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TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCIENTIFIC JURY

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BY THE RECTOR OF MU "PROF. DR. PARASKEV STOYANOV", VARNA

Mr. Chairman,

Attached I am sending you an **Opinion** on a Competition for the academic position of **PROFESSOR in the specialty "Nephrology"**, professional field 7.1. Medicine, field of higher education 7. Healthcare and sports - **one** (0.5 full-time position), for the needs of the Faculty of Medicine, Second Department of Internal Medicine, Board of Nephrology, Dialysis and Toxicology and the Clinic of Nephrology at the University Hospital "St. Marina "The city of Varna, announced in SG no. 8 / 28.01.2020 The candidate for the competition is one: **Assoc. Prof. Dr. SVETLA VASILEVA STAYKOVA, MD at MU-Varna**

Opinion by: External member of the Scientific Jury, appointed by Order of the Rector of MU "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov", Varna

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The opinion is written in accordance with the requirements of the Law on Higher Education, the Law on the Development of academic staff at the Medical University - Varna

OPINION

under **Competition for holding the academic position PROFESSOR in the specialty "Nephrology"**, professional field 7.1. Medicine, field of higher education 7. Health and sports - **one** (0.5 full-time position), for the needs of the Faculty of Medicine, Second Department of Internal Medicine, Management Board of Nephrology, Dialysis and Toxicology and at the Clinic of Nephrology at the University Hospital "St. Marina" in Varna, announced in SG no. 8 / 28.01.2020, in accordance with the Order of the Rector of MU "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov", Varna with **candidate Assoc. Prof. Dr. Svetla Vasileva Staykova**

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The presented documents for participation in the competition by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Svetla Vasileva Staykova, current associate professor, lecturer at MU "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov", Varna, are made in accordance with the Regulations for the development of the academic staff at the Medical University of Varna and meet the requirements of the Law for the development of the academic staff of the Republic of Bulgaria for participation in similar competitions.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Svetla Vasileva Staykova completed her secondary education in Burgas. She graduated as a doctor at the Medical University, Varna in 1987. She pursued a successful medical practice as head of a health service and later as a resident doctor in a hemodialysis center. In 1993 she started her ascending academic career as a full-time assistant at MU, Varna. She acquired the specialty of Internal Medicine, and three years later she became a recognized specialist in nephrology. Since 2018 she has been the Head of the Clinic of Nephrology and Dialysis at the University Hospital "St. Marina EAD, Varna.

In 2001, after defending her first dissertation, Dr. Svetla Staykova became a Doctor of Medicine. In 2015 she was elected Associate Professor at MU "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov", Varna. She successfully defended her second dissertation in 2018 and is now a "Doctor of Science". She has acquired an additional qualification in Health Management.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Svetla Staykova has been working continuously in the field of healthcare for more than 30 years. During this time she has constantly been improving and acquiring all possible certificates for recognized qualifications in the field of nephrology, dialysis and kidney transplantology, which make her an unsurpassed and especially valuable specialist in this field.



TEACHING AND TEACHING ACTIVITY:

From the presented detailed and complete report on her teaching record it is evident that Assoc. Prof. Dr. Svetla Staykova has many years of teaching experience in the field of Propaedeutics of Internal Medicine, Nephrology and Toxicology. According to the academic report, her lectures and exercises with Medical students at MU, Varna, 3rd and 5th year exceed more than 250 hours per year. Meanwhile, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Staykova regularly participates in commissions for semester and state exams. She is also a member of the State Examination Commission for the recognition of the specialty "Pediatric Nephrology". She has been repeatedly elected a member of the Scientific Jury for the acquisition of ONS and academic positions appointed by the Rectors of MU "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov", Varna and Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Sofia. She has been the scientific supervisor of 6 doctoral students and 5 graduates.

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY:

The presented publication and scientific activity of the candidate fully covers and exceeds all required qualitative and quantitative criteria for the announced competition. The scientific interests of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Svetla Staykova are more than diverse. In her works, including her dissertations, she draws many valuable conclusions, and their contributions have had a significant scientific-theoretical and scientifically applied nature for medical science and general clinical practice.

The research activity of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Svetla Staykova is presented in 57 scientific papers after taking academic degree Associate Professor, of which 1 dissertation, 4 participations in writing books, textbooks and teaching aids, 29 publications and 27 scientific presentations at national and international congresses. She has participated in 12 international and national courses and conferences to improve her qualifications. She is listed as solitary or leading author in 27 of her scientific works, and as secondary in 18 more. She is third and consecutive author in the remaining 15. According to the reference of the Library of MU, Varna, at the moment her scientific works have a total of 13 citations. According to the attached reference, the total IF of all scientific papers of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Svetla Staykova is 28.78.

The candidate for the scientific title of Professor has a recognized educational and scientific degree "Doctor" from 2015. Since 2018 she has been a Doctor of Science. She has a rich multifaceted scientific and applied science product, which fully meets the required scientometric criteria for holding the position of Professor. She has made significant contributions in the field of Nephrology and Healthcare.



The significance of the published scientific works is impressive. Numerous citations of her publications and works confirm their high scientific and applied values. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Svetla Staykova is also a highly respected colleague, associate professor and lecturer in our community. The scientific works of the candidate and her teaching activity show in-depth theoretical knowledge and high professional skills, demonstrating the possession of all the necessary qualities for the award of the academic position of Professor.

Given the above, I confidently give my **POSITIVE assessment** of the overall scientific and teaching activities of **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Svetla Vasileva Staykova, MD.**

I propose to the Honorable Jury to vote positively for the award of the academic position **PROFESSOR** in the **specialty "Nephrology"**, professional field 7.1. Medicine, field of higher education 7. Healthcare and sports to **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Svetla Vasileva Staykova, MD**

Sofia, June 2020

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Velislava Dimitrova, Ph.D.

