

STANDPOINT

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According to Order No. RD - 35/13.02.2023 of the Rector of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas I have been appointed as a member of the Scientific Jury under the procedure for holding a contest for the academic position of "Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty "Immunopathology and Allergology", University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas, announced in the State Newspaper, no. 99 of 13.12.2022.

One candidate was admitted to participate in the contest - associate professor Dr. Svetlan Mihov Dermendzhiev, MD, PhD, MSc. All necessary documents for participation in the contest have been prepared, completed and submitted within the deadline, according to Art. 67, para. 2 of the Regulations for the Organization and Activities of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas. The set of documents includes:

T.1-Application to the Rector of "Asen Zlatarov" University - Burgas for participation in a contest for the academic position of "Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty "Immunopathology and Allergology". SG No. 99 of 13.12.2022

T.2-Copy of the advertisement in SG, no. 99 of 13.12.2022

T.3-Identity documents:

T.5-Documents to prove work experience under Art. 73, para. 1 p.2 and p.3

T.6-Copies of the scientific works

T.7-Educational and teaching work

T.8-Specialists and doctoral students supervised by the candidate

T.9-Project activity

T.10-Document for an implemented scientific research project

T.11-Participation in scientific forums and membership in scientific organizations and communities

T.12-Reviews of the candidate's work from other organizations - there are no submitted documents that correspond to the text in the current Regulations for occupying the academic position

T.13-Certificate of fulfillment of the minimum requirements specified in App. 1 of the Regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas and author reference for the scientific contributions

T.14- Reference for the citations of the candidate's publications

T.15.1-Full list of publications

T.15 - List of publications for participation in the competition

T.16-Declaration in accordance with paragraph 15 of these regulations

T.17-Other documents under the procedure

The volume and content of the documents correspond to the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (LAD), the Rules for its Application and the Rules for the Development of the Academic Staff at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas.

Brief biographical data and analysis of the candidate's professional and academic development

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Svetlan Mihov Dermendzhiev was born on February 26, 1962 in the city of Elhovo. Even as a student, he successfully graduated from the Faculty of Public Professions at VMI-Plovdiv and acquired the qualification "Lecturer". Graduated in medicine in 1988 in VMI - Plovdiv with excellent success, after which he started working as a workshop therapist in LZP - KT, Karlovo (12.1988 - 12.1990). From 01.1991, after winning a competition for a "research associate", he started working at the Clinic for Occupational Diseases and Toxicology. He successively held the academic positions of assistant (1991 - 1996) and chief assistant (1996 - 2010), and after winning a competition in 2014, he held the academic position of "Associate professor" in the Second Department of Internal Medicine, Section of Occupational Diseases and Toxicology at the Faculty of Medicine of Medical University - Plovdiv. Since 2012 until now Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev is the head of the Section for Occupational Diseases and Toxicology at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Plovdiv, and since 2015 is also responsible for scientific research activities in the section. In 2007 was appointed head of the Department of Clinical Allergology at KPZT, and since 2010 is the Head of the Department of Occupational Diseases with clinical allergology at St. George UMBAL EAD-Plovdiv. From May 2021 and until now he is the Head of the Clinical Toxicology Clinic at St. George Medical Center EAD-Plovdiv. In 2010 successfully graduated from the Faculty of Public Health of the Medical University of Plovdiv, obtaining a Master's degree in health management. Member of the FS of the Faculty of Public Health at the Medical University - Plovdiv (2009-2010).

After successfully defending a dissertation on the topic: "Comparative analysis of allergic diseases of a general and occupational nature for a 10-year period in the Plovdiv region", in 2012 he was awarded the scientific and educational degree "Doctor" in Social Medicine and Organization of Health Care and

Pharmacy, and on 1.12.2020 successfully defended a dissertation on "Angioneurotic edema - epidemiology, etiology, pathogenesis, forms, clinical course, diagnostic and differential - diagnostic criteria, therapeutic approaches", after which he obtained the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences" in the scientific specialty "Immunopathology and Allergology". He is a member of the faculty committee on quality of the Faculty of Medicine, MU-Plovdiv, and since 2018 he has been a member of the National Expert Specialized Medical Board in "Clinical Allergology".

