

POSITION

**On competition for taking an academic position of „Assoc. Professor”
in the scientific specialty “Social medicine and organization of
healthcare and pharmacy” for the needs of the “Pharmacy”
department in the Medical college Medical college, University „Prof.
Dr. Assen Zlatarov “, Burgas,**

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Burgas Проф. д-р Магдалена Миткова

According procedure for taking an academic position “Assoc. Professor”:

Higher education field– 7. Healthcare and sport, professional field – 7.4 Public Health, scientific specialty – Social medicine and organization of Healthcare and Pharmacy

The only admitted candidate for the competition is Chief Assistant Professor Hristo Georgiev Burgazliev, MPharm, PhD, lecturer in Medical college of Univerisy “Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov” – Burgas.

Biographical data:

Ch. Asistant Professor Hristo Georgiev Burgazliev was born in the city of Burgas in 1964, where he graduated from the Russian Language High School, "Vasil Levski". He graduated with a master's degree in the regulated professions "Pharmacy" in 1989 at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Medical University - Sofia In the period 1996 - 1999 he specialized in "Organization and Economics of Distribution and Pharmacy Practice" at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Medical University – Sofia. and in 1999 acquired the rights of "Specialist" In 1999 he obtained a second master's degree in Business Administration, professional qualification Master of Economics.

In 2018 he acquires the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the scientific specialty “Social medicine and healthcare management” in the National Center of Public Health and Analyses.

His professional career began as a master pharmacist in a pharmacy for citizen service, from 1996-2012 he was a manager and responsible pharmacist of the Municipal enterprise Pharmacies EOOD Burgas. He has held senior positions in the field of wholesale and retail trade in medicinal products. Mag.-Pharm. Burgazliev has gained significant experience in the field of public

activities as a member of governing bodies in the structures of the Bulgarian Pharmaceutical Union. Since 2003 he has been elected as a part-time lecturer at the Medical College at the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov "Burgas. After a competition, he held the academic position of "assistant professor" since March 2018 and "chief assistant professor" since 2019.

Ch. Assistant Professor Burgazliev is fluent in written and spoken Russian at a good level - English. He has excellent computer skills.

Scientific work and scientific production:

In this competition, Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Burgazliev participates with a total of 34 scientific publications, systematized in the sections required by the Regulations on the conditions and procedure for acquiring scientific degrees and academic positions (RCOASDAAP): 5 publications and reports published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information (1 in press); 7 reports published in non-peer-reviewed journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes; 19 publications in peer-reviewed journals with scientific review (5 in press); 1 study, published in the Yearbook of the Burgas Free University; 1 monograph in the quality of habilitation work; 1 monograph on the PhD thesis for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "Doctor". I accept the scientific production and highly appreciate the publishing activity of Dr. Burgazliev, as 2% of articles in print is admissible in view of the increased activity in current publications related to the pandemic situation in the country in the last year.

The dissertation for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" is in the scientific specialty of the competition. The minimum national requirements and scientometric indicators of the Regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov "- Burgas.

The scientometric assessment of the candidate was performed in accordance with Art. 67 and the following of Section III Conditions and procedure for holding the academic position "Associate Professor" of the Regulations on the conditions and procedure for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions in the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov ", as well as the current legislation in the country.

Ch. Assistant Professor Hristo Burgazliev is presented in the competition visually with documents prepared by sections, in accordance with the latest amendments to the Law on the Development of Academic Staff and the Regulations for Implementation of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria.

The main scientific contributions and interests of Ch. Assistant Professor Burgazliev are in the following scientific fields:

- 1. Pharmacovigilance.**

The candidate substantiates his vision in 6 significant publications that medicinal products occupy a central place in modern therapy of diseases and in many cases have a life-saving effect. Along with their undeniable benefit, their use can cause side effects and drug legislation requires pharmacists to play an active role. The concept of pharmaceutical counseling as individual patient care, which can be prepared on the basis of history, research, specific complaints and problems is transposed into the understanding of detecting, analyzing, preventing and / or resolving drug-related problems arising and accompanying drug therapy.

