



OPINION

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According to the order of the Rector of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" RD - 29/05.02.2021 I have been appointed as a member of the Scientific Jury, and on the basis of the protocol of the meeting of the Scientific Jury from 25.02.2021 I have been appointed to prepare an opinion

REGARDING: Competition announced in the State Gazette, issue 105 of 11.12.2020 for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health and sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty "Pharmacology" for the needs of training for the specialty "Assistant Pharmacist" Department of "Pharmacy", Medical College at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas.

Only one candidate is participating in the competition - Dr. Lyubina Racheva Todorova, MD. The candidate has submitted all the necessary documents for the competition, in accordance with the Regulations of the University "Prof. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas and a reference for fulfillment of the minimum requirements.

Brief biographical data

Dr. Lyubina Racheva Todorova, MD, graduated in medicine at the Thracian University, Medical Faculty, Stara Zagora in 1991. Her professional path starts as a resident doctor in the District Hospital, Yambol (later MHAT "St. Panteleimon" AD, Yambol) (1991-2001). During this time he managed to acquire two medical specialties - Internal Medicine (in 1997) and Clinical Hematology (in 2000). Since 2001 she has been

part of the Bulgarian Drug Agency (BDA), passing through the positions of Chief Expert/Head of the Blood Products Department at the Biological Products Directorate/ and Director of the Transfusion System Control Directorate. She currently holds the position of Director of the Authorization for Medicinal Products Directorate. Other activities he performs to date include: Member of the Transparency Commission of the Council of Ministers, Member of the Committee for Orphan Medicinal Products of the European Medicines Agency and Member of the Standing Committee on Medicinal Products of the European Commission. During the period 2013-2018 she was a part-time doctoral student in the scientific specialty "Pharmacology" (including "Pharmacokinetics and Chemotherapy") at the Medical University of Sofia, Faculty of Medicine. In 2018 she successfully obtained a PhD degree on "Pharmacological effects of pain: experimental, clinical and regulatory studies" and acquired "Doctor" in the scientific specialty "Pharmacology" (including "Pharmacokinetics and Chemotherapy"). In 2021 she published a monograph "Current aspects of pharmaceutical regulation".

Scientific and publishing activity

Dr. Lyubina Racheva Todorova, MD participates in this competition with 23 scientific publications and a monograph (habilitation thesis):

- 17 publications in unreferenced journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes
- 6 publications in indexed editions, in world-famous databases with scientific information (Scopus and Web of Science);
- Published monograph - "Current aspects of pharmaceutical regulation"

The total number of citations of the candidate at the moment are 20 Bulgarian citations, according to the attached reference from the Central Medical Library - Medical University, Sofia. 137 citations were found in the SCOPUS database, mostly for a publication that is included as part of the candidate's dissertation work for obtaining the scientific degree "PhD".

The interests and scientific work of the candidate can be differentiated in three main areas: drug regulation (European and national), pharmacology of the nervous system (pain - opioid and non-opioid analgesics and other means used to control pain syndromes) and geriatric pharmacology. The topics in the three areas overlap to a large extent, as the experimental aspect, the clinical application (efficacy/safety) and the role of the regulators in this process are covered.

In addition, an article is presented in print, which discusses a very current topic at the moment, namely: "New developments in drug regulation related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the risks of drug shortages."

Conclusion

The scientific activity of Dr. Lyubina Racheva Todorova, MD meets the requirements of Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its application and the Regulations of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor". This gives me grounds to give a POSITIVE EVALUATION and to propose to the esteemed members of the Scientific Jury to award Dr. Lyubina Racheva Todorova, MD academic position "Associate Professor" in higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty "Pharmacology" for the needs of the specialty "Assistant Pharmacist" Department of Pharmacy, Medical College at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas.

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