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Svetlan Dermendzhiev has 4 recognized specialties: internal medicine (1994); clinical toxicology (1996); clinical allergology (2006) and occupational diseases (2008.).

Throughout his professional career, Associate Professor Dermendzhiev maintained and increased his qualifications, as evidenced by the submitted documents from his participation in numerous specialized courses in the specialties practiced, and he also submitted documents for acquired qualifications for performing specialized and highly specialized medical activities: "Alternating dynamometry"; "Capillaroscopy"; "Cold test" "Rheodermometry" (2011); Technology of Scientific Activity and Abdominal Ultrasound Diagnostics for Beginners (2010); "Homeopathic therapy" (2010 - 2012), Clinical-X-ray-functional characteristics of dust-related occupational lung diseases. International X-ray Classification of Pneumoconioses (2007); Study of auditory-sensory system in occupational pathology (2006); Clinical course and differential diagnosis of lung diseases with allergic etiopathogenesis" (2005); "Modern methods of diagnosis of allergic and autoimmune diseases"; "News in the treatment of allergic rhinitis and bronchial asthma" and Problems of the immunological diagnosis of internal diseases at the Medical University of Sofia (2004). Associate Professor Dermendzhiev is a scientific consultant to 1 doctoral student who has successfully defended his dissertation for the acquisition of the Doctorate of National Academy of Sciences and a scientific supervisor of 2 doctoral students. In 2000 completed a course on the topic "Fundamentals of scientific research" at the MU-Plovdiv, and in 2006 participated in a course to increase the pedagogical qualification of the teaching staff at the MU-Plovdiv. In 2010 Associate Professor Dermendzhiev successfully completed a course on "Technology of scientific activity" at the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences of the MU-Plovdiv.

Associate Professor Dermendzhiev is a member of 5 national and 3 international scientific organizations and societies: Bulgarian Medical Union; Bulgarian Allergological Society; Bulgarian Society of Clinical Toxicology; Bulgarian Scientific Society for Occupational Diseases, Bulgarian Medical Homeopathic Organization; European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology (EAACI), World Allergology Organization (WAO), International Collaboration of Rare Diseases (ICORD).

Since 2018, Associate Professor Dermendzhiev is the Chairman of the Bulgarian Scientific Society for Occupational Diseases. He is a member of the editorial board of the magazine "Rare diseases and orphan drugs".

Submitted documents by the candidate for acquired qualification in the scientific specialty "Immunopathology and Allergology", for which the contest has been announced

► Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev has successfully completed specialized courses to increase postgraduate qualification on the following topics: "Problems of immunological diagnosis of internal diseases" in 2004 and "Modern methods for diagnosis of allergic and autoimmune diseases" in 2005. in the Clinical Immunology Laboratory and Clinic of UMBAL "Alexandrovska" EAD, Sofia.

► He is the author of the doctoral program in "Immunopathology and Allergology" at the Medical University of Plovdiv, which is accredited by NAOA.

► Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev is the author of the program for teaching the course "Clinical Allergology" to the students majoring in "Medicine" at the Faculty of Medicine at the Medical University of Plovdiv.

► The candidate also acquires the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences" in the scientific specialty "Immunopathology and Allergology" in 2020 after a successfully defended dissertation on the topic "Angioneurotic edema - epidemiology, etiology, pathogenesis, forms, clinical course, diagnostic and differential-diagnostic criteria, therapeutic approaches".

Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev participates in the following specialized committees:

1. He is a member of the commissions for taking the state exam for the acquisition of a specialty in "Occupational diseases", "Clinical allergology" and "Clinical toxicology", for which he was appointed by order of the Minister of Health.
2. He is a member of the specialized commission for work with the National Health Insurance Fund for the implementation of replacement therapy for patients with hereditary immunodeficiency conditions at St. George Medical Center EAD-Plovdiv.

