

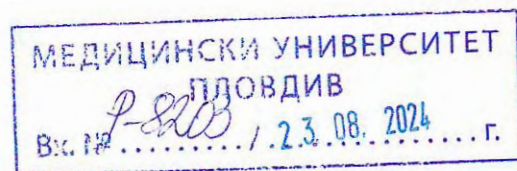
REVIEW

from

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Appointed as internal member of the Scientific Jury - Order No. P-2314/07/05/2024.



Regarding: Competition for the occupation of the Academic position "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. "Health care and sports" by professional direction 7.2. "Dental medicine". Scientific specialty Prosthetic Dentistry, for the needs of teaching in Bulgarian and English in the Department of Prosthetic Dentistry, FDM, Medical University - Plovdiv, two positions, published in the State Gazette. no. 35/19.04.2024 and on the website of MU - Plovdiv.

There are four candidates who have submitted documents for participation in the competition, arranged in alphabetical order of their last names:

1. Dr. Tanya Pavlova Bozhkova, PhD
2. Dr. Rada Torezova Kazakova, PhD
3. Dr. Zlatina Tomova Tomova-Veleva, PhD
4. Dr. Dobromira Antonova Shopova-Karatsanova, PhD

I. ANALYSIS OF THE CAREER PROFILE OF THE CANDIDATES.

I.1. Dr. Tanya Pavlova Bozhkova, PhD

Dr. Tanya Pavlova Bozhkova, PhD was born in 1987. She completed her higher education at the Faculty of Dental Medicine, Medical University, Plovdiv in 2012. From 2013 to 2017, she was a full-time PhD student at the Department of Prosthetic Dentistry at the Faculty of Dental Medicine, MU - Plovdiv. In 2016, she started working at the Department of Prosthetic Dentistry at FDM, MU - Plovdiv as an assistant. In 2017 acquires the specialty "Prosthetic Dentistry". In the same year, she obtained the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" on the topic "Comparative analysis of different methods for registering occlusoarticulation relationships. In 2019 has acquired a Master's Degree in Public Health and Health Management at the Faculty of Public Health, MU - Plovdiv. In 2020 was elected for the academic position of "Chief Assistant" at the same department. In 2021 started working as a teacher at the CPO of the MU - Plovdiv for the course "Dental

Medicine Doctor's Assistant". Dr. Tanya Bozhkova is a member of BZS, BNDDM. She has a level of English language proficiency – B2.

I.2. Dr. Rada Torezova Kazakova, PhD

Dr. Rada Torezova Kazakova, PhD was born in 1983. In 2008 completed her higher education at the Faculty of Dental Medicine, Medical University, Plovdiv. In 2012 holds the position of assistant in the Department of Prosthetic Dentistry at the Faculty of Medicine, MU - Plovdiv. In 2014, she acquired the specialty "Prosthetic Dentistry". In 2017, she obtained the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" after defending a dissertation on the topic: "Methods for the preparation of gingival tissues in permanent prosthetics". From 2020 holds the academic position of "Chief Assistant" at the Department of "Prosthetic Dentistry" at FDM, MU - Plovdiv. In the same year, she was appointed as a teacher at the CPO of the MU - Plovdiv to the course "Dental Medicine Doctor's Assistant". From 2021 started working at the Scientific Research Institute of the MU - Plovdiv. She is a member of BZS, BAE, BNSD, DLO, BNDDM, BOO, Union of Scientists, ASDM. She has a C1 English language proficiency level.

I.3. Dr. Zlatina Tomova Tomova-Veleva, PhD

Dr. Zlatina Tomova Tomova-Veleva, PhD was born in 1980. She completed her higher education "Master" in Dentistry at the Faculty of Dental Medicine, at the MU - Plovdiv in 2005. In 2017 holds the academic position of Assistant in the Department of "Prosthetic Dentistry" at FDM, MU - Plovdiv. In 2020, she obtained the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" after defending a dissertation on the topic: "Laboratory study of the corrosion resistance and tensile strength of non-noble alloys for metal-ceramics". In 2021, she acquired the specialty "Prosthetic Dentistry". From the same year, she held the academic position of "Chief Assistant" at the Department of "Prosthetic Dentistry" at the Faculty of Dental medicine, MU - Plovdiv. She is a member of BZS, BNDDM. Level of English language proficiency – C1.

