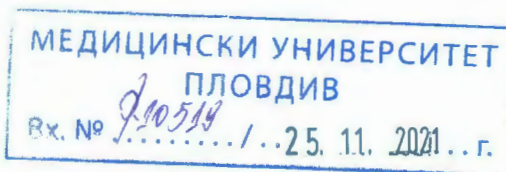


TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JURY,
DETERMINED BY ORDER №P- 1883/ 22 .10 .2021,
OF THE RECTOR OF THE MU-PLOVDIV



STATEMENT

By

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Issued by the Rector of Medical University of Plovdiv**

Competition for the academic position Associate Professor, in the specialty " Social Medicine and Organization of Health and Pharmacy " professional field 7.2 Dental medicine, announced for the needs of the Department of Social Medicine and Public Health, published in SG. 63 of July 30, 2021.

The STATEMENT OF OPINION has been prepared based on the Applicant's submission of the required documents and in compliance with the Act on Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Rules for its implementation and the Regulation for holding the academic position of Associate Professor, adopted by the Rules for Academic achievement in Science of the Medical University of Plovdiv.

One applicant takes part in the competition, announced in SG No. 63/30.07.2021:

- Senior Assistant Yulia Peeva, DD; PhD

I. Analysis of the applicant's career profile

Dr. Yulia Peeva acquired a Master degree in Dentistry at the Medical University - Plovdiv in 1994. In 2015, she successfully defended her dissertation on the topic " *Awareness and motivation for orthodontic treatment of children from the city of Plovdiv* " and obtained her educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the scientific specialty "Social medicine and organization of healthcare and pharmacy".

The candidate's professional career began in 1994 as a resident dentist. In 2003 she was working as a medical representative. Her academic career began

in 2005 as an Assistant at the Department of Social Medicine and Health Management at the Medical University of Plovdiv. In 2009, was selected as a Senior Assistant, and in 2011 for Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Medicine and Public Health. In 2008 Dr. Peeva has acquired a specialty in Social Medicine and Health Management. Further professional specializations and acquired qualifications in Bulgaria and abroad, which are in the field of orthodontics, implantology and aesthetic medicine, health management and medical leadership, research and pedagogical methodology contribute to her professional development. The candidate held a series of courses to enhance her competence in English and participate in teaching exchange program Erasmus - Bursa (Turkey), Genoa (Italy) and Bogota (Colombia).

Dr. Peeva is a member of BSA, the Bulgarian Scientific Society of Public Health and the *Athens Institute for Education and Research*.

She has excellent language proficiency in English and Russian.

II. General description of the submitted documents for the competition

The applicant has submitted the required documents for competition participation and provided them in USB flash drive, in accordance with the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Rules for its implementation and the Regulations of the Medical University - Plovdiv. The applicant has diligently arranged her documents.

Yulia Peeva participates in the competition with a scientific production, presented in a list of a total of 65 titles, distributed as follows:

- Dissertation –" Awareness and motivation for orthodontic treatment of children from the city of Plovdiv " (2015)
- Habilitation monography (single authorship) " Awareness and motivation for orthodontic treatment through the eyes of orthodontists, children and parents" (2017);
- An independent book , based on a dissertation thesis
- Publications in journals referenced and indexed in Scopus and/or Web of Science –11 (8 of which are summaries). Nine of the publications (6 of which are summaries) are in IF journals;
- Publications in non-referenced journals – 43 in total;
- Citations: 64 in total
 - ✓ 32 citations in referenced journals ,
 - ✓ 32 citations in non-referenced journal with scientific peer-review,
- one university textbook co-written in English ;

Table 1. Mandatory scientometric indicators to hold the academic position of "Associate Professor"

Groups	Indicators	Minimum required score	Yulia Peeva (score)
A	Indicator 1	50	50
B	Indicator 2	-	-
C	Indicator 3 or 4	100	100
D	Sum of Indicators from 5 to 9	220	492.3
E	Sum of Indicators from 10 to 12	50	640
F	Sum of Indicators from 13 to 22	-	110
	Total		1392.3

We can observe proven personal contribution to scientific research and publications - the candidate is an independent or first author in 35% of publications in scientific journals.

III. Assessment of the applicant's scientific work for the entire academic development

The main thematic areas of research and scientific contributions of the candidate are divided into the following scientific fields : Oral health ; Dental medicine ; Rheumatology and Public Health ; Cardiovascular disease prevention and public health ; Teaching methodology .

