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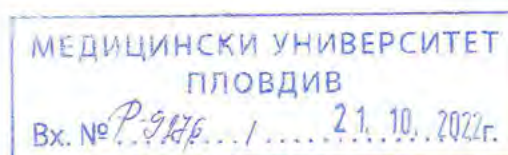
The Chairman of the Scientific Jury,

Assigned in accordance with Order No. R-
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of the Rector of the Medical University – Plovdiv

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Attached I submit: Statement

In relation to the Procedure for the academic position of "professor" in the field of Higher Education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, in the scientific specialty Rheumatology (code - 03.01.18) for teaching Bulgarian and English, announced in the State Gazette number: 39/27.5.2022, and on the website of the Ministry of Education - Plovdiv.

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Statement

The basis for the opinion is the holding of a competition for the occupation of the academic position of "professor" in the field of Higher Education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, in the scientific specialty Rheumatology (code - 03.01.18) for teaching Bulgarian and English - part-time (4 hours), announced in the State Gazette number: 39/27.5.2022, page 16 and on the website of the Ministry of Education - Plovdiv.

One candidate participated in the contest - Associate Professor Mariela Geneva Geneva-Popova, PhD, from the Department of Propedeutics of Internal Medicine "Anton Mitov", MU- Plovdiv.

The review was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations for Academic Development of MU-Plovdiv, the Regulations for its implementation and the Regulation (Sections IV-VI) for occupying the relevant academic position from the Regulations for the structure and activity of MU-Plovdiv.

I. Candidate's career profile

1. Education and qualification

Associate Professor Mariela Geneva-Popova, PhD, graduated from "Bertolt Brecht" high school with teaching of foreign languages, Pazardzhik. In 1991, she graduated as a Master of Medicine at the "Iv. P. Pavlov", Plovdiv. Associate Professor M. Geneva-Popova has 3 recognized medical specialties - Infectious Diseases, Internal Medicine and Rheumatology. In 2011, she defended her master's degree in Health Management, and since 2018 he has a recognized professional qualification in "Applied Psychology and Psychotherapy". In 1999, she defended her thesis on the topic "Acute viral hepatitis B - clinical course, cytokines, lymphocyte populations" and was awarded the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in medicine. In 2013, Assoc. Prof. M. Geneva-Popova defended her doctorate on the topic "Diffuse idiopathic skeletal hypereostosis - clinical characteristics, bone metabolism, risk factors and recommendations for early diagnosis" with a diploma from MU-Plovdiv. In 2014, she was elected as an associate professor at the Department of Propedeutics of Internal Medicine, Plovdiv Medical University.

2. Work experience and specializations

Dr. Geneva-Popova started working at City Hospital Pazardzhik, in the Department of Infectious Diseases. In the period 1995-1998, she was a doctoral student at the Department

"Infectious Diseases, Epidemiology and Parasitology" of the Medical University "Iv. P. Pavlov", Plovdiv. In 1998 she started working at the Rheumatology Clinic, General Hospital "Sv. Georgi", Plovdiv. From 2014 to 2017, she was the Head of the Internal Department of the "Trimontsium" Hospital, Plovdiv, from 2017 she is the Head of the Rheumatology Clinic at the "Sv. George" General Hospital, Plovdiv.

In the period 1999-2007, she was an assistant in the Department of Propaedeutics of Internal Medicine at MU-Plovdiv, in 2007 she was elected as a senior assistant, and in 2011 as a chief assistant. Since 2014, she is an associate professor at the same department.

Since 2019, Assoc. prof. Geneva-Popova is the deputy dean "Quality and Accreditation" of the Faculty of Medicine, Medical University-Plovdiv.

To participate in the competition, Assoc. prof. Geneva-Popova presents a Certificate for Joint Echography (basic course), issued by MU-Plovdiv, a Certificate for Abdominal Echography, issued by MU-Plovdiv, English language exam report, level B2/03.10.2014, B2/04.08.2022, MU- Plovdiv, DIPLOM "First Basic MSU course for Rheumatologist", Sofia, Bulgaria, 2011.

The documented work experience as of 10.06.2022 is 29 years, 0 months, 9 days.

3. Study load and teaching activity

The classroom teaching employment (including exercises, lectures and exams) during the last 3 years of Assoc. prof. Geneva-Popova is as follows: in the academic year 2019-2020 – 490 hours, 2020-2021 – 490 hours and 2021-2022. – 490 hours.

Assoc. prof. Geneva-Popova conducts a full lecture course on Propedeutics of internal diseases for 3rd year medical students in English, participates in the lecture course on rheumatology.

4. Administrative-academic activity

In the Department of Propaedeutics of Internal Medicine, Assoc. prof. Geneva-Popova is responsible for research activities. She is a participant in the Educational Mobility for the purpose of teaching under the Erasmus+ program, MU-Plovdiv and in the Working Groups of the NHIF regarding prescription of medicinal products).