Based on the above arguments, the assessment that should be given for the professional and academic development of Associate Professor Dermendzhiev is very high. The presented documents convincingly show the upward path of development and the confirmation of Associate Professor Dermendzhiev as one of the leading scientists, specialists and teachers in our country. The continuous development and improvement of the candidate are indicative of his high professional qualification and competence. They make him a high-ranking researcher and expert both in the scientific specialty "Immunopathology and Allergology" and in other areas of medical science.

Evaluation of the scientific works of the candidate in his overall academic development

To participate in the competition, Associate Professor Dr. Svetlan Dermendzhiev submits complete lists of publications (T.15.1), as well as lists of publications after acquiring the academic position of "Associate Professor" and after acquiring the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences" (T. 15), namely: dissertation and author's abstract for the award of the ONS "Doctor" (T.16-1,2); dissertation and abstracts (in Bulgarian and English) for the awarding of the Doctor of Sciences (Vol. 16-3, 4, 5); 6 monographs, one of which is based on a protected habilitation thesis (T.15.1.1); 1 published chapter of a collective monograph (T.15.1.2); participation in 2 published university textbooks and 5 university

manuals (T.7.1); 22 publications in refereed Bulgarian and international journals, 9 of them with IF (40.90%).

In 12 publications, Associate Professor Dermendzhiev is the first author (54.55%), in 5 publications he is the second author (22.73%), and in 5 he is the third author (22.73%) (T.15.2). Of the presented 48 publications in non-refereed editions, in 9 publications is the sole author (18.75%), in 16 publications is the first author (33.33%), in 19 - the second author (39.58%), in 4 publications - the third and next author (8.33 %) (T.15.3). Associate Professor Dermendzhiev presents citation references from the Central Medical Library, NACID and 1 updated citation reference in www.scopus.com and www.webofscience.com (T.14.1.,T.14.2, T.14.3), which shows that there are 30 citations in international databases (T.14.3) and 26 citations in non-refereed publications.

Evaluation of the scientific works presented by the candidate for the contest according to quantitative and qualitative indicators

The candidate presents the lists of scientific works and publications required by the application procedure, namely: a list and copies of full-text publications throughout the entire academic development, lists of publications after holding the academic position "Associate Professor" and after obtaining the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences" . Associate Professor Dermendzhiev also presents a detailed list of his participation in scientific forums - congresses, conferences, symposia, webinars, etc. with attached extensive evidentiary material, certificates, references for citations, declarations of co-authorship. The presented materials contain the necessary information to carry out a quantitative and qualitative assessment of his overall academic development. In the attached documents, the candidate under T.13- submitted a Certificate of fulfillment of the minimum requirements specified in App. 1 of the Regulations for the conditions and procedures for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas and author reference for the scientific contributions. All data the candidate has duly described and arranged in the relevant tables, namely:

Table 1. Minimum required points for occupying the academic position "Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty "Immunopathology and Allergology" on the basis of an advertisement published in the OG, no. 99 of 13.12.2022 after occupying the academic position " Associate Professor ".

| Table 1. Minimum required points by groups of indicators after occupying the academic position " Associate Professor " | | | | |
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| Group of metrics | Content | Professor | Documents for the current contest | Number of points for the current contest |
| A | Metric 1 | 50 | | 50 |

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| B | Metric 2 | | | |
| C | Metrics 3 и 4 | 100 | | |
| D | Sum of metrics from 5 to 9 | 250 | | 2348.1 |
| E | Sum of metrics from 10 to 12 | 150 | | 580 |
| F | Sum of metrics from 13 till the end. For a Professor, the minimum number of points for E14 = 60 | 120 | | 1297.7 |

Table 2. Number of points by metrics

| Group of metrics | Metrics | Number of points | Documents for the current contest | Number of points for the current contest |
|------------------|---|---------------------------|---|--|
| A | 1. Dissertation work for the award of the ONS "Doctor" | 50 | | 50 |
| B | 2. Dissertation work for the awarding of the SD "Doctor of Sciences" | 100 | | |
| C | 3. Habilitation thesis - monograph | 100 | | |
| | 4. Habilitation work - monographs /not less than 10/, in publications that are referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information | 60/n for each publication | | |
| D | 5. A published monograph that is not presented as a habilitation thesis | 100 | 9 monographs, of which 1 collective and one presented on the basis of a habilitation thesis | 725 |
| | 6. A published book based on a protected dissertation work for the award of the ONS "Doctor" or the SD "Doctor of Sciences" | 40 | 1 monograph based on a dissertation work for obtaining the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences" | 40 |

