

**To: Prof. Dr. William Dokov, PhD.**

**Chairman of the Scientific Jury**

**Determined by Exec. Order R-109-154/23.02.2023**

**of the Rector of Medical University — Varna**

## **OPINION**

**From: Prof. Anton Bozhidarov Tonchev, PhD** — Head of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” — Varna.

**RE: Procedure for academic position “Associate Professor/Docent” in Legal/Forensic Medicine, professional field 7.1. Medicine, field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, for the needs of the Department of General and Clinical Pathology, Forensic Medicine and Deontology at the Faculty of Medicine at the Medical University “Prof. Dr. P. Stoyanov” — Varna and for the Clinic “Judicial Medicine” at the University Hospital “St. Marina” - Varna, published in the State Gazette, No 102/23.12.2022.**

By order of the Rector of the Medical University — Varna (R-109-154/23.02.2023), I was appointed a Member of the Scientific Jury for the job call. By Protocol No 1 of the Meeting of Scientific Jury, I was appointed to submit an Opinion on the selection of an Associate Professor in the speciality of Legal Medicine.

**A single applicant submitted documents:**

**Dr. Emilia Mihaylova Kaisheva, PhD**, Department of General and Clinical Pathology, Forensic Medicine and Deontology at MU-Varna.

**I. Biographical data and career profile of the candidate**

Emilia Kaisheva was born in Varna in 1975. She graduated “Medicine” in 2000 at the Medical University — Varna. From 2002 to 2006 she was specializing “Legal Medicine and Deontology”, Medical University — Varna, and since 2006 she is a specialist in “Legal Medicine and Deontology”. In the period 2014-2018, Dr. Kaisheva was a PhD student at the Department of General and Clinical Pathology, Forensic Medicine and Deontology, defending a dissertation on: “Criteria for Determination of Thermal Trauma as Body Injury”, with which she acquired PhD Degree.

Since 2007 Dr. Emilia Kaisheva is an Assistant Professor at the Department of General and Clinical Pathology, Forensic Medicine and Deontology, Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University — Varna. She practiced as a coroner at Sveta Marina EAD in Varna. In the period 2011-2019 she was a coroner at the Forensic Clinic, in the period 2019-2021 she was a Assistant Professor, Senior Assistant Professor, and since 2021 - Head of the Clinic of Forensic Medicine, University Hospital Sveta Marina, Varna.

She is fluent in English and Russian.

**II. Assessment of learning and teaching activities**

Dr. Kaisheva holds the position of Senior Assistant Professor at the Department of General and Clinical Pathology, Forensic Medicine and Deontology at MU-Varna. Her teaching experience is over 15 years.

The attached academic record shows that the average annual academic

workload of Dr. Kaisheva exceeds the required norms for unhabilitated lecturers at MU-Varna. Dr. Kaisheva is actively and fully engaged with the teaching activity in the English-language training of students in medicine and dental medicine.

Dr. Kaisheva participated in the training of postgraduate students in "Legal Medicine and Deontology" in the Clinic of Forensic Medicine of the University Hospital "St. Marina", Varna. Emilia is the author of the freely elective discipline "Legal Medicine in Clinical Practice" for students from the specialty "Medicine" from MU-Varna.

**The above presented facts give me reason to conclude that the applicant has the necessary professional experience and personal qualities to acquire the academic degree "Associate Professor/Docent".**

### **III. Assessment of the applicant's scientific production**

The main scientific interests of Dr. Kaisheva are in the field of identity identification (for forensic purposes) and methods of objectification of forensic expertise.

Emilia Kaisheva participated in the competition with a total of 18 full-text scientific works, including:

- 1 dissertation for a PhD degree
- 1 monograph
- 16 full-text articles and reports

In seven publications, Emilia Kaisheva is the first or independent author. She provided a reference to 9 citations. Emilia Kaisheva has participated with reports in 13 scientific forums in Bulgaria and in 3 international scientific

forums.

#### **IV. Overall assessment of the applicant's compliance with the mandatory conditions and mandatory quantitative criteria and science indicators**

The quantitative summary of Dr. Kaisheva's compliance with the requirements of the Law in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules of Medical University — Varna for being awarded the academic degree "Associate Professor/Docent" can be seen in the following table:

<b><i>Groups indicators</i></b>	<b><i>Required number of points</i></b>	<b><i>Dr. Kaisheva</i></b>
A	50	50
B	0	0
C	100	100
D	200	228
E	50	50
F	0	0

On this basis, I conclude that Dr. **Emilia Mihaylova Kaisheva** meets the **necessary criteria** to be awarded the academic degree "Associate Professor/Docent" according to the Rules for Implementation of ZRASRB and the Regulations of MU-Varna.

#### **V. Conclusion**

**I will vote positively** for awarding of the academic degree "Associate Professor/Docent" to Dr. Emilia Mihaylova Kaisheva, MD in the competition in

“Legal Medicine”, professional field 7.1. Medicine, field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, for the needs of the Department of General and Clinical Pathology, Forensic Medicine and Deontology at the Faculty of Medicine at the Medical University “Prof. Dr. P. Stoyanov” — Varna.

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/Prof. Dr. Anton Tonchev, PhD, DSc/

