

## **STANDPOINT**

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According to Order No R-109-159/April 14, 2022 of the Rector of the Medical University of Varna, I have been elected a member of the Scientific jury and according to Protocol No 1/April 27, 2022, I am assigned to prepare a standpoint on the procedure for tenure of the academic position of 'Associate Professor' in the Department of Biology of the Medical University of Varna announced in State gazette No 14/February 28, 2022, in the field of higher education No 4 Natural sciences, mathematics and computer science and professional trend No 4.3 Biological sciences and speciality of Biology.

Assistant-in-chief Galina Alexieva Yaneva, PhD in biology, is the only candidate.

### **Brief information about the candidate - curriculum vitae, career development**

Galina Yaneva has graduated as master in biology in Paisiy Hilendarski University of Plovdiv in 2004. She occupies the position of assistant in the Department of Biology of the Medical University of Varna in 2009, and since 2019, she is assistant-in-chief. She conducts exercises with the students in medicine, dental medicine as well as delivers lectures to assistant-pharmacutists and pharmacutists. She is involved in foreign language teaching, too. Between 2005 and 2018, she was doctoral student in the form of independent preparation in the Department of Biology where she defended a dissertation thesis on the topic of 'Medico-dermatoglyphic study of fingerprints and palmar prints in women with breast cancer in North-Eastern Bulgaria'. Since 2016, she has acquired the speciality of Medical biology.

## Scientometric indicators and scientific contributions

From the performed juxtaposition and data provided by the candidate it is evident that Galina Yaneva meets the defined national criteria for the academic position.

*Minimal requirements according to groups of indicators for the academic position of 'associate professor' according to the Law for development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Statute-book for the application of this law.*

<i>Group of indicators</i>	<i>Contents</i>	<i>Assoc. Prof. (scores)</i>	<i>Galina Yaneva</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>Indicator 1 Dissertation for the educational and scientific degree of PhD</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>50</i>
<i>V</i>	<i>Indicator 3 Habilitation work (monograph)</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>G</i>	<i>Sum of indicators of 7 and 8 Publications</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>254</i>
<i>D</i>	<i>Sum of indicators of 10-12 Citations</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>52</i>

The candidate presents 16 publications, from which it stresses that more than one half of them have been published in the journal *J of IMAB*. In a considerable percentage, again, Yaneva is a second, third or next author.

### Research activity

The results from the investigations of Galina Yaneva are presented through a scanty number of 8 participations in national conferences again, two of which are with international participation.

The list of citations that is provided by the Library of the Medical University of Varna demonstrates that the citations (26 in number) are

predominantly by Bulgarian authors, members of the same department. The total score according to this indicator is 52 thus the required minimum of 50 scores is covered.

### **Contributions**

The candidate in the competition has attempted to generalize the contributions of her elaborations. Almost a total of 9 trends of scientific activity have been systematized that is rather ambitious, and some of them sound as enumeration of selected methods and participations in articles.

Galina Yaneva has presented along with the documents for the participation in the competition a monograph entitled 'Recent advances in breast cancer immunohistochemistry research'.

### **Teaching and lecturer's activity**

Galina Yaneva participates in the Bulgarian-language education of the students in medicine, dental medicine, and pharmacy. During the recent 5 years, considered since 2016/2017, her mean teaching loading is 480 hours that is over the quota for a lecturer in the preclinical departments.

The candidate for the academic position of 'Associate Professor' participates as co-author in three textbooks for the education of biology in the Medical University of Varna. One participation in a research project is presented, while data about the performance of qualifications or specialization are missing.

I am acquainted with assistant-in-chief Yaneva since 2009 on the occasion of her participations in the national conferences of the Society of Medical Biology, during which she has demonstrated a responsible and competent attitude, good organization, and excellent communication skills. I suppose that as a lecturer having academic rank she will succeed in uniting and conceptually developing the trends in the Department of Biology of the Medical University of Varna.

## CONCLUSION

In my opinion, the documents submitted by Galina Yaneva meet the minimal national requirements of the Law for development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Statute-book of the Medical University of Varna.

I give a **positive evaluation** and propose to the members of the honoured scientific jury to vote positively, Galina Alexieva Yaneva to occupy the academic position of 'Associate Professor' in the field of higher education No 4 Natural sciences, mathematics and computer science and speciality of Biology.

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