

TO THE ACADEMIC DEGREES JURY
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STATEMENT

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Academic Field ONCOLOGY

Subject: Competition for faculty appointment with academic degree Associate Professor in specialty Oncology, professional qualification 7.1 Medicine, higher education field 7. Health care and sports - one; 0.25 full-time post for Department Oncology, Faculty of Medicine, published in SG, No. 32/26.04.2022.

The statement is prepared pursuant the provisions of the Academic Staff Development Act (ZRASRB), Art. 57, para 1 and 2, the Rules for Application of the ZRASRB, Art. 6, para 1, and Art. 127, para 1 and para 2 of the Rules for Academic Staff Development in the Medical University - Varna.

Brief autobiographical data: Dr. Bozhil Robev, was born on June 26, 1967 in the town of Sliven. He received his secondary education in his home town, and in 1993 he graduated with honors from Thrace University, Stara Zagora.

He started his professional career as a pediatrician in the Emergency Department of the District Hospital in Sliven. After successfully passing the examination in pediatrics, he worked as a resident pediatrician at the III Workers' Hospital in Sofia and a resident pulmonologist in the children's office of the SHATLD Sliven. In 2005, he joined the Chemotherapy Department of the Metropolitan Oncology dispensary as a resident. He specialized in medical oncology from 2009 to 2014 at SHATO-Sofia.

From 2015 to 2017, he was the head of the Department of Medical Oncology at UMHAT "St. Ivan Rilski", and from 2017 to 2019 - resident in the same department. In October 2019, he again heads the Department of Medical Oncology until now. In August 2019, Dr. Robev was awarded the educational and scientific degree "Doctor of Medicine", defended at Medical University -Sofia, Medical Faculty, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology on the topic "Comparative clinical study of the treatment with combined chemotherapy with cisplatin on the plasma antioxidant capacity of patients with lung carcinoma“.

Dr. Robev is a member of the European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO), the Bulgarian Association of Medical Oncology (BAMO) and the Bulgarian Oncology Society (BOND). Since 2019, he is the chairman of the Medical Oncology Expert Council at the Ministry of Health.

Hi is fluent in English and Russian, hi has very good computer literacy.

Scientometric indicators of the candidate: The candidate appears in the current competition for the academic position "Docent" in the scientific specialty "Oncology" with a total of 44 scientific works:

1. dissertation work for obtaining the educational and scientific degree "Doctor".
2. Monograph
3. Contributions to scientific aids (textbooks)-2
4. 20 scientific articles in magazines and collections, of which 14 are in Bulgarian and 6 in a foreign language with IF – 5.55. The candidate is an independent author in 5 articles, a co-author in 15 articles, being the first author in 4 articles, the second author in 4 articles, the third author in 1 article and the fourth author in 3 articles.

Dr. Robev's scientific activity includes: participation in congresses and conferences with abstracts published in journals with IF - 8, participation in international congresses and conferences with publication of abstracts in journals

without IF - 5 and participation in conferences and scientific meetings in the country - 9, a total of 22 appearances. From the citation reference presented by the CMB of Sofia University, 23 citations are documented in the databases in Scopus, Web of Science - 22.

Scientific activity: The candidate's original scientific contributions are in the field of oncopharmacology, and for the first time in the country a comparative clinical study was conducted evaluating the effect of chemotherapy in lung cancer and its impact on the antioxidant status of patients and evaluation of hyperprogressive disease in treatment with immune check-point inhibitors. In the field of experimental oncology, it is worth noting his participation in large-scale studies of substances of plant origin /curcumin in patients with bladder cancer and white mistletoe extract on mesenteric circulation./

Scientific and practical activity: The scientific and practical contributions of Dr. Robev in the field of medical oncology are wide-ranging, which includes areas of the treatment of malignant neoplasms, including diagnostics and overcoming the side effects that accompany it, palliative approaches in advanced disease, most of which are in the field of diagnosis of tumors of the thyroid gland, breast, tumors of the genitourinary system and neuroendocrine tumors. It is worth noting the monograph published for the first time in the native medical literature dedicated to neuroendocrine tumors of the gastro-intestinal tract, in which almost all aspects of neuroendocrine pathology are discussed in detail.

Teaching activity: Dr. Robev appears at the announced competition with 2 references / from Prof. Dr. I. Hristozova and the current employer of the candidate - Dr. D. Dechev, giving a high assessment of his personal and professional qualities, and also participates in the training of interns from the Urology, Surgery and Internal Medicine Clinics of the "Pirogov" UMHATEM from 2017 to 2021 in the training modules of the relevant specialties. In UMBAL "St. Ivan Rilski" Dr. Robev is the head of the specialization in the specialty "Medical Oncology" of three specialists - one who successfully passed the state exam and two who are currently studying.

Personal impressions: Our joint work with Dr. Robev dates back to the beginning

of 2015, when he became part of the team of "St. Ivan Rilski" Hospital. He has always responded in a timely manner to the need for ongoing complex treatment of oncological patients operated on in our clinic, assists in carrying out laboratory and imaging studies taking place in the hospital that works. I have always been greatly impressed by his empathy for our common patients and his desire to help them even when they are in the terminal stages of the disease.

Conclusion: The comprehensive evaluation of the submitted documents for the competition and the analysis of the scientific and teaching activity meets the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna. This gives me reason to recommend to the Scientific Jury to award Dr. Bozil Robev the academic position "associate professor" in the scientific specialty "Oncology".



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