

STANDPOINT

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Concerning: the competition announced in State gazette No 61/July 23, 2021 for tenure of the academic position of "Professor" in the field of higher education No 7 Public health and sports, professional trend No 7.1 Medicine and scientific speciality of Pediatrics at 0,5 pay-roll office for the needs of the Department of Pediatrics at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University "Prof. Paraskev Stoyanov" of Varna and 0,5 pay-roll office for the needs of the Second Clinic of Pediatrics at St. Marina University Hospital of Varna.

During a Session of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Medicine at the Medical University of Varna with Protocol No 49/September 9, 2021 and according to Order No R-109-390/September 20, 2021 of the Rector of the Medical University of Varna, Prof. Valentin Lyubomirov Ignatov, MD, PhD, I have been elected a member of the Scientific jury and according to Protocol No 1/September 30, 2021 from the first session of the Scientific jury carried out I am assigned to prepare a standpoint on the procedure.

Assoc. Prof. Miglena Dimitrova Georgieva, MD, PhD, is the only candidate in the competition. The procedure of the competition has been correctly observed. Assoc. Prof. M. Georgieva, MD, PhD, has timely submitted all the necessary documents according to the requirements of the announced competition in order to enable the preparation of the standpoint.

Biographical data and professional development

Assoc. Prof. Miglena Dimitrova Georgieva, MD, PhD, graduated in medicine at Leningrad Pediatric Medical Institute in Leningrad with excellent marks in 1986.

She started to work as intern in the Pediatric Division of the Regional Hospital of the town of Provadiya. Between 1992 and 1996, she was regular postgraduate student in the Department of Pediatrics and the Clinic of Gastroenterology at St. Marina University Hospital of Varna. She worked consecutively as intern in the Clinic

of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Endocrinology and in the Clinic of Cardiology, Rheumatology, Nephrology, Gastroenterology and Pediatric Intensive Division at St. Marina University Hospital of Varna. Since 2010, she is as associate professor in the Third Division of the Multiprofile Specialized Pediatric Clinic at St. Marina University Hospital of Varna, and since 2014 until present she is head of the Second Clinic of Pediatrics at St. Marina University Hospital of Varna.

During the period between 2002 and 2015, Assoc. Prof. M. Georgieva, MD, PhD, is part-time lecturer in the Centre for Continuing Education, qualification of "Management in recreation" at the University of Economics of Varna. Between August 1, 2018 and March 1, 2020, she is organizer and deputy-director of the Expert Centre of Cystic Fibrosis and since March 1, 2020, she is director of the Expert Centre of Cystic Fibrosis.

Assoc. Prof. Miglena Dimitrova Georgieva, MD, PhD, has recognized specialities of pediatrics (in 1992), of pediatric gastroenterology (in 2006) and of nutrition and dietetics (in 2018). She possesses expert levels of fibrogastroscopy and fibrocolonoscopy, interventional gastrointestinal endoscopy, endoscopic cholangiopancreatography, conventional echography, abdominal Doppler echography and endoscopic abdominal echography. She has performed numerous specializations abroad. She has a command of French, Russian and English languages.

Research activity and scientometric indicators

Assoc. Prof. M. Georgieva, MD, has the educational and scientific degree of "doctor" since 1996 based on the defended dissertation work on the theme of "Clinical, endoscopic, morphological and functional alterations in upper alimentary tract diseases among children and adolescents". Since 2010, she is associate professor in the speciality of "Pediatrics".

Assoc. Prof. M. Georgieva has published a total of 144 scientific works. A total of 168 abstracts of reports and scientific communications delivered at national and international scientific forums have been published in conference proceedings. For the participation in the present competition, 100 works after the acquisition of PhD degree and the tenure of the academic position of "Associate Professor" have been submitted. They include: one monograph, 12 publications in proceedings and 87 full-

text articles including two papers with impact factor, as 81 articles are in 17 Bulgarian journals and six articles are in six foreign journals.

Assoc. Prof. M. Georgieva is the only or the first author in almost one half of the publications which is a serious argument for her leading contribution in the scientific works submitted as well as in the results and contributions obtained. Two of the publications are in international journals with a total impact factor of 3.874.

The research activity of Assoc. Prof. M. Georgieva after the tenure of the academic position of "Associate Professor" includes seven participations in international and 140 ones in national congresses, conferences and symposia (a total of 147 participations). Of them, 40 have been published as abstracts (36 in Bulgarian and four in foreign proceedings).

