury, after a meeting of the latter, I was appointed to prepare a statement on the procedure for occupying the academic position of "associate professor" by Chief Assist. Prof. Anna Kirilova Nenova-Nogalcheva, DMD, PhD.

I. Analysis of the submitted materials for the competition

The preparation of the opinion on the materials submitted for participation in the competition is based on the requirements for the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov", Varna, Bulgaria for the academic position of "associate professor".

II. Brief biographical data of the applicant

In 2006, Chief Assist. Prof. Anna Kirilova Nenova-Nogalcheva, DMD, PhD, graduated with a Master's degree in Dental Medicine at the Medical University of Plovdiv, Bulgaria and has been working as a dentist since then, acquiring a specialty in Oral Surgery in 2012. From 2009 to the present, she has been working successively as a part-time, full-time and Chief Assistant Professor in Oral Surgery at the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov", Varna, Bulgaria. In 2018, after defending a dissertation on the topic "Components of Oral Health in Patients with End-Stage Chronic Kidney Disease Undergoing Hemodialysis Treatment", she acquired an educational and scientific degree "Doctor of Philosophy" (PhD) in the specialty "Oral Surgery". She is distinguished by his active participation in the

academic activities of the Department of Oral Surgery at the Faculty of Dental Medicine, where she works.

III. Complex qualitative assessment of the candidate's teaching-methodical and scientific-research activities

The teaching and pedagogical activity of Chief Assist. Prof. Anna Kirilova Nenova-Nogalcheva, DMD, PhD is based on the provided academic report for study load with issue no. 112-19/21.01.2026 and certificate of teaching experience no. 099-424/23.01.2026, issued by the Medical University "Prof. dr. Paraskev Stoyanov", Varna, Bulgaria. They unambiguously show the active teaching of oral surgery to dental students from Bulgarian-language and English-language education. Her total teaching and pedagogical activity for the last five years includes 2049 teaching hours of exercises and pre-diploma internship - 1819 teaching hours of teaching in Bulgarian and 230 teaching hours of teaching in English.

The scientific and research activity of Chief Assist. Prof. Anna Kirilova Nenova-Nogalcheva, DMD, PhD is based on academic reference No. 41/04.02.2026 provided by her and certified by the Library of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov", Varna, Bulgaria which includes the following components:

- dissertation work - 1 issue;
- habilitation work (monograph) - 1 issue;
- full-text articles - 48 issues (related to the dissertation work - 3 issues; for chief assistant professor - 17 issues; for associate professor - 28 issues), of which for participation in the current competition in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information - 18 issues, and in non-refereed journals with scientific review - 10 issues (one of which is beyond the minimum scientometric requirements);
- participation in congresses and conferences - 19 issues;
- citations – 26 issues (in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information – 17 issues; in non-referenced journals with scientific review – 9 issues).

The assessment of the personal contribution to science and the qualities of Chief Assist. Prof. Anna Kirilova Nenova-Nogalcheva, DMD, PhD includes publications in eight different scientific areas, in which she actively publishes:

1. Oral pathological changes and their significance in patients with chronic kidney disease on chronic dialysis treatment;
2. Anatomical and morphological features of edentulous jaws and pre-prosthetic specialized preparation of the oral cavity;
3. Surgical treatment of third molars and concepts for functional examination;
4. Dental implantology as part of complex functional and aesthetic oral rehabilitation;
5. Benign diseases in the maxillofacial area;
6. functional assessment of the masticatory apparatus after surgical and prosthetic treatment;
7. oral pathology in children with neuropsychiatric diseases;
8. intraoral pharmacological influence on oral lesions in patients after dental treatment.

IV. Conclusion

The materials submitted by Chief Assist. Prof. Anna Kirilova Nenova-Nogalcheva, DMD, PhD for participation in the competition fully meet the minimum national requirements in terms of scientometrics from the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov", Varna, Bulgaria.

Based on the above, I give a **positive assessment** and strongly recommend to the members of the respected Scientific Jury to award the **academic position of "associate professor"** in the **scientific specialty "Oral Surgery"** in the field of higher education "7. Health care and sports", professional direction "7.2. Dental Medicine" for the needs of the Department of Oral Surgery at the Faculty of Dental Medicine of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov", Varna, Bulgaria at **Chief Assistant Professor Anna Kirilova Nenova-Nogalcheva, DMD, PhD.**

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