

STANDPOINT

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Regarding: competition for awarding the academic position "Associate Professor" in the field of Higher Education 7. Health care and sport, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, in the scientific specialty 03.01.12 Clinical Laboratory, announced in the State Journal number: 59/26.07.2022 and on the website of Medical University – Varna.

Only one candidate's documents have been accepted for participation in the competition –
Dr. Irena Dimitrova Ivanova, MD

I. Career profile of the candidate

Dr. Irena Ivanova graduated in Medicine in 2003 and worked for two years in the Internal Department of the Pazardzhik Hospital. Since 2005, she has been specializing in Clinical Laboratory at UMBAL "St. Ivan Rilski", and since 2010 she has been a specialist in the same structure. Since 2010, she has been the head of the Clinical Laboratory at UMBAL "St. Ivan Rilski". Dr. Ivanova has a master's degree in health management. In her academic development, she is a part-time teacher of Bulgarian and English at the "Clinical Laboratory" department of the Sofia University, the "Chemistry" department of the "Neofit Rilski" South-West University - Blagoevgrad and the "Analytical Chemistry" department of the Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". The conclusion that can be made is that for 18 years, Dr. Irena Ivanova has been persistently developing her knowledge and competences in the field of her interests, both as a specialist and as a teacher. This fact gives reason to assume the existence of qualities such as purposefulness and durability of interests, which in themselves deserve high appreciation and respect.

II. Scientific research activity

One monograph, one book chapter and 22 scientific publications are presented, of which 12 are indexed in global databases (Web of science, Scopus).

Data are presented for 42 citations, participation in 26 scientific forums and 9 research projects. Regarding her scientific research activity, the candidate meets the national criteria for "Associate Professor" as well as the criteria of Medical University - Varna.

III. Teaching and learning activity

Regarding the teaching activity, Dr. Ivanova has:

954 study hours in Bulgarian and English at MU-Sofia, 600 hours at "Neofit Rilski" South-West University - Blagoevgrad and 60 hours at SU "St. Kliment Ohridski"

On this point, the candidate meets the national criteria for " Associate Professor t", as well as the criteria of the Medical University - Varna.

IV. Diagnostic and therapeutic activities and personal impressions

I have known Dr. Irena Ivanova since 2005, and I claim that she has a huge role in turning the Clinical Laboratory of the UMBAL ,St. Ivan Rilski" in a modern and effective diagnostic-consultative structure, which is among the best in the country. I have direct impressions of her dissertation, which in my opinion was impressively well-scientific. I believe that Dr. Ivanova has the necessary qualities to combine scientific interests, teaching activities and diagnostic efficiency, which makes her completely suitable for her role as an associate professor.

In conclusion, on the basis of the material presented to me related to the scientific-research, teaching and diagnostic-treatment activities of Dr. Irena Dimitrova Ivanova, PhD, I recommend to the respected jury to award the candidate the academic position of Associate Professor.

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