According to a check-up provided by the Library of the Medical University of Varna, a total of 54 citations have been found, 40 of which are in scientific publications abstracted and indexed in world eminent data-bases with scientific information.

The extraordinarily great variety of the main thematic trends in the research and applied activity of Assoc. Prof. M. Georgieva is associated with her immediate participation in the diagnostic, therapeutic and clinical activity in the field of pediatric gastroenterology and pediatrics, her high qualification and professional competence. The main scientific contributions are systematized in 13 primary trends: functional gastrointestinal disorders, upper gastrointestinal tract diseases, celiakia, inflammatory bowel diseases, other diseases of the intestinal tract, gut microflora, probiotics, prebiotics and psychobiotics, chronic liver disease, pancreatic diseases, cystic fibrosis, nutrition of the healthy suckling and child and in case of celiakia, cystic fibrosis, inflammatory bowel diseases, autism spectrum disorders and neurodegenerative diseases, food allergy, several rare alimentary tract diseases, some genetic methods for the proof of the alimentary tract diseases.

Assoc. Prof. M. Georgieva has been adviser of three national research projects and participant in one international research project.

Teaching and lecturer's activity

Assoc. Prof. M. Georgieva is an established and honoured lecturer, presenting with a various in its nature auditory and extraauditory teaching and lecturer's activity

in terms of lecture programs in pediatrics with students and with probationer-physicians in medicine. She participates also in the lecture course of pediatric gastroenterology with foreign students. She performs education according to individual courses for postgraduate qualification in pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition.

From the check-up submitted it is evident that during the last four academic years, Assoc. Prof. M. Georgieva has a mean annual teaching loading of 128 hours towards a quota of 110 hours.

After her attaining the academic rank of associate professor, Assoc. Prof. M. Georgieva is adviser of three postgraduate students in pediatrics and of four ones in pediatric gastroenterology. She is adviser also of eight doctoral students, as two of them have successfully defended their dissertation works in 2018 and 2021.

As a part-time lecturer at the Economic University of Varna for the qualification of "Management in recreation", the candidate has participated in the teaching process through exercises, lectures, examinations and in commissions for master thesis defence.

Assoc. Prof. M. Georgieva has participated as member of a scientific jury in competitions for election of two professors, two associate professors, one "assistant-in-chief" and for awarding of the educational and scientific degree of PhD by six postgraduate students.

According to the academic check-up submitted concerning the minimal requirements for the research and lecturer's activity for tenure of the academic position of "Professor", Assoc. Prof. M. Georgieva accumulates a total of 1539 points thus surpassing these requirements. Additional 752.12 points are read for the published full-text articles outside the minimal scientometric requirements.

Public activity

Assoc. Prof. M. Georgieva is member of the Board of managers of the Bulgarian Pediatric Association and president of the Bulgarian Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition. She is member of five Bulgarian and four foreign professional and scientific organizations - Bulgarian Pediatric Association, Bulgarian Scientific Society of Gastroenterology, Bulgarian Union of Physicians, BULSPEN (Bulgarian Society of Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition),

Bulgarian Society of Neurogastroenterology and Motility, ICMART (International Council of Medical Acupuncture and Related Techniques), Société Française de Pédiatrie, ESPGHAN (European Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition) and ESPEN (European Society of Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition).

Conclusion

Presenting with high professional qualification and clinical experience, prestigious scientific production, various teaching and lecturer's activity as well as social and scientific involvement, Assoc. Prof. Miglena Dimitrova Georgieva, MD, PhD, is among the leading specialists in pediatrics, pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition. Her scientometric indicators meet and surpass the obligatory requirements for tenure of the academic position of "Professor" in concordance with the Law for development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Statute-book of the Medical University "Prof. Paraskev Stoyanov" of Varna.

Based on the aforementioned, I give with conviction my positive evaluation and recommend to the honored members of the Scientific Jury to vote positively for the election of Assoc. Prof. Miglena Dimitrova Georgieva, MD, PhD, for tenure of the academic position of "Professor" in the scientific speciality of "Pediatrics" for the needs of the Department of Pediatrics at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University "Prof. Paraskev Stoyanov" of Varna and the Second Clinic of Pediatrics at St. Marina University Hospital of Varna.

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