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| | 7. Publications and reports published in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information | 60/n or distributed on the basis of contribution protocol | 32 articles, of which 11 with IF (34.38%), in 22 (68.75%) - first author, in 5 (15.63%) - second author, in 5 (15.63%) - after third author | 633.3 |
| | 8. Publications and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes | 30/n or distributed on the basis of contribution protocol | 65 articles, in 16 (24.62%) - single author, in 25 (38.46%) - first author, in 20 (30.77%) - second author, in 4 (6.15%) third and subsequent | 944.8 |
| | 9. Published chapter of a collective monograph | 20/n | 1 published chapter of a collective monograph | 5 |
| E | 10. Citations or reviews published in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes | 15 | 30 citations in license databases | 450 |
| | 11. Citations in monographs and peer-reviewed collective volumes | 10 | | |
| | 12. Citations or reviews in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals | 5 | 29 citations in Bulgarian publications, 26 of them in non-referenced publications | 130 |
| F | 13. Obtained scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences" | 40 | | |

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| 14. Supervision of a doctoral student /n is the number of co-supervisors of the corresponding doctoral student/ or of a specialist | 40/n | 2 doctoral students - 2 scientific supervisors, 1 - scientific consultant, 7 specialists | 320 |
| 15. Acquired medical specialty | 40 | acquired 4 specialties | 160 |
| 16. Participation in a national scientific or educational project | 15 | 12 national projects | 180 |
| 17. Participation in an international scientific or educational project | 20 | 2 international projects | 40 |
| 18. Management of a national scientific or educational project | 30 | 12 national projects as author and leader | 360 |
| 19. Management of an international scientific or educational project | 40 | 2 international projects as head | 80 |
| 20. Published university textbook or textbook that is used in the school network | 40/n | 4 university textbooks issued | 42.7 |
| 21. A published university manual or textbook that is used on the school network | 20/n | 5 university manuals issued | 85 |
| 22. Training of interns, specialists and doctoral students /seminars and practical classes/ | 30 | | 30 |
| 23. Conquered honors from national sports competitions /for PN 7.6 Sport/ | 10 | | |
| 24. Conquered honors from international sports competitions /for PN 7.6 Sport/ | 20 | | |

Minimum required number of points – TOTAL 670

Achieved by the candidate for the current competition - TOTAL 4275.8

Table 1. Minimum required points for occupying the academic position "Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty

"Immunopathology and Allergology" on the basis of an advertisement published in the OG, no. 99 of 13.12.2022 after acquiring the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences".

| Table 1. Minimum required points by groups of indicators after obtaining the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences" | | | | |
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| Group of metrics | Content | Professor | Documents for the current contest | Number of points for the current contest |
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| A | Metric 1 | 50 | | 50 |
| B | Metric 2 | | | 100 |
| C | Metrics 3 и 4 | 100 | | |
| D | Sum of metrics from 5 to 9 | 250 | | 1525.3 |
| E | Sum of metrics from 10 to 12 | 150 | | 580 |
| F | Sum of metrics from 13 till the end. For a Professor, the minimum number of points for E14 = 60 | 120 | | 1321.7 |
| Table 2. Number of points by metrics | | | | |
| Group of metrics | Metrics | Number of points | Documents for the current contest | Number of points for the current contest |
| A | 1. Dissertation work for the award of the ONS "Doctor" | 50 | | 50 |
| B | 2. Dissertation work for the awarding of the SD "Doctor of Sciences" | 100 | | 100 |
| C | 3. Habilitation thesis - monograph | 100 | | |
| | 4. Habilitation thesis - monographs /not less than 10/, in publications that are referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information | 60/n for each publication | | |