Assoc. prof. Geneva-Popova participated in conducting theoretical courses in Rheumatology, MU-Plovdiv. She is a member of the University Quality Committee and chair of the Faculty Quality Committee. Since 2020, she is the course leader of the III Medical Course of the Medical University of Plovdiv.

She is the supervisor of two successfully defended doctoral students and four who are developing their doctorates. She was the supervisor of six interns, four of whom earned a degree in rheumatology.

II. Presented materials for the competition

The materials for the competition are submitted in electronic form, photocopies of the summaries of publications and published monographs according to the requirements of the Regulations of the MU-Plovdiv.

III. Evaluation of the scientific works of the candidate for the overall academic development. Works after obtaining the academic position "Associate Professor" are evaluated.

1. Characteristics of scientific production

To participate in the competition, the candidate submits 20 scientific publications in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in global databases for scientific information with Impact Factor, 63 publications and reports published in non-refereed journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes, participation in 2 textbooks, respectively on Propedeutics of internal diseases and Internal diseases for medical students, 4 monographs (one co-authored), 1 teaching aid, participation in congresses and conferences in Bulgaria and abroad with posters or reports.

2. Scientific activity

To participate in the competition, Assoc. prof. Geneva-Popova submitted a total of 83 publications in Bulgarian and international journals, 4 monographs, 3 contributions to a textbook and teaching aid, numerous poster participations in congresses and conferences (they are not evaluated in this competition).

The different topics, methodologies and rheumatological pathology, the subject of the cited monographs, reflect the diverse scientific interests of the candidate.

3. Participation in scientific projects

Assoc. prof. Geneva-Popova participated in the development of eleven scientific projects - two for the "Scientific Research" and "Working Conditions" funds, she was the scientific supervisor of three of the projects, and a member of the scientific team of the others. She is also a member of 1 international project at EULAR on the topic "Dissemination and

assessing implementation of the EULAR recommendations for patient education in inflammatory arthritis across Europe", completed in 2021.

4. Scientific and creative achievements

Assoc. prof. Geneva-Popova works in the direction of immunological studies in rheumatology, examining the levels of IFN- α induced cytokines CCL2, CXCL10 and CCL19 in patients with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE). Until now, these chemokines have not been developed in patients with lupus and other systemic diseases of the connective tissue, which is why Dr. Geneva has presented more than 10 publications in prestigious journals related to this topic. Another area in which Dr. Geneva-Popova works, is immunological and capillaroscopic characteristics of patients with progressive systemic sclerosis, and together with co-authors she publishes the results in international journals.

Several publications and reports have related to drug-neutralizing antibodies against TNF- α blockers as biomarkers for evaluating their therapeutic effect in inflammatory joint diseases.

5. Guidance of doctoral students

Assoc. prof. M. Geneva-Popova is the supervisor of two successfully defended doctoral students. This fulfills the requirements of MU-Plovdiv for awarding the academic position of "Professor".

IV. Evaluation of the monographic work

The topics discussed in the monographs are current, contemporary, significant, with indisputable scientific, theoretical and practical value from the rheumatological, general internist and general medicine points of view. They are written in clear concise Bulgarian language. The bibliographies are up-to-date from recent years.

V. Citation of the candidate's publications in the national and foreign literature

From the attached reference, it can be seen that the citations of Assoc. prof. M. Geneva-Popova are 180 referenced in Scopus and/or Web of Science sources. The citations of the author repeatedly exceed those required by the University Regulations - 15 citations. 7 of the cited citations are in peer-reviewed monographs and collective volumes and 45 citations or reviews in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals.

VI. Complex, qualitative evaluation of the teaching-methodical and teaching activity

Assoc. prof. M. Geneva-Popova is a clinician, a long-time teacher, possesses the necessary pedagogical skills. Her selection as a professor is a logical consequence of the accumulated experience, scientific production, publication activity and teaching experience.

VII. Critical notes and recommendations

I have no significant critical notes and recommendations.

VIII. Assessment of the applicant's compliance with the mandatory conditions and mandatory quantitative criteria according to the University's regulations.

I believe that Assoc. Prof. M. Geneva-Popova meets the requirements of the University Regulations - completion of higher medical education, acquired specialties, science degree "doctor" and the mandatory quantitative scientometric criteria for awarding the academic position "professor".

IX. Conclusion

Based on the cited data and bearing in mind the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff and the regulations for the activities of MU-Plovdiv, I recommend to the respected Scientific Jury to vote positively vote for awarding the academic position "professor" to Associate Professor M. Geneva-Popova for the needs of the Department of Propedeutics of Internal Medicine at the Medical University of Plovdiv.

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