

## REVIEWER'S STATEMENT

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On an open procedure for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. "Health and Sport", in the professional direction 7.2 "Dental Medicine", scientific specialty "Pediatric Dental Medicine", for the needs of the Faculty of Pediatric Dental Medicine, MU-Varna, announced in the Bulgarian State Gazette No. 53/ 12.06.2020

Pursuant to Order No. P-109-315/07.08.2020 of the Rector of the Medical University – Varna, in my competence as a member of the Scientific Committee, I was entrusted to submit a formal statement.

Two candidates have applied within the stipulated time and have been admitted to the contest:

1. Senior Assistant Professor Dr. Sirma Todorova Angelova, PhD
2. Senior Assistant Professor Milena Todorova Georgieva-Dimitrova, PhD

### **Information about the applicants:**

Dr. Sirma Todorova Angelova, was born on 14 December 1980 in the town of Dobrich. Marital status: single. In 1999 she graduated from *Geo Milev* Language High School in Dobrich, with extensive courses in English and German. In 2005 she obtained her Master's degree in International Finance from the University of Economics–Varna. In 2011 she graduated from the Medical University – Varna and was awarded the qualification Doctor of Dental Medicine. In 2015 she specialized in Pediatric Dentistry and became a senior assistant at the Department of Dental Medicine. In 2017 she acquired a PhD, specializing in "Pediatric Dental Medicine" ("Pediatric Dentistry"), after defending a dissertation paper entitled "Risk assessment and prevention of dental caries in children suffering from kidney diseases."

Dr. Milena Todorova Georgieva–Dimitrova, was born on 3 January 1989 in the town of Veliko Tarnovo. In 2008 she graduated from *Vasil Drumev* High School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. In 2014 she graduated from the Medical University-Varna. In 2018 she



acquired a PhD, specializing in "Pediatric Dentistry", after a dissertation defense on "Indirect aesthetic restorations of permanent teeth in children, using CAD-CAM-technology."

The professional development of both candidates is characterized by a constant striving for self-improvement. Both applicants have been my students. They have attended a number of seminars for the purpose of improving their expertise in the field of pediatric dentistry.

Applicant Dr. Sirma Todorova Angelova, has submitted for the contest the following research papers:

1. Dissertation paper - 1 copy
2. Publications in periodicals - 33 published manuscripts, one of them is in a journal with an impact factor of 3.267
3. Monograph - 1 copy (219 pages)
4. Participation in research congresses, conferences and seminars – a total of 32 published abstracts
5. References in other research papers - 25 times, 3 of which are published in referenced journals.

Closer analysis into Dr. Angelova's publications reveals that most of the published manuscripts, submitted for the purpose of the contest, are based on the same research (mainly on patients suffering from kidney disease and periodontal disease) and many of the articles have overlapping content.

Applicant Dr. Milena Todorova Georgieva-Dimitrova, has submitted for the contest the following research papers:

1. Dissertation paper - 1 copy
2. Publications in periodicals - 25 published
3. Monograph - 1 copy (172 pages)
4. Participation in research congresses, conferences and seminars – a total of 3 published abstracts
5. References in other research papers - 23 times, 4 of which are published in referenced journals.



The topics of the published manuscripts which Dr. Milena Georgieva-Dimitrova has co-written, appear to be diverse and cover all aspects of Pediatric Dentistry.

### **Educational and teaching activities**

Both applicants have been actively involved in the educational and teaching activities at the Faculty of Pediatric Dental Medicine and have completed the academic workload required by the Act for the Development of Academic Staff. Both applicants participate in the Bulgarian as well as the English-language tuition of Bulgarian and foreign students of Dentistry.

Throughout our mutual teaching experience Dr. Georgieva and Dr. Angelova have both impressed me with their professional teaching qualities and are among the best senior assistants who readily impart their knowledge and skills to students.

### **Medical and diagnostic activities**

Dr. Sirma Angelova has not provided us with a reference for her medical and diagnostic activities, which, in my opinion, is essential for the proper relationship between theoretical publications and the application of knowledge in practice. In my view, each Associate Professor must have extensive clinical experience to be able to train postgraduates and doctoral students, and knowledge must always be theoretical as well as practical.

Dr. Milena Georgieva-Dimitrova has submitted a report on a wide range of manipulations (3008 in total) performed by her at the University Medical Dental Centre in Varna, not only in the domain of Pediatric Dentistry but also in the whole field of Dental Medicine. A lecturer with such clinical experience, gained over the period of 5 years, would certainly be a valuable asset to all faculty at the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and would responsibly hold the academic position of "Associate Professor".

### **Conclusion**

After a detailed examination of the documents and research papers provided as evidence for the scientific and professional development of Dr. Milena Georgieva-Dimitrova and Dr. Sirma Angelova, I can confirm that both applicants meet the necessary requirements for the the academic position of "Associate Professor". Based on the documents provided, I rank them in the following order:

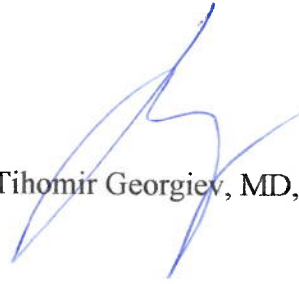
1. Dr. Milena Georgieva-Dimitrova
2. Dr. Sirma Angelova



I give my positive vote and recommend to the honorable members of the Scientific Committee to award the academic position of "Associate Professor" to Dr. Milena Georgieva-Dimitrova.

Varna, Bulgaria

Prof. Tihomir Georgiev, MD, PhD.

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