

STATEMENT

on the competition for filling the academic position "Professor",
Education area 7. Health and sport, Professional field 7.1. Medicine, Speciality
Social Medicine and Organization of Healthcare and Pharmacy, for the needs of
the Department of Hygiene and Epidemiology, at the Faculty of Public Health,
Medical University - Varna

by Professor Dr. Plamen Stoyanov Dimitrov, PhD - NCPHA - Sofia
member of the Scientific Jury, determined by an order of the Rector of the
Medical University of Varna – No. 109-313 / 07.10.2019.

In the announced competition participates only one candidate - Assoc.
Prof. Dr. Paraskeva Mancheva Draganova, PhD, DSc. The candidate has
submitted all the necessary documents for participation in the competition, in
accordance with the requirements of the Law for the development of the
academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Rules for its implementation and
the Rules for the development of the academic staff of the Medical University –
Varna.

Assoc. Prof. P. Draganova, meets the minimum national requirements
under Art. 1a, para. 2 of the Rules for the Implementation of the Law for the
development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria.

Short details of the applicant's career development

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Paraskeva Mancheva Draganova, graduated in Medicine in
1989. In 2016 she completed her second higher education with a Master's degree
in law. During the period 1989-1999 she was a resident of the "Internal ward" at
the Regional Hospital, Kavarna. From 1999 to 2014, the career development of
Assoc. Prof. Draganova was associated with the Department of General Medicine,
Medical University-Varna where she consistently holds the positions of Assistant,
Senior Assistant and Chief Administrative Assistant. From 2006 to 2012 she was
an expert on Internal Diseases at General Labour Expert Medical Committee, St.
Marina Hospital, Varna. Since 2014 she is Associate Professor at Medical
University, Varna, and since 2017 she is the Head of the University Center for
Eastern Medicine of the Medical University of Varna.

Assoc. Prof. Draganova has three medical specialties - "Internal Medicine," "Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine" "and" "General Medicine". In 2014, she obtained her PhD degree in General Medicine after defending her dissertation on "Legal Awareness of Legalizing Euthanasia and Quality of Life in Patients with Permanently Reduced Disability". In 2018 she defended her dissertation on the topic "Medico-social problems of disability in the system of medical expertise" and received the degree of Doctor of Sciences.

The candidate has participated in various positions on 5 significant national and international projects.

General characteristics of the applicant's research and application activities

The full list of publications by Assoc. Prof. Draganova includes 61 scientific papers, 31 of which are included in the evidence to cover the minimum requirements for occupation of the academic position "Professor" - 1 dissertation for the award of educational and scientific degree "Doctor", 1 dissertation for Doctor of Science degree, 1 published habilitation work - monograph, 1 publication in scientific journals, abstracted and indexed in world renowned databases of scientific information, 25 publications in journals with peer reviewing, not referred in world databases of scientific information, 1 chapter of collective monograph, 1 published university textbook. Besides the publications included in the evidence, 30 publications were presented.

The scientific works of Assoc. Prof. Draganova have been cited 41 times, 3 of which are in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes, 2 citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific peer review and 36 citations in non-refereed scientific peer-reviewed journals.

Regarding the quantitative minimum national requirements by groups of indicators for the academic position of "Professor" in the Education area 7. Health and Sports, Professional field 7.1. Medicine, the applicant significantly exceeds the minimum required 500 points, with the total of all indicator groups being 1350 points.

The main scientific fields, in which Assoc. Prof. Draganova has presented her publications are: Medico-social and legal problems of people with disabilities in the system of medical expertise, health and social systems; Investigation of

legal awareness of euthanasia in patients with disabilities from the medical examination system; Organization of the system of medical expertise of working capacity; Improvement of the student training (rehabilitation, kinesiotherapy and ergotherapy) with the aim of complex rehabilitation of the chronically ill person and restoration of his working capacity; Opportunities for the introduction of Eastern medicine as adjunctive therapy in patients with chronic disabling conditions.

The analysis of the applicant's scientific publications allows me to formulate the following most important scientific and applied scientific contributions:

- The statutory path of the patient from the GP to before and after the certification / re-certification by the Labour Expert Medical Committee is followed, the difficulties are formulated and the possibilities for optimizing the procedure in the conditions of the current legislation are presented.

- The opinion of patients with disabilities about the functioning of the medical examination system was examined, and on this basis a lack of positive change in the situation and quality of life after the Labour Expert Medical Committee decision was established.

- The underestimated role of the rehabilitation and the absence of the employment and professional function of the Labour Expert Medical Committee has been formulated, and the reasons for the inadequate social integration of people with disabilities with an expert decision by the Labour Expert Medical Committee have been investigated.

- Guidelines for improving access to and exercise of their rights under the current legislation have been outlined.

- An analysis of the situation of the system of medical examination of working capacity was carried out

- A concept for a model of complex medico-social assessment of working capacity has been developed, adapted to the European experience.

- Assessment of student teaching methods, topics included in the curricula and proposals for extension of the topics on rehabilitation, kinesiotherapy and ergotherapy were made

- The possibilities for cooperation between Eastern and Western medicine in Bulgarian conditions were investigated with the aim of addressing the problems of chronically ill disabled patients with poor quality of life.

Assessment of the candidate's teaching activities

Assoc. Prof. Draganova's teaching activity is as follows: 2015/2016 - 339 hours, 2016/2017 - 321 hours, 2017/2016 - 342 hours, 2018/2019 - 317 hours , at an annual rate of 162 hours.

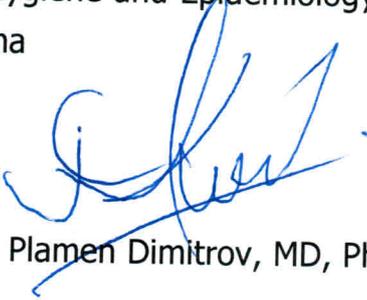
Assoc. Prof. Draganova had 4 PhD students who successfully defended.

Conclusion

On the basis of the materials presented in the competition and the analysis of the assets in the research and teaching activity, I give high evaluation to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Paraskeva Mancheva Draganova, PhD, DSc. Not only does she fully meet all indicators of research and teaching activity, but she also exceeds the quantitative and qualitative indicators and criteria for the academic position of "Professor".

In view of the above, I recommend to the Honorable Scientific Jury, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Paraskeva Mancheva Draganova, PhD, DSc, to be awarded the academic position of "Professor" in the Education area 7. Health and Sports, Professional field 7.1. Medicine, Speciality "Social Medicine and Organization of Healthcare and Pharmacy", for the needs of the Department of Hygiene and Epidemiology, at the Faculty of Public Health, Medical University – Varna

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