

To the Chairman of the Scientific Jury
at the Medical University of Varna,
appointed by order № 109-194 / 26.04.2021
of the Rector of MU - Varna, by procedure
for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in Pneumology and Phthisiatry
to the Department of Internal Medicine and the Board of Lung Diseases and Allergology
at the Faculty of Medicine of MU - Varna
with candidate Assistant Professor Dinko Genchev Valev, MD, Ph.D.

STATEMENT

From Prof. Blagoi Ivanov Marinov, MD, PhD

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SUBJECT: Competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health and sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty "Pneumology and Phthisiatry" for the needs of the Department of Internal Medicine, Board of Pulmonary Diseases and Allergology at the Faculty of Medicine of MU - Varna.

The only candidate in the announced competition is Assistant Professor Dinko Genchev Valev, MD, Ph.D.

I declare that I have no collaborative publications with the candidate or any other conflict of interest related to this competition.

Brief biographical data

Dr. Dinko Valev was born on February 17, 1965 in the town of Stara Zagora. He graduated with a degree in Medicine from the Medical Faculty of the Medical University of Sofia in 1992. In 1998 he acquired a degree in Internal Medicine, and in 2002 a second degree in Pneumology and Phthisiatry. In 2010, Dr. Valev successfully defended his dissertation in the specialty "Lung Diseases" on "Fibrobronchoscopic fine-needle aspiration biopsy in the diagnosis of lung cancer." The candidate further enhanced his qualification at Imperial College, Edinburgh, Scotland and specializes in Heidelberg, Germany. Dr. Valev's professional path begins at the Institute of Physiology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in Sofia, passes through the Department of Pulmonary Diseases of the Transport Medical Institute - Sofia, as well as the Department of Bronchology of SBALBB "St. Sofia ", and since 2019 to the present, he

works as a doctor at UPGMB“ St. John the Baptist ”- Sofia. Dr. Valev is a member of the Bulgarian Respiratory Society (BRS), the Bulgarian Medical Association (BMU) and the European Respiratory Society (ERS), speaks English.

Dr. Valev has participated in a number of scientific forums in Bulgaria and abroad and received recognition as a winner of Silver and Gold Grants from ERS in 2005 and 2006.

Evaluation of teaching activity

Since 2014, Dr. Valev has been working on a civil contract at the Department of Clinical and Medical Biological Sciences of MU-Sofia, branch "Prof. Dr. Ivan Mitov ", Vratsa, and since 2020, the candidate has been appointed as an assistant in a part-time position and teaches in the disciplines "Internal Medicine" in the specialties "Nurse" , "Midwife"and" Medical Assistant ". and the specialty "occupational therapy" in the disciplines "Occupational therapy for arthritis, osteoarthritis and osteoporosis" and has the necessary workload for the last 5 years, as evidenced by the attached certificate. He participates as an author and co-author in curriculum development.

Evaluation of the main areas of scientific interest

The scientific and research activity of Dr. Valev is focused in the field of interventional pulmonology and bronchology; diagnosis, therapy and prevention of neoplastic and socially significant lung diseases; therapy and diagnosis of rare lung diseases.

Contributions in the research and practical-applied activity of Dr. Valev

The contributions are directed in the following directions:

1. Efficiency and quality of bronchological examinations in the diagnostic process.
2. Application of modern innovative endoscopic therapeutic procedures in modern bronchology.
3. Diagnosis and therapy of rare lung diseases.
4. Diagnosis, therapy and prevention of neoplastic and socially significant lung diseases.
5. Study of the etiology, pathogenesis of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and their relationship with cardiovascular problems.

The presented list of the **scientific production** of the candidate includes 33 publications, after the acquisition of a PhD, of which:

1. Publications in publications that are referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information (equated to habilitation work) - 10 pcs. (114.5 points)
2. Publications and reports published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information - 5 pcs. (68 points)
3. Publications and reports published in unrefereed journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes - 18 pcs. (218 points)

Dr. Valev is the first author in 10 and co-author in 23 of the publications. The candidate has also submitted a list of 5 additional publications in scientific journals and collections, except the minimum scientometric requirements for acquiring the academic position "Associate Professor", with a total number of points - 22.62.

There are 6 publications presented as related to the dissertation, and it is evident that in all of them, Dr. Valev is the first author.

The observed citations of works in which Dr. Valev is the author and / or co-author are a total of 18. Of these, 6 citations or reviews in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes, 6 citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review and 6 citations or reviews in non-refereed journals with scientific review.

Conclusion

The science metrics and documents related to them, presented to me for analysis by the candidate, meet the criteria set in in Academic Staff Development Act in Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules for the Academic Staff Development of MU - Varna, as a requirement for acquiring the academic position "Associate Professor". As a member of the Scientific Jury for the announced competition, I give a positive statement to the candidate and recommend the Honored Scientific Jury to award assistant professor Dinko Genchev Valev, MD, the academic position of "Associate Professor" in Pneumology and Phthisiatry at the Department of Internal Medicine, Department of Pulmonary Diseases and allergology at the Faculty of Medicine of MU - Varna.

July 20th, 2021

Plovdiv

Signature:

(Prof. Dr. Blagoy Marinov, MD, PhD)

