



STATEMENT

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Regarding: Competition for the academic position of “Associate Professor” in Health Care Management, main specialty Medical Laboratory Technician, field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.4. Public Health for the need of specialty Medical Laboratory Technician full-time position at Medical College at *Trakia University* – Stara Zagora, announced in SG issue 26/21.03.2023

On the basis of Order No. 1334/19.04.2023 of the Rector of *Trakia University* Stara Zagora and Decision of the first meeting of Scientific Committee Protocol No.1/25.05.2023, I have been appointed to prepare a statement.

In the current competition, documents for participation have been submitted by one candidate - senior lecturer Pavlina Penkova Teneva, PhD. She has submitted all the required documents, which have been prepared in accordance with the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria Act (DASRBA). The documents have submitted within deadline. I have no comments regarding the procedure for conducting the current competition.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Senior lecturer Pavlina Penkova Teneva, PhD was born on 14.12.1978 in Stara Zagora. In 2000 she graduated from the Medical College at *Trakia University*, Stara Zagora with specialty Medical Laboratory Technician. In 2003, she acquired an educational qualification degree Bachelor, specialty Social Studies at the *St. St. Cyril and Methodius University*, Veliko Tarnovo. In 2009 she acquired an educational qualification degree Master in Health Care Management, Medical University Varna. In 2023 she acquired a Doctoral educational qualification degree in the field of Higher Education 7. Health Care and Sports, professional direction 7.4. Public Health with PhD thesis with topic: “Practical training of medical laboratory workers for the forming of professional skills and competencies”.

Senior lecturer Pavlina Teneva, PhD started her professional experience in 2001, working as a medical laboratory technician at the Central Clinical Laboratory of University Multi-Profile Hospital for Active Treatment, EAD Stara Zagora. In 2002 she worked at TRANSPORT DIAGNOSTIC AND CONSULTING CENTRE, EOOD Stara Zagora. In 2012 – 2014 she held the position Medical laboratory technician at *Beroe Medical Complex* - Stara Zagora.

In the period 2007 – 2009 she was appointed as a part-time lecturer in Clinical Practice at Medical College – Stara Zagora, and in 2009 – 2016 she held the position Lecturer and became Head of the *Medical Laboratory Technician* specialty at the Medical College Stara Zagora. This was followed by her promotion to a Senior lecturer. From January 2020 and until now she is the Deputy Director of the Medical College at *Trakia University* Stara Zagora.

She teaches classes in the following disciplines: Clinical laboratory; Clinical practice; Quality control in laboratory practice.

She has acquired 5 specialisations under the Erasmus Programme in Bulgaria and abroad.

She has participated in 10 thematic continuing education courses related to her professional development. She has actively participated in 10 projects with university funding, some of them with European co-financing.

The four diplomas and certificates awarded to senior lecturer Pavlina Teneva, PhD are related to a significant contribution to the publication activity and rating of *Trakia* University, contribution to the activity and development of the Medical College - *Trakia* University, Stara Zagora, contribution to the establishment and development of the specialty *Medical Laboratory Technician* - MC Stara Zagora, etc.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACTIVITY

1. Scientometric indicators

In fulfillment of the requirements for the current competition, senior lecturer Pavlina Teneva, PhD has presented the following scientific output:

Criterion A. 1. PhD Thesis for acquiring a Doctoral educational qualification degree with topic *Practical training of medical laboratory workers for the forming of professional skills and competencies*, which she defended in Branch Sliven of Medical University – Varna in a volume of 157 pages - 50 points.

Criterion C. 3. Habilitation thesis (monograph) on the topic *The pre-analytical stage - a guarantee of the reliability of the laboratory result* in a volume of 130 pages -100 points.

The monograph was prepared solely by Pavlina Teneva, PhD and is a complete and systematic presentation of an actual scientific problem, has two scientific reviewers and meets all the other requirements of the Rules for the Implementation of the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria Act (DASRBA).

Criterion D. 6. Publications and reports published in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information - one publication - 10 points.

Criterion D. 8. Publications and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes - 23 publications - 256 points

The sum of indicators D.6 and 8 is 266 points, which corresponds to the minimum under the DASRBA.

Criterion E.12. Citations or reviews in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals - 12 pieces - 60 points, which corresponds to the minimum under the DASRBA.

Out of the total of 24 scientific works publications presented in the competition, senior lecturer Pavlina Teneva, PhD is the first author of 7 of them, the second author of 11 of the works, and third and consequent author of 6 of the publications.

The scientific output presented by senior lecturer Pavlina Teneva, PhD meets and exceeds the state requirements for the acquisition of the academic position "Associate Professor" in professional field 7.4. 7.4. Public Health, under the DASRBA.

2. Thematic directions and contributions

The main scientific thematic directions in the publications of senior lecturer Pavlina Teneva, PhD cover different sides of the spectrum of clinical laboratory and teaching activity.

In the personal reference attached to the competition documents, the following scientific directions are formed:

- I. The scientific and research contributions in the field of medical education in the professional direction Health Care, specialty *Medical Laboratory Technician* at Medical College – organisation and quality of training, motivation and professional realisation (No. 2, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 22 and 24).
- II. Scientific and research contributions in the field of public health (No. 4, 6, 9, 10, 13, 17 and 19).
- III. Scientific and research contributions in the field of clinical laboratory and multidisciplinary scientific studies (No. 1, 3, 20, 21, 22 and 23).

For each of the listed directions of the candidate's research activity, I accept the presented list of contributions of an original, scientific-applied nature and those enriching the existing scientific knowledge.

CRITICAL COMMENTS

I have no critical comments about the candidate and the submitted documents.

CONCLUSION

The documents presented in the competition fully meet the mandatory requirements and scientometric criteria under the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

The evaluation of the candidate's scientific output shows: compliance with the scientometric requirements (at required 400 points, she received 476 points).

My personal impressions of senior lecturer Pavlina Teneva, PhD are that she is an established professional as a teacher, with excellent theoretical training and proven qualities. As a result of her work as a medical laboratory technician in the past, and currently as a lecturer and Head of the *Medical Laboratory Technician* specialty at Medical College, Stara Zagora, she has acquired indispensable practical experience, which she successfully combines in research and educational activities. She is a teacher with many years of experience, respected by her students and colleagues.

As a member of the Scientific Committee, I strongly support the candidature and vote “IN FAVOUR” of the awarding of the academic position of “Associate Professor” in Health Care Management in the field of higher education 7. Health Care and Sports, professional direction 7.4. Public Health for the need of specialty Medical Laboratory Technician at the Medical College at *Trakia* University - Stara Zagora.

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City of Varna

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