I.4. Dr. Dobromira Antonova Shopova-Karatsanova, PhD

Dr. Dobromira Antonova Shopova - Karatsanova was born in 1980. In 2006, she graduated with a Master's degree in Dentistry at the Faculty of Dental Medicine, at the MU - Plovdiv. Since 2007, she has held the position of assistant in the Department of Prosthetic Dental Medicine, FDM, MU - Plovdiv. In 2012, she acquired the specialty "Prosthetic Dentistry". In 2019, she obtained the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" after completing a dissertation on the topic: "Comparative analysis of impression materials for functional shaping of the individual spoon of a completely edentulous upper jaw". In the same year, she obtained the diploma "Master - Public Health and Health Management" at the Faculty of Public Health, MU - Plovdiv. Since 2020, she holds the academic position of "Chief

Assistant" in the Department of Prosthetic Dental Medicine, FDM, MU - Plovdiv. Member of the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria, Member of the Bulgarian Scientific Society for Public Health. She has a level of English language proficiency - B2.

II. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPETITION SUBMITTED MATERIALS.

II.1. Dr. Tanya Pavlova Bozhkova, PhD, Ch. Assistant

The documents submitted by the candidate in the competition correspond to the requirements of the ŽRASRB, PPZRASRB and the Rules for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions at MU-Plovdiv (PURPNSZAD).

II.2. Dr. Rada Torezova Kazakova, PhD, Ch. Assistant

The documents submitted by the candidate in the competition correspond to the requirements of the ŽRASRB, PPZRASRB and the Rules for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions at MU-Plovdiv (PURPNSZAD).

II.3. Dr. Zlatina Tomova Tomova-Veleva, PhD, Ch. Assistant

The documents submitted by the candidate in the competition correspond to the requirements of the ŽRASRB, PPZRASRB and the Regulations for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions at MU-Plovdiv (PURPNSZAD).

II.4. Dr. Dobromira Antonova Shopova-Karatsanova, PhD, Ch. Assistant

The documents submitted by the candidate in the competition correspond to the requirements of the ŽRASRB, PPZRASRB and the Regulations for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions at MU-Plovdiv (PURPNSZAD).

All documents for the competition of all candidates are precisely prepared and presented in a convenient format for working with them.

III. ASSESSMENT OF CANDIDATES' SCIENTIFIC PAPERS FOR THE COMPLETE ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

III.1. Dr. Tanya Pavlova Bozhkova, PhD.

III.1.1. Scientific publications

Dr. Tanya Pavlova Bozhkova submitted 76 scientific publications for participation in the competition

Of these, 17 are in scientific journals referenced and indexed in Scopus and/or Web of Science databases. Of these 17 publications, one is excluded for its use for the procedure for awarding the ONS "Doctor". For the remaining 16 publications, the candidate provided evidence for their indexing in Scopus and/or Web of Science databases.

Of these scientific publications, there are three with an Impact Factor by Clarivate Analytics (Thompson-Reuters) with a total score of 10.068 and an individual score of 2.36.

The number of points from these articles is 406.

59 scientific publications are submitted for participation in the competition published in other non-refereed and non-indexed in Scopus and/or Web of Science databases with scientific review. Of these, 2 articles are not considered because of their participation in the procedure for awarding the Educational and Scientific Degree "Doctor". From the 57 scientific publications counted, 511 points are obtained.

Total number of points from scientific publications in journals refereed and not refereed in global databases – 917p.

III.1.2. Scientific projects

Dr. Tanya Pavlova Bozhkova has submitted evidence for participation in 9 national scientific or educational projects at the MU - Plovdiv with a total score of 135 points.

Participates in the training of interns and specialists – 30p.

III.2. Dr. Rada Torezova Kazakova, PhD.

III.2.1. Scientific publications

Dr. Rada Torezova Kazakova submitted a total of 228 scientific publications for participation in the competition.

Of these, 21 are in scientific journals referenced and indexed in Scopus and/or Web of Science databases, for which there is evidence material. Of these publications, 12 have

an Impact Factor according to Clarivate Analytics (Thompson-Reuters) with a total score of 41 and an individual score of 6.94.

Total number of points from these publications – 292.19p.

207 publications are presented in non-indexed and non-refereed in Scopus and/or Web of Science peer-reviewed journals. Of these 207 publications, I cannot accept 8.41 and 8.42, which are a new product promotion rather than an original scientific publication. Publications 8.105 to 8.207 (except 8.175) are contributions to conferences, poster sessions, simultaneous translations, and others that are not original publications in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals. I also can't accept posts from 8.78 to 8.104. - Oral Academy Bulgaria is a platform for communication between colleagues, without scientific review and cannot be considered a scientific publications. A similar platform is Zenodo, where publications from 8.25 to 8.34 are presented and also lacked peer review. 67 publications are accepted with a total number of points - 833.86p.

