



To the Chairman of the Scientific commission
At University Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov - Burgas
Commission was assigned with Act № 243
Town of Burgas, 21.12.2020
Of the Rector of the University,
Concerning a procedure for
obtaining an academic position "Associate professor"
in the field of Higher education 7. Health and sports; professional sphere
7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty „Internal medicine“
University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" – Burgas
Applicant: Assia Andrianova Konsoulova-Kirova, MD, DM

POSITION

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Concerning: documents, presented for participation in the competition for obtaining an academic degree "Associate Professor" in the field of Higher education 7. Health and sports; professional sphere 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty „Internal medicine“ at the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" – Burgas as per competition in the Government Journal № 90/20.10.2020.

My position was prepared as I am a member of the Scientific commission, assigned with an Act of the Rector of University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" – Burgas № - 243 from 21.12.2020.

I am assigned to write a POSITION with protocol №1 from 04.01.2021 from a session of the Scientific commission.

The competition for acquisition of the academic position "Associate professor" was published in the Government Journal (№ 90/20.10.2020), as well as on the internet website of University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" – Burgas. The only applicant for this position is Dr. Assia Andrianova Konsoulova-Kirova, MD, DM.

The competition procedure and the documents that were given to me are in concordance with the requirements of the Act for graduation of the academic staff in Republic of Bulgaria and the Direction for its execution as well as by the University Regulation for acquisition of scientific degrees and registration with an academic position at the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" – Burgas.

1. Short biographic and professional data of the applicant:

Dr. Assia Andrianova Konsoulova-Kirova was born in Sofia on 21 December 1978.

She graduated Medicine in 2003 at the Medical University - Varna. She acquires Internal Medicine specialty in 2011 and in 2016 – Medical oncology. During the same 2016 year, she successfully defends a dissertation on: „Expression of some plasma and tissue

biomarkers as potential predictors for antiangiogenic treatment with bevacizumab in metastatic colon cancer“.

The professional experience of Dr. Konsoulova started in 2004 as a physician at the Medical Oncology clinic at the University Multidisciplinary Hospital for Active Treatment “Sveta Marina” – Varna. She was further on from 2005 until 2007 an assistant in Medical Oncology at Jules Bordet Institute in Brussels, Belgium. She worked as a part-time assistant from 2007 to 2018 in the Introduction to Internal Medicine Department at Medical University – Varna, where she was a lecturer to the foreign-speaking students. Since her graduation until present, Dr. Konsoulova continues improving her professional qualification and specializes abroad several times.

Dr. Konsoulova is a holder of 5 prizes, 2 of which international, for the period 2012 until 2020 which confirms her high professionalism. The prize “Favorite lecturer for 2013/2014 class of students” is a proof of the combination of a successful scientific career and university practice.

She is an editor of two international and 2 Bulgarian scientific journals.

She speaks 6 languages and English and French languages are at a professional level. She is also a licensed simultaneous translator from and to English.

2. Grading of the scientific impact of the applicant:

Dr. Konsoulova has prepared a set of 39 scientific publications in order to participate in the competition for obtaining an academic degree “Associate professor”. 14 of them are in Group of indices B and 25 articles are in Group G. All publications from group B are published in peer-review scientific journals with reference and indexation in the world databases with scientific information. Of all classified in group G articles, 1 is published in in peer-review scientific journals with reference and indexation in the world databases with scientific information, and the other 24 are in in peer-review scientific journals without reference and indexation.

The topic of the publications of Dr. Konsoulova could be summarized in the following areas: plasma biomarkers, related to the tumor angiogenesis in the metastatic colon cancer; micro-RNAs as prognostic factors after chemotherapy; contemporary anticancer treatment; immune response in oncology; algorithms and novelties in the treatment of rare oncological diseases.

The equal to a monography 12 articles, published by Dr. Konsoulova cover the area of the Management of rare tumors in Oncology.

In the process of scientific research, Dr. Konsoulova successfully works with other specialists of different professional areas of the medicine and Medical oncology.

The articles, published by Dr. Assia Konsoulova have a high publication impact factor and are being cited 61 times, predominantly in peer-review scientific journals with reference and indexation in the world databases with scientific information. Her H-index in Scopus is 3.

The set of papers that were made available at my disposition give me confidence to accept that all requirements of the University Regulation for acquisition of scientific degrees and registration with an academic position at the University “Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov” – Burgas were covered – the scientific criteria (A, B, G and D), as well as criteria G and D are largely overrepresented.

All documents of the applicant are meticulously structured in clear order and are perfectly described.

3. Educational pedagogic and project activities of the applicant:

Dr. Konsulova has more than 13 years of lecturer experience. She has large experience in different educational fields and she was predominantly a lecturer of the foreign-speaking students.

Dr. Konsoulova has participated as a co-author in 26 books and educational editorials and has written some of the chapters of these.

She has participated in 8 projects, 3 of them are international and 5 are national scientific and educational grants.

The important educational pedagogic experience together with participation in many projects gives the applicant the possibility to entirely cover as well as to exceed the indices and requirements, listed in Group E.

4. Conclusion:

Based on all of the above stated facts, I consider that the professional qualification, the scientific research and the lecturer activity of the applicant cover all minimal requirements and even exceed the level, requested by the University Regulation for acquisition of scientific degrees and registration with an academic position at the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" – Burgas (A minimum 50/ applicant 50, B min. 100/ applicant 139.79, Г min. 220/ applicant 284.1, Д min. 60/ applicant 285, E min. 20/ applicant 145).

This is why my recommendation to the Scientific Commission is to vote positively in order to permit to Dr. Assia Andrianova Konsoulova-Kirova, MD, DM to obtain an Academic position of "Associate professor" "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" – Burgas in the field of Higher education 7. Health and sports; professional sphere 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty „Internal medicine“ as per the announced in the Government Journal № 90/20.10.2020 competition.

This statement was prepared by: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antonia Atanasova, MD, DM