

**STATEMENT OF OPINION**

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**I. Analysis of a candidate's career profile**

The competition is attended by 1 candidate – Dr. Yulia Bogdanova Peeva.

Dr. Yulia Peeva graduated from the Medical University of Plovdiv with a master's degree in dentistry in 1994. She has acquired an SED "Doctor" (MU-Plovdiv, 2015) with a PhD thesis, entitled "Awareness and motivation for orthodontic treatment of children from Plovdiv". Till 2005 she worked as a dental doctor and then began working as an assistant professor in the Department of Social Medicine and Public Health at the Medical University of Plovdiv. She has consistently held the positions of Senior Assistant Professor (2009) and Chief Assistant Professor (2011). Dr. Peeva has participated in Erasmus exchanges of teachers in Turkey, Italy and Colombia. The candidate is a member of various professional organizations - Bulgarian Dental Union, Union of Scientists in Bulgaria, EUPHA, Bulgarian Scientific Society of Public Health, etc. She is fluent in written and spoken English and Russian.

## **II. General description of the submitted competition materials**

For participation in the competition, the candidate has submitted the required documents in accordance with the Regulations for the organization and activity of MU-Plovdiv and the Law on development of the academic staff of the Republic of Bulgaria, namely: CV; diploma of higher education; diploma of specialty; diploma for acquired SED "Doctor"; traineeship certificates; academic references for the teaching workload; attestation sheet; independent monograph, published book (based on a dissertation thesis for the award of the SED "Doctor"), a list of scientific publications throughout all her academic development; a list of participations in scientific projects; a reference for the contributions of her scientific papers; a reference for the citations; a reference for the impact factor; a statement of originality and reliability of the attached documents, summaries of works in electronic form, etc.

## **III- Evaluation of a candidate's scientific work for the overall academic development**

Dr. Yulia Peeva participates in the competition with 65 scientific works, of which:

- 1 dissertation on SED "Doctor" and 1 author's thesis;
- 1 monograph: Awareness and motivation for orthodontic treatment through the eyes of orthodonts, parents and children, 2017, ISBN: 978-954-90363-8-1;
- 1 book, based on defended dissertation thesis: Manual with hygiene-recommended requirements for orthodontic treatment, 2019, ISBN: 978-619-189-128-3
- 13 publications (8 of which are abstracts) in scientific publications referenced and indexed in world-renowned scientific information databases (Scopus and Web of Science). 9 (nine) of the publications are

printed in journals with impact factor, but 6 of them are not in full text, but expanded abstracts. 5 (five) of the publications are related to the dissertation work, and those preceding the year of acquisition of the SED "Doctor" are excluded from the evaluation in this statement of opinion. The candidate has listed two publications on the list provided as indexed in Scopus and Web of Science, but there is no evidence for this attached.

- 43 publications and reports in non-referenced scientific publications, scientifically reviewed or published in edited collective volumes
- 1 curriculum in an author's team

The main scientific areas in which Dr. Peeva has published are public dental health, rheumatology and public health, prevention of cardiovascular diseases. The candidate's scientific contributions are mostly of a practical nature.

#### **IV. Assessment of monograph work or equivalent publications submitted for participation in the competition for "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" by the candidate**

Dr. Yulia Peeva participates in the competition with 1 monograph: Awareness and motivation for orthodontic treatment through the eyes of orthodonts, parents and children, 2017, ISBN: 978-954-90363-8-1;

#### **V. Reflection (citations) of the candidate's publications in national and foreign literature (audience image).**

According to the attached reports, Dr. Yulia Peeva has 64 citations, which are half in referenced and non-referenced journals.

#### **VI. Complex, qualitative assessment of the educational and methodological and teaching activities, including scientific guidance of students, PhD students, graduates.**

According to the attached academic reports on the teaching workload, the candidate is actively and fully engaged in teaching activities in Bulgarian and English. Her average annual teaching workload significantly exceeds the norm for non-habilitated teachers at MU-Plovdiv. Dr. Yulia Peeva has participated in 2 educational projects and 3 intra-university projects. The assessment from her last attestation is "very good". I know personally and in details the overall academic development of Dr. Peeva, including her teaching and methodological work. I consider Dr. Peeva to be a conscientious and responsible teacher, highly valued by her colleagues and students.

#### **VII. Critical notes and recommendations**

I don't have critical notes. I recommend to Dr. Yulia Peeva to emphasize the publication of full-text articles in journals with an impact factor, which is a necessary condition for improving her scientific image and citation index.

#### **VIII. General assessment of the applicant's compliance with mandatory conditions and mandatory quantitative criteria and key indicators**

According to the submitted documents and materials of the competition, the candidate covers the mandatory minimum quantitative criteria and scientific indicators set out in the Law on development of the academic staff of the Republic of Bulgaria (Decision No11149 of the SAC from 04.11.2021), namely:

<b>Group of indicators</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Required number of points</b>	<b>Dr. Yulia Peeva</b>
A	Indicator 1	50	50
B	Indicator 2	-	-
C	Indicators 3 or 4	100	100
D	Sum of indicators 5 to 9	220	492
E	Sum of indicators 10 to 12	50	640

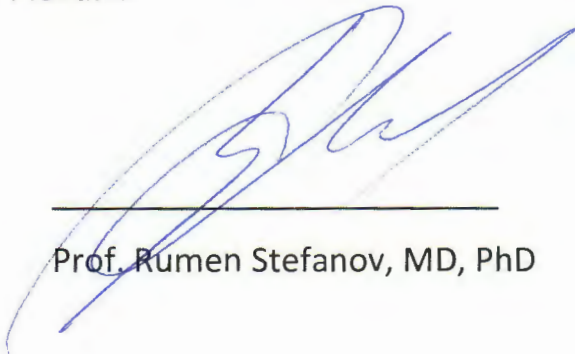
F	Sum of indicators 13 to 22	-	110
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1392</b>

### **IX. Conclusion**

After I have reviewed the submitted documents for participation in this competition, I assess positively the application of Dr. Yulia Bogdanova Peeva, PhD for the academic position "Associate Professor" for the needs of the department "Social Medicine and Public Health" at the Faculty of Public Health of the Medical University of Plovdiv.

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