Total number of points from scientific publications in journals refereed and not refereed in global databases – 1126.05p.

III.2.2. Scientific projects.

Dr. Rada Torezova Kazakova, PhD, submitted evidence for participation in 4 national scientific or educational projects at the MU - Plovdiv with a total score of 60 points.

No evidence materials have been provided for participation in the training of interns and specialists.

III.3. Dr. Zlatina Tomova Tomova-Veleva, PhD

III.3.1. Scientific publications

Dr. Zlatina Tomova Tomova-Veleva submitted a total of 22 scientific publications for participation in the competition.

Of these, 14 are in scientific journals referenced and indexed in Scopus and/or Web of Science databases. With the Impact Factor according to Clarivate Analytics (Thompson-Reuters), there are 6 of them with a total score of 12.83 and an individual score of 1.98.

Total number of points from these publications – 173.23.

8 publications are presented in non-indexed and non-referenced Scopus and/or Web of Science peer-reviewed journals with a total of 58 points.

Total number of points from scientific publications in journals referenced and not referenced in global databases – 231.23p.

III.3.2. Scientific projects.

Dr. Zlatina Tomova-Veleva has submitted evidence for participation in 3 national scientific or educational projects at the MU - Plovdiv with a total score of 45 points.

Attached is an official note for participation in 1 international scientific educational project with European funding, which is still active – 20p. Total from project activity 65p.

Participates in the training of interns and specialists – 30p.

III.4. Dr. Dobromira Antonova Shopova-Karatsanova, PhD

III.4.1. Scientific publications

Dr. Dobromira Shopova-Karatsanova submitted a total of 93 scientific publications in her self-assessment for participation in the competition - 30 publications indexed in Scopus databases and/or Web of Science scientific journals and 63 - non-indexed.

Of these publications, 29 are in refereed and indexed journals in Scopus and/or Web of Science databases. One of the submitted articles is not indexed in these databases and is transferred to the total number of publications not referenced in Scopus and/or Web of Science. One of the articles is not considered because of its participation in the procedure for awarding the ONS "Doctor". Of the 28 articles with an Impact Factor according to Clarivate Analytics (Thompson-Reuters) there are 11 publications with a total score of 37.3 and an individual score of 6.72.

Total number of points from these publications – 483.4.

63 publications in non-indexed and non-refereed Scopus and/or Web of Science peer-reviewed journals are presented. An article under number 12 from the list of indexed publications is added to them, which is not considered in the indexed category. 2 articles are not considered, because of their participation in the procedure for awarding the Educational and Scientific Degree "Doctor". Of the 62 publications counted, the total number of points is 561.8p.

Total number of points from scientific publications in journals referenced and not referenced in world databases - 1045.2p.

III.4.2. Scientific projects.

Dr. Dobromira Shopova-Karatsanova submitted evidence for participation in 10 national scientific or educational projects at the MU - Plovdiv with a total score of 150 points. She also participated as the head of a national scientific project 30p. Total from project activity 180p.

Participates in the training of interns and specialists – 30p.

IV. EVALUATION OF THE MONOGRAPH PAPER OR EQUIVALENT PUBLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION FOR JSC "DOCENT"

Evaluation of habilitation work, monographs, textbooks and study aids

IV.1. Dr. Tanya Pavlova Bozhkova, PhD

Dr. Tanya Bozhkova presented a monography as a habilitation thesis: Bozhkova T. Digital study of occlusion. 2021. Second Supplementary Edition. Macros Publishing House. ISBN 978-954-561-542-9 (Indicator C – 100 points)

In addition to this work, Dr. Tanya Bozhkova has presented two more monographies unrelated to the habilitation work with ISBN 978-954-561-543-6 and ISBN 978-619-202-464-2. (Indicator D.5. – 200 points)

Dr. Tanya Bozhkova has presented and published a book based on a defended dissertation work for awarding the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" with ISBN 978-619-202-436-9. (Indicator D.6. – 40p).

Dr. Tanya Bozhkova also contributed to one university textbook and four study aids (Indicator E.20 - 20t. and E.21 - 24.7p.). She has acquired a medical specialty in Prosthetic Dentistry. (Indicator E.15 – 40p).