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| D | 5. A published monograph that is not presented as a habilitation thesis | 100 | 6 monographs, of which 1 collective and 1 one based on collective work | 425 |
| | 6. A published book based on a protected dissertation work for the award of the ONS "Doctor" or the SD "Doctor of Sciences" | 40 | 1 monograph based on a dissertation work for obtaining the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences" | 40 |
| | 7. Publications and reports published in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information | 60/n or distributed on the basis of contribution protocol | 22 articles, of which 9 with IF (40.90%), in 12 articles - first author (54.55%) in 5 articles - second author (22.73%), in 5 - after third author (22.73%) | 403.3 |
| | 8. Publications and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes | 30/n or distributed on the basis of contribution protocol | 48 articles, in 9 single author (18.75%) in 16-first author (33.33%) in 19 - second author (39.58%) in 4th and subsequent author (8.33%) | 652 |
| | 9. Published chapter of a collective monograph | 20/n | 1 published chapter of a collective monograph | 5 |
| E | 10. Citations or reviews published in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes | 15 | 30 citations in license databases | 450 |
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| | 12. Citations or reviews in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals | 5 | 29 citations in Bulgarian publications, 26 of them in non-referenced publications | 130 |

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| F | 13. Obtained scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences" | 40 | | 40 |
| | 14. Supervision of a doctoral student /n is the number of co-supervisors of the corresponding doctoral student/ or of a specialist | 40/n | 2 doctoral students - 2 scientific supervisors, 1 - scientific consultant, 7 specialists | 320 |
| | 15. Acquired medical specialty | 40 | acquired 4 specialties | 160 |
| | 16. Participation in a national scientific or educational project | 15 | 12 national projects | 180 |
| | 17. Participation in an international scientific or educational project | 20 | 2 international projects | 40 |
| | 18. Management of a national scientific or educational project | 30 | 12 national projects as author and leader | 360 |
| | 19. Management of an international scientific or educational project | 40 | 2 international projects as head | 80 |
| | 20. Published university textbook or textbook that is used in the school network | 40/n | 2 university textbooks issued | 26.7 |
| | 21. A published university manual or textbook that is used on the school network | 20/n | 5 university manuals issued | 85 |
| | 22. Training of interns, specialists and doctoral students /seminars and practical classes/ | 30 | | 30 |
| | 23. Conquered honors from national sports competitions /for PN 7.6 Sport/ | 10 | | |
| | 24. Conquered honors from international sports competitions /for PN 7.6 Sport/ | 20 | | |

Minimum required number of points – TOTAL 670

Achieved by the candidate for the current competition - TOTAL 3577

As can be seen from the evidence presented and the points by criteria and indicators reflected in the tables, the total number of points achieved by the candidate after occupying the academic position "Associate Professor", as well as the total number of points after obtaining the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences" exceeds the required number points for occupying the academic position "Professor".

Associate Professor Dermendzhiev meets the criteria and significantly exceeds the minimum required points for occupying the academic position of "Professor" in accordance with the ZRASRB, the Regulations for its application and the Regulations for the development of the academic staff at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas.

Evaluation of the candidate's publication activity and scientific contributions

Associate Professor Dermendzhiev presents a list of 110 publications, 34 of which are referenced and indexed in the Scopus/Web of Science database and 76 outside them. He is the author of 11 monographs and 1 chapter of a collective monograph. Associate Professor Dermendzhiev is the author and co-author of a total of 9 textbooks, manuals and collections. He is a participant in 55 scientific congresses and conferences, of which 23 are international and 32 are national. From the attached NACID reference, the total Impact Factor (IF) of Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev is 35.451. A high impact factor objectively reflects the applicant's outstanding achievements as a clinical scientist. In addition to the large volume and highly rated quality scientific production in the scientific specialty "Immunopathology and Allergology", Associate Professor Dermendzhiev also published in other fields and areas of medicine related to the theory and practice of occupational diseases, clinical toxicology, social medicine and organization of health care and health management. To the documents submitted under T.13, associate professor Dermendzhiev has submitted an author's reference for the scientific contributions. After reviewing and analyzing the evidence presented, I confirm the significance of the scientific-theoretical and scientific-applied contributions of the dissertations defended by Assoc. Dermendzhiev for the acquisition of the ONS "Doctor" on the topic "Comparative analysis of allergies of a general and professional nature for a 10-year period in Plovdiv region" in the field of epidemiology, etiology, clinical picture, diagnosis, treatment and expert assessment of allergic diseases of a general and occupational nature (2012) and the dissertation work for the acquisition of the Doctor of Science degree on the topic "Angioneurotic edema - epidemiology, etiology, pathogenesis, forms, clinical course, diagnostic and differential-diagnostic criteria, therapeutic approaches" (2020).

