

**To the Chairman  
of the Scientific Jury,  
appointed by order  
of the Rector  
of MU-Varna  
No. R-109-382/26.09.2022**

Attached I present: **STATEMENT**

by competition, for the occupation of an academic position " Associate Professor ",  
in the scientific specialty "Epidemiology",  
professional direction 7.1. "Medicine",  
announced for the needs of the "Hygiene and Epidemiology" Department, at the "Public Health"  
Faculty, at the Medical University of Varna, announced in SG No. 59/26.07.2022

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According to the announced competition for the academic position "Associate Professor ", only one candidate submitted all the necessary documents for participation - Chief Assistant Dr Miglena Asenova Kolarova - Dimitrova, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology, Department of Hygiene and Epidemiology, Faculty of Public Health, Varna University of Medical Sciences. There are no violations of the competition procedure.

#### **Analysis of the candidate's career profile.**

Dr. Miglena Asenova Kolarova-Dimitrova, MD, PhD, completed her higher education, majoring in "Medicine", at the Medical University of Varna, in 1996. For the period 2009-2015 Dr. Kolarova is consequently senior and chief inspector at RHI-Varna. In 2015, after winning a competition, she was selected as an assistant in the Department of Hygiene, Disaster medicine and Epidemiology, at the Health and Medical Sciences, at the University of Varna, and from 2020. is the main assistant, in the scientific specialty "Epidemiology". Dr. Miglena Kolarova has obtained two medical specialties: in 2003 in Internal medicine, and since 2013 in Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases.

In 2019, after defending a dissertation on the topic "State and prospects of the epidemiological surveillance and control of HIV/AIDS in the Varna Region", she obtained a scientific degree "PhD".

#### **General characteristics of scientific production and publication activity**

According to the attached list of scientific production, Dr. Kolarova participated in the current competition for the academic position of Associate Professor, with 1 monograph (total volume of 163 pages), 55 scientific publications and 49 participations in scientific forums, with a report or poster. Five of the publications are referenced and indexed in Web of Science and/or Scopus. Three of the publications are in the Journal of IMAB, 1- Folia Medica (CiteScore<sub>2021</sub>- 1.2) and 1 in HIV Infection and Immunosuppressive Disorders- CiteScore<sub>2021</sub>- 0.7 (according to the academic reference).

**Table 1. Minimum required points by groups of indicators for the academic position "Associate Professor"**

| Group of indicators | Content<br>(number of points)        | Associate Professor<br>(400 points) | <b>Ch. Assistant Dr. Miglena Kolarova<br/>(415 points)</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| A                   | Indicator 1                          | 50                                  | <b>50 points</b>   |
| B                   | Indicator 2                          | -                                   | -  |
| C                   | Indicators 3 or 4                    | 100                                 | <b>100 points</b>  |
| D                   | Sum of indicators from 5 to 9        | 200                                 | <b>215 points</b>  |
| E                   | Sum of indicators from 10 to 12      | 50                                  | <b>50 points</b>   |
| F                   | Sum of indicators from 13 to the end | -                                   | -  |

Dr. Miglena Kolarova's scientific interests, developments and contributions are mainly related to the epidemiological surveillance and control of HIV/AIDS, healthcare-associated infections, zoonoses (rabies).

Dr. Kolarova speaks English and Russian.

#### **Comprehensive evaluation of the teaching-methodical and teaching activity**

Dr. Miglena Kolarova, MD, PhD, teaches epidemiology of infectious diseases to students of medicine (in Bulgarian and English), dentistry (in Bulgarian and English), inspectors of public health, protection and control of Public Health, Health Management, Health Care Management, Physiotherapy, Nursing, Midwifery, laboratory assistant at the Medical University of Varna. She has a total research and teaching experience of 7 years.

For the 2016/2017 academic year, Dr. Kolarova has 349 hours. auditorium occupancy. In 2017/2018, the study load was 392; for 2018/2019 - 477; for 2019/2020 – 447; for 2020/2021 – 400 hours, with a mandatory norm of 360 study hours.

The scientific research and teaching activities of Dr. Miglena Asenova Kolarova-Dimitrova, MD, PhD, meets and exceeds the minimum national requirements for the academic position "Associate Professor", as well as the criteria and indicators for occupying academic positions, in MU-Varna, according to the attached reference and full set from documents.

With complete conviction, I will vote "positive" the candidacy of Ch. Associate Professor Miglena Asenova Kolarova-Dimitrova, MD, PhD, for the academic position of "Associate Professor", in the scientific specialty "Epidemiology", announced for the needs of the Department of "Hygiene and Epidemiology", at the Faculty of Public Health, at the University of Varna.

05.12.22

Stara Zagora

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Irena Mladenova-Hristova', written in a cursive style.

Prof. Irena Mladenova-Hristova, MD, PhD