

## О P I N I O N

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regarding the competition to fill the academic position "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health and sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty Internal disease, for the needs of Faculty of Public Health and Health Care, University "Prof. Dr Asen Zlatarov – Burgas, declared in the Official Journal of Bulgaria, issue. 90/20.10.2020 (*day, month, year*)

The opinion is prepared in connection with proposal from the Rector of the University "Prof. Dr Asen Zlatarov – Burgas, No RD-87 from 23.04.2020, Prof. Hristo Bozov, MD, Dean of Faculty of Public Health and Health Care.

One candidate has been admitted to the competition, announced in accordance with the accepted requirements, Dr. Assia Adrianova Konsoulova-Kirova, MD, doctor - Medical Oncology at the Department of Medical Oncology, Complex Oncology Center - Burgas. The competition procedure, as well as the documentation submitted by Dr. Assia Konsoulova-Kirova, are in full compliance with the regulatory framework and scientometric requirements. After a thorough examination of the materials submitted to me in the competition, I have determined the following:

## **I. Academic and professional development.**

Dr. Assia Konsoulova-Kirova, MD completed graduate medical education at Medical University "Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna, diploma № 3343/2003. In 2011 Dr. Konsoulova acquired a specialty in Internal Medicine at the Medical University - Varna, diploma № 3065/2011; and in 2016, specialty in Medical Oncology, diploma № 3640/2016.

In 2016, she obtained the scientific degree "Doctor" in Medicine, scientific specialty Oncology at the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna, diploma № 168/2016.

Dr. Konsoulova-Kirova received highly specialized certificates: in 2005. specialization in Clinical Oncology - Belgium, 2017 - specialization Medical Oncology - Austria and many training courses in Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Sweden, Austria, Germany and Spain.

From 2007 to 2018 she was an assistant at the Department of Foreign Language Training in the Department of Propaedeutics of Internal Medicine at the Medical University - Varna.

Since 2010, Dr. Konsoulova is a national representative of the European Respiratory Society and since 2014, a national representative for Bulgaria for ENTYAC and participant in research projects.

The professional career of Dr. Assia Konsoulova, MD, begins in 2004 as a Physician at the Clinic of Medical Oncology, University Hospital "St. Marina" - Varna. From 2019 until present she is a doctor at the Complex Oncology Center - Burgas.

## **II. Research Activity.**

Dr. Kounsoulova prepared a dissertation for the acquisition of an educational and scientific degree "Doctor" on the topic on the topic on "Expression of some plasma and tissue biomarkers as potential predictors of antiangiogenesis therapy with Bevacizumab in metastatic colon cancer".

Dr. Konsoulova-Kirova is an editor at Frontiers in Oncology, Women's Health Sector and Scripta Scientifica Medica Magazine, a reviewer for Breathe Magazine of the European Respiratory Society and a reviewer for Respiratory Oncology for the National Congress of the European Respiratory Society.

Dr. Konsoulova is the author of a total of 72 scientific papers - 46 articles, 26 chapters from books, as 39 for participation in the competition.

Dr. Konsoulova has 14 publications in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases of scientific information (Scopus and Web of science).

Dr. Assia Konsoulova has 5 citations in foreign literature.

Dr. Konsoulova-Kirova is a member of the Bulgarian Oncological Scientific Society, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the European Respiratory Society, the Bulgarian Association of Dermato-Oncology and others.

In 2013 - 2014, Dr. Konsoulova was a member of the National Expert Council on Medical Oncology at the Ministry of Health.

## **III. Teaching Activity.**

Dr. Assia Konsoulova-Kirova, MD is an established lecturer who enjoys respect and authority among her students and graduates. Her teaching career began



in 2007 as an assistant at the Department of Foreign Language Training in the Department of Propaedeutics of Internal Medicine at the Medical University - Varna. Academic reference for the study load of MU Varna, Department of Propaedeutics of Internal Medicine shows the study load for 2014 of a total of 180 hours and 4 years of teaching experience.

**Conclusion:**

Based on everything above, I believe that the presented research and teaching activity of Dr. Assia Konsoulova-Kirova, MD meets fully the quantitative and qualitative criteria and requirements of the competition, which gives me the reason to vote "positive" and to recommend to the members of the distinguished jury to give their positive vote for the election of Dr. Assia Konsoulova, MD for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health and sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty Internal disease, for the needs of Faculty of Public Health and Health Care, University "Prof. Dr Asen Zlatarov – Burgas.



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