I also confirm the contributions of the articles published in publications, referenced and indexed in international databases www.scopus.com and www.webofscience.com (attached in a list under T15.1.4 of the application), namely:

- Contributions of a scientific-theoretical and scientific-applied nature in the scientific specialty of immunopathology and allergology: 1. On topics and problems related to bronchial asthma, incl. professional (publications No. 3,10,14,20,23,25,26,29,63 from the attached list under T15.1.5); 2. On topics and problems related to angioedema, including hereditary angioedema (publications no. 2,7,8,11,16,21,23,27,40,42,44,46,47,48,49,51, 58 of the attached list under T15.1.5); 3. On topics and problems related to allergic rhinitis (publications No. 17,19,22 from the attached list under T15.1.5); 4. On topics and problems related to urticaria (publications No. 1,2,33,38,53,58 from the attached list under T15.1.5); 5. On topics and problems related to food allergy (publication No. 36 from the attached list under T15.1.5); 6. On topics and problems related to hypersensitivity pneumonitis and immunoallergic

vasculitis (publication no. 43 and 45 from the attached list under T15.1.5)7. On topics and problems related to drug allergy (publication No. 21 from the attached list under T15.1.5); 8. On topics and problems related to the therapy of allergic diseases (publication No. 63 from the attached list under T15.1.5); 9. Combined pathology, rare diseases and description of clinical cases with original contributions to the theory and practice of immunopathology and allergology (publications No. 1,2,5,6,9,10,13,15,21,22,32,36, 38,41,44,45,47,52,54,56,57,58,61,62 from the attached list under T15.1.5)

- Contributions of a scientific-theoretical and scientific-applied nature in the field of occupational diseases: 1. On topics and problems related to occupational allergic diseases (publications No. 1,10,13,14,18,20,21,22,23,25, 26,29,38,41,53, from the attached list under T15.1.5); 2. On topics and problems related to other occupational diseases - pulmonary, peripheral nervous system, musculoskeletal system, etc. (publications No. 6,9,15,18,24,30,31,64 from the attached list under T15.1.5); 3. Rare diseases and immunoallergic pathology associated with occupational diseases - description of clinical cases (publications no. 1,2,4,5,6,9,15,21,26,38,41,44,45,47,52,58 ,61,62 from the attached list under T15.1.5)
- Contributions of a scientific-theoretical and scientific-applied nature in the field of social medicine, health care organization, health care economics and health management (publications No. 14,17,18,24,25,29 from the attached list under T15.1.5)
- Contributions of a scientific-theoretical and scientific-applied nature in the field of clinical toxicology: 1. Contributions in the theory and practice of medicinal intoxications (publications no. 12,32, 65 from the attached list under T15.1.5); 2. Contributions to the theory and practice of pesticide intoxications (publications no. 50 and 60 from the attached list under T15.1.5); 3. Contributions to the theory and practice of toxoallergic reactions with skin-mucosal toxoallergic syndrome (publications no. 27,39,56,57 from the attached list under T15.1.5); 4. Contributions to the theory and practice of occupational intoxications and poisoning with household poisons (publications no. 37 and 55 from the attached list under T15.1.5); 5. Combined pathology, rare diseases and description of clinical cases with an original contribution to the theory and practice of clinical toxicology (publications No. 12,21,32, 41,53 from the attached list under T15.1.5)
- Contributions of a scientific-theoretical and scientific-applied nature in other fields of medicine (publications No. 31,34,35,42 from the attached list under T15.1.5).

