



STATEMENT

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REGARDING: Competition for the academic position "Associate Professor" in "Health Care Management", basic specialty "Medical Laboratory Technician", field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.4. Public health, for the needs of the specialty "Medical laboratory technician" at the College of Medicine, Trakia University - Stara Zagora, announced in the "State Gazette", no. 26/21.03.2023

By order of the Rector of Trakia University No. 1334/19.04.2023, I have been designated as an external member of the Scientific Jury.

Documents for participation in the competition were submitted by one candidate - Superior lecturer Pavlina Penkova Teneva, Ph.D., from the Medical College of Trakia University - Stara Zagora.

Biographical data

Pavlina Teneva was born in 1978 in Stara Zagora. She completed basic medical education in the specialty "Medical Laboratory Technician" at the Medical College of Trakia University in 2000. She subsequently obtained the Bachelor's degree in the specialty "Social Activities" at the University of Veliko Tarnovo "St. St. Cyril and Methodius" (2003), OCS "Master" in the specialty "Health Care Management" at the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" – city of Varna (2009).

In 2023, she successfully defended a dissertation on the topic: "Practical training of medical laboratory workers for the formation of professional skills and competencies" and obtained a doctorate in the scientific specialty "Health Care Management".

Since 2001, Pavlina Teneva has worked as a medical laboratory assistant in the Central Clinical Laboratory of UMBAL Stara Zagora for 8 years, and since 2007 she has been a part-time lecturer in clinical practice at the Medical College - Stara Zagora. Since 2009, for

7 years, she has been the head of the "Medical Laboratory Technician" specialty, and for the last three years she has been the Deputy Director of the Medical College at Trakia University - Stara Zagora.

Teaching and learning activity

Superior lecturer P. Teneva leads classes in the following disciplines: Clinical laboratory; Clinical practice and quality control in laboratory practice. For the academic year 2022/23, there is a total workload of 660 hours. In terms of increasing his professional development, the candidate presents participation in 10 continuing education courses.

Research activity

From the submitted report on the implementation of the minimum national requirements under Art. 26 of the ZRASRB according to indicators from group A, 50 points have been fulfilled; 100 points are fulfilled according to group B indicator; according to group D indicator, 266 points have been fulfilled; according to group D indicator, 60 points were fulfilled (the total number of points is 476). The scientific indicators meet the minimum national requirements and criteria from the Regulations for the development of the academic staff at Thrace University - St. Zagora.

A list of five Erasmus participations (2013, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019) is presented. For the period from 2011-2023, senior lecturer P. Teneva, Ph.D. is a participant in the team of 11 intra-university scientific research projects that have been approved and implemented in Medical College of Trakia University - Stara Zagora.

24 publications are indicated for participation in the competition, of which one publication in a journal indexed in SCOPUS with an impact rank. She is the first author of 7 publications. The citations in Bulgarian sources are three, and the citations in foreign sources are nine.

A monograph on the topic "The pre-analytical stage - a guarantee of the reliability of the laboratory result" is presented. The monograph has an up-to-date sound, with scientific and practical-applied significance, which will find a place in the daily work of medical specialists engaged in the pre-analytical stage.

The scientific and research contributions of senior lecturer P. Teneva, Ph.D. are in three directions:

- Scientific-research contributions in the field of medical education in the professional direction "Health care", specialty medical laboratory assistant in the College of Medicine - organization and quality of training, motivation and professional realization;
- Scientific research contributions in the field of public health;
- Scientific research contributions in the field of clinical laboratory and multidisciplinary scientific studies. The changes in the clinical laboratory indicators in a number of pathological processes and socially significant diseases have been studied.

A reflection of the active activity of the candidate are also the honors with diplomas (2016 and 2018), certificate (2021) and award (2018) for significant contribution to the publication activity and rating of Trakia University.

Conclusion

The submitted documents show continuous improvement of the professional, educational level and academic development of the candidate; fully meet and exceed the minimum requirements for occupying the academic position "Associate Professor" in Professional direction 7.4. "Public Health" and the scientific specialty "Health Care Management", specified in the regulations for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions at Trakia University.

The above gives me the reason to give a positive assessment and to recommend to the respected members of the scientific jury to award the academic position "Associate Professor" to senior lecturer P. Teneva, Ph.D.

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