IV.2. Dr. Rada Torezova Kazakova, PhD

Dr. Rada Kazakova presented a monography as a habilitation thesis: Kazakova, R. Contemporary Approaches to Gingival Retraction in Fixed Prosthodontics. Laser Troughing Utility. 'Bulgari' Publishing House, Sofia, 2024. ISBN: 978-619-7656-46-6. (Indicator B – 100p.)

In addition to the habilitation work, Dr. Rada Kazakova has provided 2 more monographic works with ISBN: 978-619-7656-47-3 and ISBN: 978-619-189-229-7. (Indicator D.5. – 200 points).

Dr. Rada Kazakova also participated with a published university textbook (Indicator E.21. – 6.67 points). She has acquired a medical specialty in Prosthetic Dentistry. (Indicator E.15 – 40p).

IV.3. Dr. Zlatina Tomova Tomova-Veleva, PhD

Dr. Zlatina Tomova-Veleva presented a monography as a habilitation thesis: "3D PRINTING IN PROSTHETIC DENTAL MEDICINE" Dr. Zlatina Tomova Tomova, Publisher: Medical University - Plovdiv, ISBN 978-619-237-126-5. (Indicator B – 100p.)

In addition to the habilitation work, Dr. Zlatina Tomova-Veleva has provided 1 more monographic work with ISBN 978-619-237-117-3 (Indicator D.5. – 100 points)

Dr. Zlatina Tomova-Veleva also presents a published university textbook (Indicator E.21. – 2.5p). She has acquired a medical specialty in Prosthetic Dentistry. (Indicator E.15 – 40p).

IV.4. Dr. Dobromira Antonova Shopova-Karatsanova, PhD

Dr. Dobromira Antonova Shopova-Karatsanova presented a monograph as a habilitation thesis: Shopova D. "Edentulous upper jaw - anatomy, impressions and modern non-implantological prosthetic constructions" - Kliment Ohridski University Publishing House - Sofia, 2021. ISBN 978-954- 07-5297-6 (Indicator C – 100p.)

In addition to the habilitation work, Dr. Dobromira Shopova-Karatsanova provides 2 more monographic works with ISBN 978-954-07-5304-1 and ISBN 978-619-7413-46-5. (Indicator D.5. – 200 points).

Dr. Dobromira Shopova-Karatsanova also published two books with ISBN-13: 978-613-8-11947-0 and ISBN-13: 978-3-659-81367-2 based on a defended dissertation work for awarding an educational and scientific degree "doctor" (Indicator D.6.-80p.)

Of the documents submitted for publication in a university textbook, I cannot accept the contribution to a textbook with ISBN: 978-954-07-4822-1. From the evidence provided, it is not clear how many the authors of the textbook are, and from the content it is clear that the author participated in co-authorship with the author of the textbook in writing one chapter of 3 printed pages. The second textbook is presented with an official note, pending publication, without again showing the number of authors. According to the self-assessment documents, the number of authors is 5, for which the candidate gives herself 8 points.

Dr. Dobromira Shopova-Karatsanova participated in 6 published university study aid materials. (Indicator E.21 - 26.3p.). She has acquired a medical specialty in Prosthetic Dentistry. (Indicator E.15 – 40p).

V. REFLECTION (CITATION) OF THE CANDIDATE'S PUBLICATIONS IN THE NATIONAL AND FOREIGN LITERATURE

V.1. Dr. Tanya Pavlova Bozhkova, PhD

Dr. Tanya Bozhkova has provided a total of 229 citations. Of them:

93 citations in scientific publications referenced and indexed in global databases. Of them, 2 are self-cited. 91 citations are accepted - 1,365 points. There are also 48 scientific reviews in scientific publications indexed in Scopus and/or Web of Science - 720 points. Total number of points according to Indicator D.10 – 2085p.

13 citations in peer-reviewed monographies and collective volumes. Of them, 4 are self-cited. 9 citations are accepted - Indicator D.11 - 90p.

123 citations in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals. Of them, 4 are self-cited. 119 citations are accepted - Indicator D.12 – 595p.

Total number of points from Indicator D – 2770p.

V.2. Dr. Rada Torezova Kazakova, PhD

Dr. Rada Torezova Kazakova has presented a total of 193 citations. Of them:

90 citations in scientific publications referenced and indexed in global databases (Scopus and/or Web of Science) - 1,350p. There are also 52 scientific reviews in scientific publications indexed in Scopus and/or Web of Science - 780 points. Total number of points according to Indicator D.10 – 2130p.