The broad scope of the subject matter , the original nature of the research and the great potential for practical applicability can be highlighted as a summarizing feature of the scientific works . Some of the topics of the publications are directed to specific fields of medicine and are not directly related to the field of the announced competition. Dr. Peeva's contribution to these publications, as she points out in the self-assessment of her own contributions , is the application of a statistical analysis toolkit; participation in research planning and discussion of results and conclusions and English translation.

Dr. Peeva was awarded the 1st prize in the section "Health Care" for her participation with a report in the competition "Science and Youth" 2010, Medical University - Plovdiv.

She was a reviewer of scientific publications in two foreign journals - *EC Dental Science Journal* and *American Research Journals of Dentistry*.

Dr. Peeva is a member of the editorial board of three international journals, the *EC Dental Science Journal*, the *American Research Journals* and the *Journal of Oral Medicine*.

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She has participated in the selection procedure with the European Commission (SANCO) for a public health expert.

Dr. Peeva was a guest lecturer at foreign universities as part of teaching exchange programs in Bursa (Turkey), Genoa (Italy) and Bogota (Colombia).

The candidate's scientific output includes reports and posters from 30 international forums and 20 national ones. Information was provided for 2 participations in educational projects (for which evidence was provided) and 3 intra-universities.

IV. Assessment of the scientific monograph or equivalent publications submitted for participation in the competition for “Associate Professor” by the applicant

Dr. Julia Peeva has submitted one single ownership monograph / Habilitation "Awareness and motivation for orthodontic treatment through the eyes of orthodontists, children and parents" (2017) with a volume of 260 pages and references from 251 sources (38 Cyrillic and 213 in Latin).

The published monograph focuses on the importance of targeted health awareness for achieving the goals of orthodontic treatment, as well as on the evolution of the indexing of orthodontic problems, emphasizing the role of shared responsibility. The original contribution is mainly related to the presentation of knowledge for the development of motivational strategies to facilitate orthodontic treatment.

One book (with ISBN) based on a thesis is presented .

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

Evidence for the impact of the candidate's publications in the national and foreign scientific literature has been presented. Dr. Julia Peeva has a total of 64 (reference from NACID and CMB), of which 32 citations in peer-reviewed journals (Scopus and Web of Science) and 32 citations in unreferred journals with scientific review.

I agree with the scientific contributions mentioned in the candidate's report. They are defined, focused by thematic areas and substantiated in the attached documents and scientific papers. The relevant and up to date topics, the original character, the potential for practical applicability stand out as a generalizing characteristic of the scientific works.

VI. Comprehensive qualitative assessment of methodological and teaching activities, incl. scientific guidance of students, doctoral students, postgraduates

Dr. Peeva has more of 16 years teaching experience and very high lecture employment exceeding significantly the average standard for non-academic staff accepted by the Medical University Plovdiv - an average of 1030 hours for the last three years. She participates in the teaching of the following disciplines: Medical Statistics, Social Medicine and Medical Ethics and Public dental health to the students graduating t Master programs in tMedicine and Dental medicine – in Bulgarian and English language. Dr. Peeva gives lectures on Social Medicine and Medical Ethic and Public Dental Health as well as she is teaching the internship and foreign students studying at MU, Plovdiv on Erasmus program.

The candidate participates in the interns preparation for the State Examination in Social Medicine, as well as in the examination committees of candidate students for the specialty "Health Care" - bachelor and master. In the period 2011 – 2015 she is in charge of the teaching activities of the Department.

The general attestation assessment of Dr. Julia Peeva from 2021, reflecting the main directions of academic development, scientific, teaching and administrative activity is "very good" (74.6 attestation points).

VII. Critical notes and recommendations

My recommendation to Dr. Peeva is to continue publishing in prestigious international journals with an impact factor.

VIII. Overall assessment of the applicant's compliance with the minimum national requirements

The critical analysis of the submitted documents proves that the applicant fully meets the mandatory requirements and the national minimum quantitative criteria and scientometric indicators of the Act on Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria.

The applicant has an extensive teaching activity and research experience.

IX. Conclusion

All this gives me the ground to vote in favor of and to propose to the distinguished members of the Scientific Jury to award Dr. Julia Peeva the MD Academic position "Associate Professor", specialty "Social Medicine and Organization of Health and Pharmacy", professional field 7.2. Dental Medicine.

November 24, 2021

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