

**To: Prof. Dr. Peter Ghenev, MD, PhD**

**Chair of the Scientific Jury**

**At the Medical University – Varna**

**Appointed by an Executive Order #P-109-305/07.08.2020 of the Rector of  
MU-Varna**

## ***ACADEMIC EVALUATION (OPINION)***

Author: Prof. Dr. **Anton Bozhidarov Tonchev**, MD, DSc - Head of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna.

Regarding: An open call for the academic position "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty "General and clinical pathology".

At a meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Medicine (Protocol #26 / 13.07.2020) and Order of the Rector of the Medical University - Varna (R-109-305 / 07.08.2020). I have been appointed a member of the Scientific Jury for the competition. With Protocol#1 of the Meeting of the Scientific Juri I was appointed to present a Scientific Evaluation (Opinion) on the election of AD "Associate Professor" in the specialty "General and Clinical Pathology".

**Candidate:**

**Senior Assistant Professor Dr. Deyan Ludmilov Dzhenkov**, PhD, Department of general and clinical pathology, forensic medicine and deontology, Medical University – Varna.

## **I. Biographical data and career profile on the applicant**

Dr. Deyan Dzhenkov was born in 1973. In 1991 he graduated from the High School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics in the town of Silistra, in a class with intensive training in biology. He graduated in Medicine in 1999 (Thrakia University, Stara Zagora). After graduation he worked as an intern in the Department of Pathoanatomy at MHAT "Silistra".

Since 2006, after a competition, he has been selected as a full-time assistant at the Department of General and Clinical Pathology, Forensic Medicine and Deontology at the Medical University - Varna. In 2008 he successfully passed the exam for the specialty "Pathology and Cytopathology". In 2016 he was enrolled as a doctoral student with a dissertation on the topic: "Expression of transcription factor ZBTB20 in glial tumors of the central nervous system." He successfully defended this topic and acquired scientific degree "Doctor/PhD" in Pathology and Cytopathology in 2019.

## **II. Assessment of teaching and administrative skills**

Dr. Dzhenkov holds the position of Administrative Assistant at the Department of General and Clinical Pathology, Forensic Medicine and Deontology at MU-Varna. He is fluent in English (written and spoken).

The attached academic report shows that the average annual teaching load (classroom and extracurricular) of Dr. Dzhenkov exceeds the required standard for non-habilitated lecturers at MU-Varna. Dr. Dzhenkov is actively and fully engaged in teaching in the English language training of students of medicine and dentistry.

Dr. Dzhenkov has 24 years of experience as a pathologist, during 14 of which he taught at the Department of General and Clinical Pathology, Forensic Medicine and Deontology at MU - Varna.

The above facts give me reason to conclude that the candidate has the necessary professional experience and personal qualities to acquire the position "Associate Professor".

### **III. Scientific achievements of the candidate**

Dr. Dzhenkov's main research interests are in the field of neurooncology and pathology of the nervous system as a broader topic.

Deyan Dzhenkov participated in the competition with a total of 37 full-text publications in Bulgarian or English, distributed as follows:

- Dissertation on the topic: "Expression of transcription factor ZBTB20 in glial tumors of the central nervous system." With this work Dr. Dzhenkov meets Criterion A of the minimum requirements for borrowing AD "Associate Professor", according to ZRASRB and PRAS of MU-Varna.
- 11 monograph-equivalent publications - published in journals that are referenced in Scopus and Web of Science. The total weight of these publications significantly exceeds 100 points, which covers Criterion B of the minimum requirements for being awarded the position "Associate Professor", according to Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules and Regulations for its implementation in the Medical University-Varna.
- 9 additional publications, in addition to the above 11, in journals that are referenced and indexed in Scopus and Web of Science
- 13 publications in non-peer-reviewed journals with scientific review

In total, these publications generate a weight of over 200 points, which covers Criterion D of the minimum requirements for being awarded "Associate Professor", according to Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules and Regulations for its implementation in the Medical University-Varna.

- 3 publications, outside the mandatory ones, to cover the minimum requirements, which bring additional points to Criterion D.

Dr. Dzhenkov has provided documentation for a total of 42 citations weighing over 200 points, which cover Criterion D of the minimum requirements for for being awarded "Associate Professor", according to Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules and Regulations for its implementation in the Medical University-Varna.

#### **IV. Overall assessment of the applicant's compliance with the mandatory conditions and mandatory quantitative requirements and science-metrics parameters**

On the basis of the presented self-assessment report for the fulfillment of the National science-metrics parameters by the candidate, I conclude that **Dr Deyan Dzhenkov meets the criteria** and fully complies to the criteria of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules and Regulations for its implementation in the Medical University-Varna, for becoming an Associate Professor of Pathology.

#### **V. Conclusion**

I shall **vote positively** to award **Deyan Ludmilov Dzhenkov, MD** the academic position "Associate Professor" of Pathology for the needs of the Department of General and Clinical Pathology, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University - Varna.

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