



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
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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 RI-DASRB – 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:

Sevdalina Sevdalinova Karaivanova-Kandilarova 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. Karaivanova-Kandilarova graduated from MU-Plovdiv, majoring in Medicine in 2005. In August 2006 she started her research career as a research assistant at the University of Bergen, Norway. In October 2007 she began working as a resident doctor at the Haukeland University Hospital in Bergen, Norway, and from the following year she continued her position as a specialist doctor at the Tertnes Psychiatric Clinic in the same hospital. In September 2012 as a full-time doctoral student, she began developing on her dissertation entitled "Neurophysiological markers for diagnosis and prognosis of depression" at the Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology of MU-Plovdiv, which she successfully defended in 2017. Following a competition in 2014, Dr. Kandilarova was appointed as an assistant professor, and since 2018 she has been a chief assistant professor at the Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology at MU-Plovdiv. Since February 2021 the candidate has held a part-time post at the Clinic of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology of the University Hospital "St. George".

Dr. Karaivanova-Kandilarova has the recognized specialties in Psychiatry (MU-Plovdiv, 2017). In the period 2013-2018 she has passed the qualification courses in Norway, Switzerland, Bulgaria. She is fluent in English and Norwegian, French at a good level.

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. Sevdalina Karaivanova-Kandilarova participates in the competition with a total of 24 publications of which 10 are presented as monograph/habilitated work, all after the acquisition of the PhD thesis. The publications are distributed as follows:

- 10 full-text publications, referenced and indexed in Scopus and Web of Science presented as monograph/habilitated work (all of them in Impact factor journals; total IF=33.486)
- 11 full-text publications, referenced and indexed in Scopus and Web of Science
- 3 full-text publications in non-refereed per-review journals
- 4 textbooks for medical students

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

Dr. Karaivanova-Kandilarova takes active participation in 1 national project under the National Program "European Scientific Networks" (MES) and 2 international scientific projects. She also has participations in 4 Intrauniversity projects of MU-Plovdiv and 2 educational projects. The participations are certified by evidence from relevant partner or funding institutions.

I accept the scientific contributions indicated in the candidate's reference. They are grouped into topics of research and as such with original scientific character and scientific contributions with scientific-applied and methodological nature, which I fully support. The fact that there are clearly defined research interests is an indicator of consistency and focus in her academic development.

Dr. Karaivanova-Kandilarova has presented data for 50 citations by foreign authors which is indicative of the significance of scientific works and the recognizability of the candidate in the scientific community.

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

Dr. Karaivanova-Kandilarova conducts practical classes for students of specialties medicine and dental medicine in Bulgarian and English. She conducts lectures and practicals in a course in gerontopsychiatry for students majoring in "Nurse" and "Midwife". She participates in the training of Erasmus students, in the training of postgraduate students' general practitioners and psychiatrists. Her academic yearly workload exceeds the minimum for MU-Plovdiv – over 377 hours for the last three academic years. She is the co-authored 4 textbooks on "Psychiatry" and "Medical Psychology" for medical students, two of which are in English.

The last attestation assessment of Dr. Karaivanova-Kandilarova for the period 2017-2019 is "Very good" (76.4 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. Karaivanova-Kandilarova fully covers the requirements for the academic position "Associate Professor".

The abovementioned gives me grounds to propose to the Scientific jury members to appoint **Sevdalina Sevdalinova Karaivanova-Kandilarova 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.

15.12.2021

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