

TO

THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SCIENTIFIC JURY,
APPOINTED WITH ORDER № P-1882/22.10.2021
OF THE RECTOR OF THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY - PLOVDIV
BUL. „V. APRILOV” № 15A
4002 PLOVDIV

Regarding your Protocol № 1/ from 03.11.2021

I present attached: A Statement

on a competition for the academic position of "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR"
in the scientific specialty Psychiatry
announced for the needs of MU-Plovdiv, Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology
in State Gazette, issue 63/30.07.2021.

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The statement has been compiled in accordance with the requirements under Art. 2b, paragraph 2, 3 and 5 of the Act for the Development of the Academic Staff (ADASRB) and Section III/Section IV of the RLDASRB – Regulations and Conditions of Service of Academic position “Associate professor” and the specific requirements for MU-Plovdiv in areas and for units without clinical activity, defined in the Regulations for Academic Development at the Medical University-Plovdiv

STATEMENT

by

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of the Rector of the Medical University of Plovdiv

for

Appointment of Academic position of “**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**”
in the Field of Higher education 7. Healthcare and sport, Professional field 7.1. Medicine
Scientific specialty “Psychiatry”

In the competition announced in State Gazette issue 63 of 30.07.2021, there is the following
candidate participating:

Zlatoslav Petrov Arabadzhiev MD, PhD

Chief assistant professor at the Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology,
Faculty of Medicine, Medical University-Plovdiv

Analysis of the candidate's career profile

Dr. Zlatoslav Petrov Arabadzhiev graduated from MU-Plovdiv, majoring in Medicine in 2005. In 2006 he started working as a resident doctor in the Emergency Department of the Hospital “Zdrave” in Pazardzhik, and a year later in the Center for Emergency Medicine in Pazardzhik. In 2008 the candidate completed a second master's degree at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski", majoring in "Applied Psychology". Since 2013, Dr. Arabadzhiev has been working at the Clinic of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology at the University Hospital "St. George" initially on a part-time basis, and since 2015 on a full-time basis. The candidate has been working as a psychiatrist in outpatient psychiatric practice at the Medical Center "DiMed" Plovdiv from 2014 to the present. Dr. Arabadzhiev started his academic career in 2016, holding the position of assistant professor, and since 2018 he has been a chief assistant professor at the Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology at MU-Plovdiv. In 2015, he successfully defended his PhD thesis on "Quality of life in patients with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder with a debut before the age of 18 and their relatives."

Dr. Arabadzhiev has the recognized specialties in Psychiatry (MU-Plovdiv, 2014) and professional qualification in "Applied Psychology and Psychotherapy" (MU-Plovdiv, 2019). In the period

2009-2021 he has passed dozens of trainings in the field of psychotherapy, psychosis and hypnotherapy, clinical homeopathy, forensic psychiatry, child psychopathology. He is fluent in English.

General description of the submitted documents

The documents are submitted by the candidate in electronic form. All the supplied documents are in compliance with the Act for Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic Bulgaria, the Rules for its application and the Rules and regulations for the development of the academic staff at MU-Plovdiv. The necessary materials have been supplied. A declaration for the originality and authenticity of her scientific works was submitted.

Evaluation of the scientific work of the candidate

Dr. Zlatoslav Petrov Arabadzhiev participates in the competition with a total of 27 scientific works distributed as follows:

- 13 full-text publications, referenced and indexed in Scopus and Web of Science (5 of them in Impact factor journals; total IF=24.249)
- 8 full-text publications in non-refereed per-review journals
- 2 monographs
- 4 textbooks for medical students

The candidate actively participates in joint research with students and PhD students.

Dr. Arabadzhiev takes active participation in 1 national educational project.

The candidate is a member of the World Association for Positive and Transcultural Psychotherapy (Germany). He is a reviewer of articles for the journals “The Global Psychotherapist” and “Frontiers”. Dr. Arabadzhiev has established credibility among the scientific community.

I accept the scientific contributions indicated in the candidate’s reference. They are grouped into topics of research and as such with original and scientific-applied character.

Dr. Arabadzhiev has presented data for 34 citations mainly by foreign authors which is indicative of the recognizability of the candidate in the scientific community.

Assessment of teaching activities, incl. scientific guidance of students, PhD students, postgraduate students

Dr. Arabadzhiev conducts practical classes for students of specialties medicine and dental medicine in Bulgarian and English. He conducts lectures and practicals for students majoring in

"Nurse", "Midwife" and "Rehabilitator". He participates in the training of Erasmus students, in the training of postgraduate students' general practitioners and psychiatrists. Since 2014 and now Dr. Arabadzhiev has been conducting a circle in medical psychology and psychiatry at the department. He is a leader and lecturer of 3 programs and 2 postgraduate courses. His academic yearly workload for the last three academic years exceeds the minimum for MU-Plovdiv. He is the co-authored 4 textbooks on "Psychiatry" and "Medical Psychology" for medical students, two of which are in English.

He is the Chief administrative assistant of the Department.

The last attestation assessment of Dr. Arabadzhiev for the period 2017-2019 is "Very good" (75.7 points).

Critical remarks and recommendations

I have no critical remarks for the research and teaching activity of the candidate.

Conclusion

The applicant participating in this competition complies fully with the requirements of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Rules for its application and the Rules for development of the academic staff of the Medical University of Plovdiv regarding the holding of the academic title of Associate Professor. After analyzing materials presented and based on the complex assessment of the compliance with the mandatory quantitative and additional qualitative criteria for scientific and educational activities, I believe that Dr. Arabadzhiev fully covers the requirements for the academic position "Associate Professor".

The abovementioned gives me grounds to propose to the Scientific jury members to appoint **Zlatoslav Petrov Arabadzhiev MD, PhD** the academic position of "**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**" in the scientific specialty "**Psychiatry**", field of Higher education. 7. Healthcare and sport, Professional field 7.1 Medicine, for the needs of the Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Plovdiv.

20.12.2021

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