42 citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review. Index D.11 – 420p.

61 citations in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals. Of them, 2 are self-cited. 59 citations are recognized - Index D.12 – 295p.

Total number of points from Indicator D – 2845p.

V.3. Dr. Zlatina Tomova Tomova-Veleva, PhD

Dr. Zlatina Tomova Tomova-Veleva has presented a total of 21 citations. Of them:

17 citations in scientific publications referenced and indexed in global databases - 255 points. Also presented are 11 scientific reviews in scientific publications indexed in Scopus and/or Web of Science - 165 points. Total number of points according to Indicator D.10 – 420p.

4 citations in non-refereed journals with scientific review - Indicator D.12 – 20p.

Total number of points from Indicator D – 440p.

V.4. Dr. Dobromira Antonova Shopova-Karatsanova, PhD

Dr. Dobromira Antonova Shopova-Karatsanova has presented a total of 114 citations. Of them:

53 citations in scientific publications indexed and indexed in global databases (Scopus and/or Web of Science) – 795 points. 53 scientific reviews in scientific publications indexed in Scopus and/or Web of Science - 795 points are also presented. Total number of points according to Indicator D.10 – 1590p.

14 citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review. Index D.11 – 140p.

47 citations in non-refereed journals with scientific review 235p. 2 scientific reviews in non-refereed scientific publications are also presented - 10 points. Total number of points according to Indicator D.12 – 245p.

Total number of points from Indicator D – 1975p.

VI. COMPLEX, QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES, INCL. SCIENTIFIC GUIDE FOR STUDENTS, DOCTORAL STUDENTS, SPECIALISTS

VI.1. Dr. Tanya Pavlova Bozhkova, PhD

Dr. Tanya Pavlova Bozhkova held the position of "Chief Assistant" according to the documents submitted by the HR in MU-Plovdiv for 4 years, 2 months and 9 days and continues working. This gives a total number of points for this indicator – 419p.

For the last two academic years provided as a reference for the academic workload, Dr. Tanya Bozhkova has a total number of hours as follows:

Academic year 2021/2022 – Auditory employment 551.8 hours, Non-auditory employment - 70 hours. Total 621.8 hours.

Academic year 2022/2023 - Auditory employment - 533.2 hours, Non-auditory employment 100 hours. Total 627.5 hours.

Total number of hours for the two academic years 1255 hours. 0.5 points are awarded for each hour - 627.5 points for the two years.

Total number of points according to Indicator G – 1046.5p.

VI.2. Dr. Rada Torezova Kazakova, PhD

Dr. Rada Torezova Kazakova has held the position of "Chief Assistant" according to the documents submitted by the HR in MU-Plovdiv for 4 years, 2 months and 4 days and continues working. This gives a total number of points for this indicator – 418p.

For the last two academic years provided as a reference for the academic workload, Dr. Rada Kazakova has a total number of hours as follows:

Academic year 2022/2023 – Auditory employment 0 hours, Non-auditory employment - 0 hours. Total 0 hours.

Academic year 2023/2024 - Auditory employment - 0 hours, Non-auditory employment 0 hours. Total 0 hours.

Total number of hours for the two academic years 0 hours. 0.5 points are awarded for each hour - 0 points for both years.

Total number of points under Indicator G – 418p.

VI.3. Dr. Zlatina Tomova Tomova-Veleva, PhD

Dr. Zlatina Tomova Tomova-Veleva held the position of "Chief Assistant" according to the documents submitted by the HR in MU-Plovdiv for 2 years, 4 months and 25 days and continues to work. This gives a total number of points for this indicator - 240.

For the last two academic years provided as a reference for the academic workload, Dr. Zlatina Tomova Tomova-Veleva has a total number of hours as follows:

Academic year 2021/2022 – Auditory employment 955.2 hours, Non-auditory employment - 70 hours. Total 1025.2 hours.

Academic year 2022/2023 - Auditory employment - 940 hours, Non-auditory employment 80 hours. A total of 1020 hours.

Total number of hours for the two academic years 2045.2 hours. 0.5 points are awarded for each hour - 1022.6 points for the two years.

Total number of points according to Indicator G – 1262.6p.

VI.4. Dr. Dobromira Antonova Shopova-Karatsanova, PhD

Dr. Dobromira Antonova Shopova-Karatsanova held the position of "Chief Assistant" according to the documents submitted by the HR in MU-Plovdiv for 4 years, 2 months and 12 days and continues to work. This gives a total number of points for this indicator - 420.