2. **History of Pharmacy.** In this field, the candidate has lasting interests, serious achievements and a clear contribution to historical facts on a regional and national scale. The presented 10 papers contain theoretical, scientific and practical contributions and summarize the results of historiographical studies on the functioning of the system of drug supply and pharmacy services in Bulgaria and in particular in the Burgas region in the period from the Liberation from the Ottoman Yoke to the present day, analysis of critical moments, the advantages and disadvantages of some forms of pharmacy services, as well as a series of proposals to overcome the identified problems.
3. **Pharmacoeconomics.** A relatively new scientific field for pharmaceutical science and practice worldwide. Its accelerated development in recent decades is due to the need for objective assessment and efficient use of limited resources for health care. Included are 2 scientific publications, one of which is published in a scientific publication, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information and a report on the first in Bulgaria study of Health-related quality of life in healthy volunteers.
4. **National drug policy, pharmaceutical management and pharmacy regulation.** The candidate has published papers containing theoretical, scientific-practical and scientific-applied analyzes and results for the functioning of the system of drug supply and pharmacy services to the population in our country. The emphasis is on unresolved issues, and comparative studies of practice in other European countries are paving the way for overcoming them. An original study of various practices in hiring pharmacy students for temporary work in the pharmaceutical sector is also presented.

Evidence is presented for the participation of Ch. Assistant Professor Burgazliev in 2 university research grant projects and 5 positive citations. I accept the presented report on the author's contributions as objective.

Teaching activity:

The candidate teaches in the disciplines "Social Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Legislation", "Pharmaceutical Care", "Social Medicine and Health

Promotion", "Ethics and Deontology" and others. He enjoys an excellent reputation in professional, teaching and research circles

According to the submitted documents, Ch. Assistant Professor Burgazliev is a lecturer with an annual workload exceeding the requirements for the academic position of "Chief Assistant".

Chief Assistant Professor Hristo Georgiev Burgazliev has the necessary pedagogical experience at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov"- Burgas and in particular at the Medical College. His academic work load for the last three years is of a mean 288 lecturing hours. Hristo Burgazliev participates in the teaching of medical and social, mandatory, elective and facultative disciplines to students majoring in "assistant pharmacist". He successfully handles lectures and practical exercises, seminars, and internships.

The reference for the scientific workload corresponds to the requirements of RCOASDAAP in the Prof. D-r. Assen Zlatarov" University – Burgas.

There is evidence that the candidate has actively participated in the development and testing of curricula for students majoring in assistant pharmacist.

Summary assessment:

The summary assessment of the only candidate in the competition shows that he is an erudite academic researcher and lecturer.

The materials presented in the competition give me reason to believe that Ch. Assistant Professor Hristo Georgiev Burgazliev, PhD covers all the basic and additional requirements for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" at the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov "- Burgas, according to the Regulations on the conditions and procedure for acquiring scientific degrees and academic positions (RCOASDAAP) and the Regulations for application of the Law on Development of The Academic Staff in The Republic of Bulgaria (LDASRB). The candidate has a diverse teaching and research activity, participates in the creation of curricula, is the author of scientific articles published in referenced national and international publications and has administrative and managerial experience.

The scientific developments and the doctoral dissertation are entirely in the field of the scientific specialty of the competition - Social medicine and organization of healthcare and pharmacy. Most of the publications are scientific and practical, explore regional features and are valuable for the development of the profession and the capacity of the university, which shows that the candidate is an established specialist in practice and has proven achievements in the medical and social field.

Conclusion:

I believe that in terms of its research activities and scientometric indicators, the candidate meets the requirements of LDASRB. A dissertation for acquiring

the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" Doctor" in the scientific specialty of the competition and the scientific production of Ch. Assistant Professor Burgazliev is sufficient in volume. The publishing activity is evenly distributed over the years. The quality and quantity of the scientific production after acquiring of the PhD thesis exceeds the requirements for holding the academic position of "associate professor".

According to LDASRB, the educational activity is an important indicator in the final evaluation of the candidates by the scientific jury, as Ch. Assistant Professor Burgazliev has the necessary pedagogical experience and long practice. Regarding the additional indicators, according to the Act on Development of The Academic Staff in The Republic of Bulgaria Implementing Regulations (ADTASRBIR), I have a high assessment of the candidate.

Based on all the above facts and as a member of the scientific jury, I would like to convincingly recommend the esteemed jury to choose as an "**associate professor**" in the field of Higher educational Field 7. Health and sport in the professional field 7.4. "Pharmacy" and scientific specialty "Social Medicine and Organization of Health and Pharmacy" for the needs of the Department of "Pharmacy" Medical College, University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov ", Burgas of the candidate **Chief Assistant Professor Hristo Georgiev Burgazliev, PhD**

Reviewer: *

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