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TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCIENTIFIC JURY

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BY THE RECTOR OF MU "PROF. DR. PARASKEV STOYANOV ", VARNA

Mr. Chairman,

Attached I am sending you an **Opinion** on a Competition for the academic position of **PROFESSOR in the specialty "Nephrology"**, professional field 7.1. Medicine, field of higher education 7. Healthcare and sports - **one** (0.25 full-time position), for the needs of the Faculty of Medicine, Second Department of Internal Medicine, Board of Nephrology, Dialysis and Toxicology, announced in SG no. 8/28.01.2020. The candidate for the competition is one: **Assoc. Prof. Dr. ATANAS IVANOV KUNDURDJIEV, Ph.D. in MU-Sofia**

Opinion by: External member of the Scientific Jury, appointed by Order of the Rector of MU "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov ", Varna № P - 109 - 168 dated 03.06.2020 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Velislava Dimitrova Dimitrova, Ph.D.

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The opinion is written in accordance with the requirements of the Law on Higher Education, the Law on the Development of academic staff at the Medical University - Varna

OPINION

under **Competition for holding the academic position PROFESSOR in the specialty "Nephrology"**, professional field 7.1. Medicine, field of higher education 7. Health and sports - **one** (0.25 full-time position), for the needs of the Faculty of Medicine, Second Department of Internal Medicine, Management Board of Nephrology, Dialysis and Toxicology, announced in SG no. 8/28.01.2020, in accordance with the Order of the Rector of MU "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov", Varna with candidate **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Atanas Ivanov Kundurdjiev, MD**

by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Velislava Dimitrova Dimitrova, Ph.D.

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The presented documents for participation in the competition by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Atanas Ivanov Kundurdjiev, current associate professor, lecturer at MU, Sofia, Head of the Clinic of Nephrology at the University Hospital "St. Ivan Rilski" EAD, Sofia, are made according to the Regulations for the development of the academic staff at the Medical University of Varna and meet the requirements of the Law for development of the academic staff of the Republic of Bulgaria for participation in such a competition.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Atanas Ivanov Kundurdjiev graduated as a doctor at the Medical Academy, Medical Faculty, Sofia in 1983. After nearly two years of general medical practice in the Health Service, he started working as a clinical resident in internal medicine at the Internal Medicine Clinic at the Presidium of the Medical Academy, Sofia. Winning a competition for a full-time assistant professor of cardiology marked the beginning of his successful ascending academic career. His professional development was followed by assistant, senior assistant and chief assistant in nephrology at the University Hospital Alexandrovska, Sofia. In the meantime, he has held various administrative positions such as Deputy Minister of Health, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the University Hospital "Alexandrovska" and the Hospital "Blagoevgrad", Executive Director of the University Hospital "Alexandrovska", Secretary General of the BMA, Municipal Councilor, elected Head of the Nephrology Department at the Clinic of Nephrology and Dialysis of the University Hospital "St. Ivan Rilski", Sofia and Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors of the same hospital. For a short period he was again Deputy Minister of Health. Since May 2017 he has been the Head of the Nephrology Clinic at the University Hospital "St. Ivan Rilski".



He acquired the specialty of Internal Medicine in 1990, two years later the specialty of cardiology and after another three years he was recognized as a specialist in nephrology. He acquired a master's degree in Health Management. After successfully defending his dissertation in 2013 he acquired educational scientific degree "Doctor", and in 2017 he won the academic position of Associate Professor at the Medical University, Sofia.

For more than 36 years, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kundurdjiev has been working in the field of healthcare, skillfully combining in his successful medical practice skills, knowledge and experience focused on the intimately intertwined cardiology and nephrology. He has not stop improving and has acquired certificates of competency for all levels of ultrasound diagnostics, incl. and echocardiography. He uses and further develops the acquired methodologies in his daily practice, covering in fact almost all areas of internal medicine, which makes him an excellent professional, diagnostician and clinician. He has twice been nominated for Best Doctor. The respect and trust he has earned are the basis of his election in many different commissions and memberships of the Council of Ministers, the Ministry of Health and others.

TEACHING AND TEACHING ACTIVITY:

From the presented detailed and complete report on his teaching record it is evident that Assoc. Prof. Dr. Atanas Kundurdjiev has many years of teaching experience at MU, Sofia. He has taught to students of medicine and pharmacy, to doctors specializing in internal medicine, general medicine, nephrology, to doctors studying at all levels of ultrasound diagnostics, including echocardiography. He participates in examination commissions of students of medicine and pharmacy in Bulgarian and English. He also participates in the State Examination Commission for acquiring the specialty Nephrology.

According to the academic report, his teaching record in two consecutive academic years 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 is 278 and 250 hours per year.

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY:

The presented publication and scientific activity of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Atanas Kundurdjiev fully covers and exceeds all required qualitative and quantitative criteria for the announced competition. His research interests are mainly in the field of cardiology and nephrology with an emphasis on cardiorenal syndrome. There are also a large number of scientific papers focused on other areas of internal medicine and general medicine. He has skillfully applied his extensive knowledge of medical practice in his active participation in the preparation and drafting of a number of bills and regulations governing the activities of medical institutions, health insurance, postgraduate qualification, accreditation, medical standards and more.



In his scientific clinical studies, publications and reports, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kundurdjiev makes very in-depth analyzes of the problems and highlights very valuable conclusions and important for the wide clinical practice contributions of a confirmatory and original nature. Most of them are for the first time in our country.

The research activity of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Atanas Kundurdjiev is presented in 31 published scientific papers after acquiring academic degree Associate Professor, of which 1 published independent monograph, 1 published collective monograph, 4 participations in writing chapters from books, textbooks and teaching aids. (in press), writing three chapters in two published books, 22 scientific publications (11 in Bulgarian scientific publications, 11 in foreign with IF 9.917). The candidate has a total of 37 participations with posters and reports at congresses and conferences - 28 in Bulgaria and 9 abroad. After acquiring the academic degree Associate Professor, Dr. Kundurdjiev is Chairman of 1 approved Scientific Project of the "Grant" competition.

According to a reference from the Library of MU, Varna, at the moment the scientific works of the candidate have a total of 63 Bulgarian citations. 241 citations were found in the Scopus and Web of Knowledge databases. According to the attached report, the total IF of all scientific papers of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Atanas Kundurdjiev is 60.002.

The candidate for the scientific title of Professor has a recognized educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in 2017. He has a rich multifaceted scientific and applied science product, which fully meets the required scientometric criteria for holding the position of Professor. He has made significant contributions in the fields of Nephrology, Cardiology and Health.

The significance of the published scientific works is indisputable. Their numerous citations confirm their high scientific and applied values. In medical circles, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kundurdjiev is highly valued and respected as a colleague, associate professor, lecturer and public figure. The scientific works of the candidate and his teaching activity show very in-depth theoretical knowledge and high professional skills, demonstrating the possession of all the necessary qualities for the award of the academic position of Professor.

Given the above, I confidently give my **POSITIVE** assessment of the overall scientific and teaching activities of **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Atanas Ivanov Kundurdjiev, Ph.D.**

I propose to the Honorable Jury to vote positively for the award of the academic position **PROFESSOR in the specialty "Nephrology"**, professional field 7.1. Medicine, field of higher education 7. Healthcare and sports of **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Atanas Ivanov Kundurdjiev, MD**

Sofia, June 2020

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Velislava Dimitrova, Ph.D.