On the basis of the above, I give a high assessment of the contributions of associate professor Dermendzhiev in the theory and practice of clinical medicine.

Analysis and assessment of the candidate's project activity

Associate Professor Dermendzhiev is the head of 2 international projects, financed, implemented and reported (T.9.1); is the head and author of 12 national projects, financed, implemented and reported (T.9.2); author and lead researcher of 1 intra-university project ranked first by the committee and

implemented, supervisor, author and lead researcher of 1 intra-university project ranked without funding (T.9.3). The contribution and merits of an associate professor Dermendzhiev in the project activity were assessed appropriately, and he was appointed by the Order of the Executive Director of UMBAL "St. George" EAD-Plovdiv as a member of the Commission for carrying out replacement therapy for patients with hereditary immunodeficiency conditions (T.10.1).

Analysis and assessment of teaching-methodical and teaching activities

From the presented academic reference for the positions held (T.5.1) it is clear that Associate Professor Dermendzhiev is among the established professors at the MU-Plovdiv, and from the attached academic reference for the candidate's academic workload (T.7.2) it can be seen that it significantly exceeds the minimum requirements for the teachers from the units with diagnostic/treatment activity of MU-Plovdiv. Associate Professor Dermendzhiev is the author and co-author in the development and accreditation of a number of teaching programs for teaching in various specialties at MU-Plovdiv, namely:

- author of the "Clinical Allergology" program for training students from the "Medicine" specialty at the Faculty of Medicine;
- is the author of the "Food Toxicology" curriculum for training the students of the College of Medicine in the specialty "Dietary Nutrition Instructor";
- co-author of the training program for students from the "Medicine" specialty in "Occupational diseases and toxicology" at the Faculty of Medicine;
- co-author of the training program for students majoring in "Dental Medicine" course in "Occupational Diseases" at FDM;
- co-author of the program on "Occupational diseases with toxicology" for training students in the specialty "Public health inspector" in MC;
- is the author of tests for practical exercises with students of the "Medicine" specialty; specialty "Dental Medicine"; specialties "IOS" and "IDN" in MC.

Associate Professor Dermendzhiev is the author of the doctoral program for obtaining the ONS "Doctor" in the scientific specialty "Immunopathology and Allergology" at MU-Plovdiv, which is accredited by NAOA. Associate Professor Dermendzhiev has published 4 textbooks and 5 study aids in Bulgarian and English (T.15.1.3.). He is the scientific supervisor of 2 doctoral students and the scientific consultant of 1 doctoral student (T.8.2). Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev is the head of specialization in "Clinical Allergology" of 10 specialists, of whom 4 have successfully passed the state exam for obtaining a specialty, 1 has completed the full course of theoretical and practical training in the specialty, and two specialists are about to appear for a state exam exam for acquiring the specialty. The candidate has conducted training on the modules "Clinical Allergology" and "Occupational Diseases" for three specialist doctors (T.8.1).

Conclusion

The materials presented by Associate Professor Dr. Svetlan Mihov Dermendzhiev, MD, PhD, MA, for participation in the competition for the academic position "Professor" show that he fulfills the quantitative and qualitative criteria and meets the regulatory requirements of the Law on the

Development of the Academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its application and the Regulations for the development of the academic staff at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas for the academic position "Professor". The candidate presents an extremely rich in volume and content scientific production, in which a large number of contributions of a scientific-theoretical and scientific-applied nature stand out.

Associate Professor Dermendzhiev's achievements in overall professional and academic development deserve high praise and recognition.

On the basis of the above arguments, I give my positive assessment of the activities of associate professor Dr. Svetlan Mihov Dermendjiev and **I VOTE POSITIVE** for his election to the academic position "Professor" in the scientific specialty "Immunopathology and Allergology" in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, at the Faculty of Medicine of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas. I call on the other members of the Scientific Jury to also give their positive vote for the election of Associate Professor Dermendzhiev as "Professor".

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