

**TO THE ACADEMIC DEGREES JURY  
NOMINATED WITH ORDER № P-109-259 DATED JUNE 23, 2022 OF  
PROF. DR. VALENTIN IGNATOV, MD - RECTOR OF THE MEDICAL  
UNIVERSITY - VARNA**

**ACADEMIC REFERENCE by**

**Prof. Dr. Igljka Spasova Mihaylova, MD**

**Academic Field ONCOLOGY**

**INSTITUTION: SHATO - EAD, Sofia**

**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.**

**I am elected to present an academic reference on the matter.**

**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.**

**Biographical data**

**Dr. Bozhil Stefanov Robev graduated in medicine from the Medical University - Stara Zagora in 1993. From 1997 to 1999 he majored in the specialty Pediatrics and worked as a pediatrician in the Sliven District Hospital and in the Primary Care Clinic in Botunets, Sofia.**

From 2002 to 2005 he worked as a pneumophtisiatrist at the Pulmonary Hospital in Sliven. From 2005 to 2015 he was appointed in the Department Medical Oncology in SHATO - Sofia city. Between 2009 and 2014 he majored in the specialty Medical Oncology. Since 2014 he is working in the Medical Oncology Department of General Treatment Hospital St. Ivan Rilski - Sofia, where he heads the department since 2019.

He is fluent in Russian and English languages.

Dr. Bozhil Robev is enrolled as independent doctoral student at the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology of the Medical University - Sofia. He is awarded doctoral degree in medicine with dissertation subject: **A comparative clinical study of combined chemotherapy effect with cisplatin on the plasma antioxidant capacity of patients with lung carcinoma**, passed in 2019.

### **Science and research achievements**

Dr. B. Robev takes part in the current competition for academic degree Associate Professor in specialty Oncology with a total of 44 scientific papers illustrating his scientific research achievements and listed in attachment No. 16 of his presented file.

A total of 44 scientific papers are listed: 1 dissertation for award of scientific degree Medical Doctor, 1 monograph, 2 contributions to academic references (textbooks), 20 scientific articles in scholarly journals and scientific compendiums. 14 publications are in Bulgarian and 6 are in foreign languages.

The scientific papers vary by author participation in research teams as follows:

- Independent author – 5 articles;
- Co-author in 15 articles - as first mentioned author in 4 papers, second mentioned author in 4 papers, third mentioned author in 1 paper, fourth author in 3 papers, and fifth and sixth author in one publication.

The remaining scientific achievements of Dr. Robev include: 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 participations.

From the citation reference presented by the Central Medical Library in the Medical University - Sofia, in the databases are documented as follow: 23 citation in Scopus, 22 in Web of Science, some partially overlapping.

Dr. Robev is a regular member of the European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO), the Bulgarian Association of Medical Oncology (BAMO) and the Bulgarian Oncological Scientific Society (BOND). Since 2019 he is the chairman of the Expert Council on Medical Oncology at the Ministry of Public Health and is the leader of the team updating the pharmacotherapeutic guide in medical oncology.

The candidate scientific research and practical, applied interests focus on several fields affecting significant current oncology related issues in our country:

- Experimental oncology;

- Clinical oncology;
- Oncopharmacology;
- Neuroendocrine tumors.

The monograph authored by Dr. Robev on neuroendocrine tumors - history, genetic alterations, diagnosis, concepts of treatment - is of particularly important scientific contribution.

## **II. Teaching**

Dr. Robev is academic leader of the specialty Medical Oncology with three doctors who work in the clinic he is currently heading. One of them is already a specialist, and the other two are currently specializing.

~~He lectured to students and interns from the Clinics of Urology, Surgery and Internal Medicine of the University Hospital for Primary Care and General Treatment Pirogov from 2017 to 2021. His main lectures are on Emergencies and Medical Oncology – Colorectal Carcinoma and Lung Carcinoma.~~

He participated in the training of specialists from the Clinics of Urology, Surgery and Internal Medicine of the University Hospital for Primary Care and General Treatment Pirogov from 2017 to 2021 in the training modules in the relevant specialties, with the main topics discussed being "Emergencies in medical oncology", " Innovations in the treatment and diagnosis of colorectal and lung carcinoma".

### **III. Personal impressions**

I know Dr. Bozil Robev since 2005 when he started working at SHATO - Sofia city and all these years we are working together to treat our patients comprehensively. He impresses with calmness, thoroughness, alert mind and complex oncological thinking.

#### **Conclusion**

Taking into account the above-mentioned scientometric data, which cover in their totality the requirements of ZRASRB, the rules for its implementation and the rules for the growth of the academic staff at the Medical University - Varna, and the data for the candidate overall professional development and competence, as well as my personal impressions of Dr. Bozhil Stefanov Robev work, I strongly recommend to the respected members of the Academic Jury to vote for awarding the academic position Associate Professor in the specialty Oncology for the needs of the Department Oncology, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University - Varna.

Prof. Dr. Igljka Mihaylova, MD

