

OPINION

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REAGRADING: Competition for the academic position of “Associate Professor” in the field of higher education 7. “Healthcare and Sports”, professional field 7.2. “Dental medicine” and scientific specialty “ Oral Surgery” announced on 16.01.2026 (SG, issue 6), for the needs of the Department of Oral Surgery at the Faculty of Dental Medicine, Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna and by order of the Rector of MU – Varna № P-109-132/ 16.03.2026

Within the legally established deadline, one candidate submitted documents for participation in the announced competition – Dr. **Anna Kirilova Nenova – Nogalcheva**, Chief Assistant at the Department of Oral Surgery, Faculty of Dental Medicine, Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna.

Educational and career development

Dr. Anna Kirilova Nenova – Nogalcheva, DMD, holds a Master’s degree in Dentistry since 2006 (Medical University – Plovdiv). She began specializing in Oral Surgery in 2008, and in 2012 successfully acquired the specialty in Oral Surgery (Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna).

Dr. Nenova obtained the educational and scientific degree “Doctor” (PhD) in the scientific specialty “Surgical Dentistry” at Medical University. “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna in 2018, after defending a dissertation entitled “Components of oral health in patients with end-stage chronic kidney disease undergoing chronic dialysis treatment”.

Since 2009, Dr. Nenova has been a lecturer at the Department of Oral Surgery, Faculty of Dental Medicine, Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna, successively holding the positions of of part-time Assistant Professor, full-time Assistant Professor and Chief Assistant Professor.

Dr. Nenova also has her outpatient practice, where she performs ambulatory dental and oral surgery procedures.

Research activity

For participation in the competition, Dr. Anna Nenova – Nogalcheva has presented 29 scientific works – a dissertation for obtaining the PhD degree in the specialty of the competition, a monograph – main habilitation work, and 27 publications.

1. Monograph – main habilitation work (Group B) – *Nenova-Nogalcheva A. Influence of age and certain comorbidities on the individual's oral health (2022), ISBN 978-619-221-391-6, Medical University - Varna, 131 pages.*

The presented monograph addresses a current and significant problem for dental science and practice, due to the increasing number of patients with chronic somatic diseases. In the monograph, Dr. Nenova presents her own data on the influence of age and some accompanying comorbidities on oral health, critically and precisely providing a review of the literature on the issue. Based on the results, she proposes an algorithm for the prevention of oral diseases in the analyzed patient group.

2. Publications (group D) – 27, distributed as follows:

- Articles in journals indexed in Scopus and Web of Science - 18, from which 2 articles with an impact factor.
- Publications in non-indexed peer-reviewed journals and edited collective volumes – 9.

Of the 27 publications, 8 (29,6%) are review articles or clinical case presentations, meeting the requirements of the regulations of MU – Varna.

Analysis of Scientific Output

Dr. Nenova's scientific publications are in various areas, based on the results related to oral pathological changes and their significance in patients with chronic renal diseases on chronic dialysis treatment; oral pathology in children with neuropsychiatric diseases; anatomical and morphological features of edentulous jaws, including pre-prosthetic specialized preparation of the oral cavity; surgical treatment of third molars and concepts for functional examination; dental implantology as a part of the complex functional and aesthetic oral rehabilitation; functional assessment of the masticatory complex, following surgical and prosthetic treatment; intraoral pharmaceutical influence on oral lesions in patients after dental treatment, and others.

Dr. Nenova has provided evidence of 26 positive citations of her scientific works, including 17 citations in journals indexed in Web of Science and Scopus and 9 in non-indexed peer-review journals.

Teaching Activity

Dr. Anna Nenova – Nogalcheva has been a lecturer at the Department of Oral surgery of the Faculty of Dentistry, Medical university “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna, for more than 16 years. During this period, Dr Nenova has conducted practical lessons for dental students in Bulgarian and English in the disciplines of preclinical and clinical oral and maxillofacial surgery with a workload of 360 hours per academical year. Over the past 5 academical years, the workload of teaching activities Dr. Nenova has fulfilled is as follows:

- 2020/ 2021: 386 academical hours
- 2021/ 2022: 381 academical hours
- 2022/ 2023: 398 academical hours
- 2023/ 2024: 426 academical hours
- 2024/ 2025: 458 academical hours

Conclusion

The analysis of the submitted documents by Dr. Anna Kirilova Nenova - Nogalcheva meets the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff, its implementing regulations, and the specific requirements of the Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna for the academic position of “Associate Professor” in scientific specialty of “Oral Surgery”, as evidenced by the submitted comparative Table 1.

Таблица 1. Comparison between the minimum requirements for the position of “Associate Professor” at MU – Varna and the scientometric profile of Dr. Anna Nenova - Nogalcheva


Indicator	Minimum requirements of MU “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” - Varna	Indicatorors of Dr. Anna Nenova - Nogalcheva, PhD
A	50	50
B	-	-
C	100	100
D	200	402,5

E	80	300
Total	430	852,5

Therefore, I will vote positively for appointment of Dr. Anna Kirilova Nenova – Nogalcheva, to the academic position of Associate Professor at the Department of Oral Surgery, Faculty of Dental Medicine, Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna.

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Signature: 

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