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Hereby I present a standpoint

on a competition for the academic position “ Associate Professor”
in a scientific specialty “Management of Health Care”,
announced for the needs of MU-Plovdiv, dept. “Obstetric Care”
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with the requirements of Law on the Development
of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria
and Chapter III/ Chapter IV of Regulations for
application of the Law for development of the
academic staff of the Republic of Bulgaria -
Terms and conditions for holding the academic
position of "Associate Professor"*

STANDPOINT

from

Assoc. Prof. Daniela Taneva, PhD

Department "Nursing Care", Faculty of Public Health, MU-Plovdiv,
internal member of Scientific Jury, appointed by order № P - 1745/ 12.10.2020
of Rector of MU-Plovdiv

for a competition for the academic position "Associate Professor"
in a scientific specialty "Management of Health Care",
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I Analysis of the candidate's career profile

Head Assistant Milena Gancheva Sandeva, PhD was born on 12.02.1980 in the town of Kazanluk. She graduates the Medical College at Medical University – Plovdiv in 2003 in speciality "Midwife" with excellent score, diploma reg. №6585/23.06.2003 r., series MK № 02845. She defended her bachelor's degree in 2008 and her master's degree in 2011 in Health Care Management at the Medical University of Plovdiv.

Head Assistant Sandeva started her professional development in 2003 as a midwife, and as a senior midwife in 2007 at the University Hospital "St. Georgi", Plovdiv.

After successfully passing a competition in 2015, she was employed as an assistant professor in the Department of Obstetric Care and since June 2017 she has been an assistant at the Medical Simulation Center of MU - Plovdiv. From December 2019 until now he has been a head assistant at the Department of Obstetric Care and the Medical Simulation Center. She acquired a specialty in "Public Health" (reg. № 020981 / 27.06.2017) in 2017. In 2019, after successfully defending a dissertation on "Frequency and medical and social aspects of preterm birth", she acquired the educational and scientific degree "Doctor".

Over the years, Head Assistant Milena Sandeva has participated in a number of courses and training seminars. She is a member of the Bulgarian Scientific Society

of Public Health, Bulgarian Association of Healthcare Professionals, Bulgarian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and EUPHA. Fluent in written and spoken English and Russian.

II General description of the presented materials for the competition

The candidate in the competition has submitted documents in accordance with the requirements of Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for holding academic positions at MU-Plovdiv.

III Evaluation of the candidate's scientific works for an overall academic development

The candidate participates in the present competition for the academic position "Associate Professor" with:

1. A sole author monograph "Socio-demographic, economic and behavioral factors influencing premature birth" – 138 pages.
2. 17 full-text articles, of which 11 in referred and indexed journals, first author of 6 of them.
3. A workbook – 1, co-authored.

Head Assistant Sandeva is a first author of 11 and a sole author of 2 of the presented scientific works with a publication character.

The scientific and research interests of Head Assistant Milena Sandeva are related to the reproductive behavior of students, problems of preterm birth and the factors influencing premature birth, abortion as a risk factor for women's health, as well as simulation training and its benefits as part of the educational process in higher medical school, the influence of reproductive factors on the development of non-small cell lung cancer.

Scientific activity - dissemination and application of the scientific and practical achievements of the candidate among the scientific community

Head Assistant Sandeva publishes in renowned and authoritative among the academic community issues, both national and international, which is reflected in the presented scientific production.

Participation in the implementation and management of projects

Head Assistant Sandeva presents evidence of participation in two national educational projects.

IV Evaluation of the monographic work or equivalent publications submitted by the candidate for participation in the competition for "Associate Professor".

The candidate participates in the competition with 1 monograph on "Socio-demographic, economic and behavioral factors influencing premature birth", in which she is a sole author. The monographic work deals with the problems of premature birth, which is the cause of a large percentage of neonatal mortality and permanent disabilities of surviving children.

V Reflection (citation) of the candidate's publications in the national and foreign literature (publication image).

Evidence of 9 positive citations was presented, of which 8 in foreign journals. 4 of the citations by foreign authors are in journals with IF, and 1 in a monograph. This is indicative of the relevance of the subject and the recognizability of the candidate in the scientific community.

VI Complex, qualitative evaluation of the educational-methodological and the teaching activity, including scientific guidance of students, doctoral students, postgraduates.

Head Assistant Sandeva is an active participant in the teaching activities of the Department of Obstetric Care. Her teaching activities include conducting lectures, practical classes and clinical practice for students in midwifery, bachelor's degree. The presented report on study load shows that for the last three years the average annual workload of the candidate is about 600 hours, which significantly exceeds the norm for non-habilitated teachers of 360 hours.

Head Assistant Sandeva also participates in trainings of nurses, midwives, medics, specialists and postgraduates with seminars and practical classes at the Medical Simulation Training Center of MU - Plovdiv.

The candidate is a co-author of a workbook for students of health care - midwives.

M. Sandeva is constantly improving her qualification through her participation in various courses and seminars - 16 in total for the period from 2007 to the present.

The attestation assessment of the candidate is very good.

VII Critical notes and recommendations.

I recommend to Head Assistant Milena Sandeva to continue her academic development by writing textbooks and workbooks related to her teaching activities. To publish the results of her scientific research mainly in journals with IF.

VIII General assessment of the candidate's compliance with the mandatory conditions and the mandatory quantitative criteria and scientific metric indicators according to Regulations for holding academic positions at MU-Plovdiv in "Regulations for holding academic positions "Associate Professor"/"Professor" at MU-Plovdiv" and "Evaluation Criteria" (part of "Regulations for the structure and the activity of MU-Plovdiv").

Head Assistant Milena Sandeva, PhD, fully covers the mandatory qualitative and quantitative criteria for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty "Health Care Management".

The data on the fulfillment of the obligatory quantitative scientific metric criteria for taking an academic degree "Associate Professor" at MU - Plovdiv are presented in a table.

Group of indicators	Content	Assoc. Prof. (score)	Head Assist. Milena Sandeva, PhD (637,5)
A	Indicator 1	50	50
Б	Indicator 2	-	-
В	Indicators 3 or 4	100	100
Г	Sum of indicators from 5 to 9	200	282,5
Д	Sum of indicators from 10 to 12	50	85
Е	Sum of indicators from 13 to the end	-	120

IX Conclusion

Head Assistant Milena Sandeva, PhD is the only candidate in the announced competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty "Health Care Management", announced for the needs of MU - Plovdiv, Department of Obstetric Care in SG, no. 60 from 07.07.2020

The high academic level of the research and teaching activity of the candidate meets the obligatory and specific conditions and scientific metric criteria for the academic position "Associate Professor" according to the requirements of Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for the structure and activity of MU-Plovdiv. This gives me a reason to vote positively and to recommend to the members of the esteemed scientific jury to approve the candidacy of Head Assistant Milena Sandeva for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty "Health Care Management" for the needs of the Department of Obstetric Care.

30.10.2020 г.

Member of the Scientific Jury:

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