



Statement

by Prof. Dr. Hristo Bozov, MD, Faculty of Medicine, University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov"-Burgas, Member of the Scientific Jury of the competition for the academic position "Professor", according to the Order № RD - 134 /12.04. 2024 of the Rector University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" – Burgas.

Subject: Holding of a contest for the academic position of “Professor” in the scientific specialty of “Pathology and Cytopathology” in the field of higher education Health and Sport”, professional field 7.1. "Medicine", announced in Government newspaper, issue 13 /13.02. 2024.

The materials for participation in the competition were submitted only by Prof. Maya Vladova Galabova, Ph. The materials are in full compliance with the national regulatory requirements for the filling of academic positions and with the Regulations on the conditions and procedure for the acquisition of scientific degrees and for the filling of academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov"- Burgas.

I. Brief information about the candidate

Professor Dr. Maya Galabova graduated in 1983 at the Medical Academy of Sofia. She specialized in pathology in 1984 at the Workers' Hospital, Svishtov. In the same year she started her professional career as an assistant in the Department of General and Clinical Pathology at the University of Medical Sciences - Stara Zagora. In the period 1993-2002, she held the position of "Senior Assistant" at the Faculty of Medicine of Trakia University, after which she was appointed to the position of "Associate Professor", and in 2013 she held the position of "Professor".

The research work of the candidate develops in several main morphological directions, which fully correspond to the field of higher education 7. Health and Sport", professional field 7.1. "Medicine", scientific specialty "Pathology and Cytopathology":

- Colorectal, rectal, gastric, endometrial, lung and thyroid carcinoma.

- Liver pathology including hepatocellular carcinoma, liver metastases, hepatic sinusoids, biliary tract pathology, peliosis, integrins, adhesion molecules, extracellular matrix.
- Experimental diabetes (insulin-producing cells in bile duct, pancreatic duct and liver).
- Tertiary lymphoid structures inducible by tumor, infectious agents and autoimmune processes.

An essential part of Prof. Galabova's research career is her involvement in the supervision and training of 22 PhD students. She is also involved in the training of postgraduate students in the clinical specialty of General and Clinical Pathology.

The original scientific results obtained have been published in reputable international journals.

II. General description of the materials submitted to the competition

Prof. Dr. Galabova has submitted for the competition 21 articles in prestigious international and Bulgarian refereed journals, of which 18 are with impact factor (IF= 22.385, and the total IF of all publications, from 1984 to today, is 106.006) and 2 with impact rank, quartiles: 2 with Q1, 4 with Q2, 13 with Q3, 1 with Q4. The extremely high H-index = 21 is an important indicator of the value of its scientific production. The candidate's personal contribution to research is highlighted by her participation in 10 publications where she is the lead author, in 4 publications she is in second place, in 1 in third place, and in the rest in fourth and subsequent place. A list of 32 citations in foreign specialized journals is attached. Impressive is the total number of citations to date - 1621, reflected in the SCOPUS database.

Prof. Dr. Galabova's teaching activities include a significant number of classes and lectures for the period 1984-2024 in the following disciplines:

- "General and Clinical Pathology", to medical students of the 3rd and 4th year.
- "Somatopathology and Oncopathology" to students of the 2nd year, specialty "Social Activities" - full-time and part-time studies.

- "Clinical Pathology" to students of the 1st year, specialty "Nurse" and specialty "Midwife".

The complex evaluation of the teaching and research activity shows that the candidate has fulfilled the required criteria for the academic position "professor", set out in the Regulations for the conditions and procedure for the acquisition of scientific degrees and for the holding of academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas, which are included in a group of indicators A, C, D, E and F. It is important to mention that the scores of the indicators for groups E and F significantly exceed the minimum required scores.

III. Conclusion

The research and teaching activity of Prof. Dr. Maya Galabova, her scientific metrics, fully comply with the requirements of the Regulations on the conditions and procedure for the acquisition of scientific degrees and for the occupation of academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas regarding the occupation of the academic position "Professor".

Considering these facts, I support the election of Prof. Dr. Maya Galabova for the academic position of "Professor" in the scientific specialty "Pathology and Cytopathology", in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sport", professional field 7.1. "Medicine" at the Department of Anatomy, Histology and Embryology, Pathology, Forensic Medicine and Deontology, Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, Burgas, Bulgaria.

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