

## STATEMENT

by **Prof. Elena Mladenova Shipkovenska, MD, Ph.D.**

Member of the Scientific jury, following an order No № P 109- 181/ 03.06.2020 of the Rector of MU-Varna

**Concerning:** Competition for academic position " Assoc.Prof. " in the field of the higher education 7. Healthcare and sport, professional field 7.4 Public Health; scientific specialty " Public Health Management"

The competition for the academic position "Assoc.Prof." in the scientific specialty "Public Health Management" was announced in SG issue 8/28.01.2020 for the needs of the Department "Social Medicine and Healthcare Organization ", in the faculty of Public Health of the Medical university "Prof. Dr. P. Stoyanov" – Varna. The only candidate is Dr. Dimitar Valchinov Dimitrov, Deputy Director of Medical Activities University Hospital "St. Ivan Rilski ", EAD Sofia.

### **Career development and qualifications**

#### University education:

In 1982 he graduated with a master's degree in dentistry, MU-Sofia.

In 2004 he received a second master's degree in "Health Management" at the Faculty of Public Health, MU - Sofia.

He defended his doctorate in "Social Medicine and Organization of Public Health and Pharmacy" in 2009.

He has a specialty in maxillofacial surgery / 1992 /.

#### Professional experience:

From 1982 to 1985 he was a specialist doctor in Pirdop.

From 1985 to 2000 he worked consecutively as a maxillofacial surgeon - head of sector at Regional Hospital "Dr. Racho Angelov" – Sofia and Medical Manager of the same hospital.

From 2000 to 2015 he was the Executive Director of the University Hospital "St. Anna ", AD - Sofia, and since 2017 he has been Deputy Director of Medical Activities, University Hospital " St. Ivan Rilski "EAD, Sofia.

He is chairman of the Association of Employers in the healthcare sector.

He is a member of the Management Board of the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce.

#### Postgraduate courses:

Dr. Dimitrov takes part in numerous postgraduate courses in the country and abroad related to the basics of hospital management, health management, health insurance models, medical informatics and others.

He has won numerous national awards and prizes for his contribution to health management.

### **RESEARCH ACTIVITY**

#### **Publications**

- 4 publications and reports in scientific journals, refereed and indexed in world databases;
- Presented are 17 publications printed in non-refereed journals with scientific review, included in the National Reference List of NACID.
- Two monographs are presented: "The Effective Hospital Manager" and "Strategies and Management of Organizational Change in Health Care".
- Participation in scientific congresses and conferences - 4 pieces.

The scientific articles are published in journals: "Health Policy and Management", "General Medicine", "Medical Meridians, Social Medicine" and "Medical Management and Health Policy".

The summary review shows that in all works, Dr. Dimitrov is the first or only author.

The contributions of the scientific production have a pronounced scientific-applied character and are directly related to the long-term managerial experience of the candidate.

The most important of them are related to:

- Obtaining up-to-date information on the levels of management competence of the hospital management team. Conclusions are made about the factors that influence the motivation and adaptation of the persons engaged in managerial positions.
- Different management styles are evaluated and flexible management models are proposed.
- The main ways for purposeful effective health management are indicated, through resource management - time, continuous staff training and the use of modern information technologies.

#### **Citation**

42 citations by Bulgarian authors have been established by Central Medical Library -Sofia.

## PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITY OF THE CANDIDATE

Dr. Dimitrov teaches in the following disciplines: emergency medicine; Organization and functioning of an emergency department; Practical techniques in the field of emergency medicine; Maxillo facial surgery. For the years 2012-2014 his workload, including lectures, exercises and extracurricular activities, amounts to 476 hours.

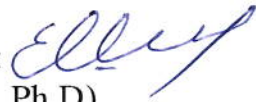
### *Assessment of compliance with the minimal national requirements*

The attached electronic report shows that Dr. Dimitrov, Ph.D. covers the required scientometric criteria from the Rules of the Medical University - Varna and fulfills the conditions and procedure for occupation of the academic position of "Associate Professor", according to the Academic Staff Development Act in Republic of Bulgaria (2018).

## CONCLUSION:

Taking into account the long experience of the candidate as a manager of a large hospital and the value of his scientific achievements in the field of health management, I give my positive vote and recommend the members of the esteemed Scientific Jury to choose Dr. Dimitar Valchinov Dimitrov, MD of the academic position "**Associate Professor**" in Professional Field 7.4 "Public Health" and scientific specialty "Public Health Management" for the needs of the Faculty of Public Health, Department of Social Medicine and Healthcare Organization, MU-Varna.

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