For the last two academic years provided as a reference for the academic workload, Dr. Dobromira Shopova-Karatsanova has a total number of hours as follows:

Academic year 2021/2022 – Auditory employment 1091.2 hours, Non-auditory employment - 70 hours. Total 1161.2 hours

Academic year 2022/2023 - Auditory employment - 903 hours, Non-auditory employment 90 hours. A total of 993 hours.

Total number of hours for the two academic years 2154.2 hours. 0.5 points are awarded for each hour – 1077.1 points for the two years

Total number of points under Indicator G – 1497.1p.

VII. CRITICAL NOTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

VII.1. Dr. Tanya Pavlova Bozhkova, PhD

I have no significant critical comments on the content of the competition materials of Dr. Tanya Pavlova Bozhkova.

VII.2. Dr. Rada Torezova Kazakova, PhD

Critical notes: In Group D indicators, the candidate incorrectly lists a large part of her scientific work. She presents scientific congresses participations, such as oral presentations, poster sessions, simultaneous interpretation, demonstration and practical courses, as published in non-refereed journals with scientific reviewing.

VII.3. Dr. Zlatina Tomova Tomova-Veleva, PhD

Recommendation: I recommend the candidate to strengthen her scientific activity and publish more actively in leading scientific magazines indexed in Scopus and Web of Science.

VII.4. Dobromira Antonova Shopova-Karatsanova, PhD

I have no significant critical comments on the content of the competition of Dr. Dobromira Shopova-Karatsanova.

VIII. GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF THE CANDIDATE'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE MANDATORY CONDITIONS AND THE MANDATORY QUANTITATIVE CRITERIA AND SCIENTOMETRIC INDICATORS ACC. TO REGULATIONS FOR HOLDING ACADEMIC POSITIONS IN MU-PLOVDIV.

After a thorough analysis and verification of the presented documents submitted to me for the academic position of Associate Professor at the Department of Prosthetic Dentistry of the FDM, MU - Plovdiv, I believe that for three of the candidates there is full compliance with the mandatory quantitative criteria and scientometric indicators according to the employment regulations in academic positions at the MU - Plovdiv.

In the case of one of the candidates, namely Dr. Rada Torezova Kazakova, PhD, it was established that for the last three years she has had 0 (Zero) hours of classroom and non-auditory employment within the meaning of the Ordinance on the teaching and research employment of the professors at the MU - Plovdiv. I believe that the submitted documents for teaching employment do not correspond to the requirements for academic workload.

IX. CONCLUSION

After a thorough examination and analysis of the documents provided to me by the candidates in the competition for the Academic position "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports by professional direction 7.2. Dental medicine, scientific specialty Prosthetic dentistry, for the needs of teaching Bulgarian and English in the Department of Prosthetic Dentistry, FDM, Medical University - Plovdiv, I think that of the three candidates who meet the mandatory criteria, two have significantly higher scientometric indicators: Dr. Tanya Pavlova Bozhkova, PhD (5373.2 points) and Dr. Dobromira Antonova Shopova-Karatsanova, PhD (5227.41 points)

Dr. Zlatina Tomova Tomova-Veleva, PhD has significantly fewer points (2321.33).

Although Dr. Rada Torezova Kazakova, PhD, has high scientometric indicators (4845.72 points), she does not fully meet the mandatory scientometric conditions under Indicator group G with 0 points from study workload (exercises and lectures) as well as non-auditory employment.

All candidates presented themselves with excellent scientific achievements. I express my gratitude for the opportunity granted to me to participate in the jury for the selection of the academic position "Assoc. Prof." and I wish them many future creative successes and professional development.

X. PROPOSAL FOR CLASSIFICATION/TENURE

Based on the materials provided and an analysis of the mandatory scientometric conditions and criteria, I rank the candidates as follows:

1. Dr. Tanya Pavlova Bozhkova, PhD
2. Dr. Dobromira Antonova Shopova-Karatsanova, PhD
3. Dr. Rada Torezova Kazakova, PhD
4. Dr. Zlatina Tomova Tomova-Veleva, PhD

I give my **AFFIRMATIVE VOTE** for awarding the academic position of "Assoc. Prof." to Dr. Tanya Pavlova Bozhkova, PhD and Dr. Dobromira Antonova Shopova-Karatsanova, PhD.

Plovdiv

21.08.2024

Head of Scientific Jury:

/Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nikolay Sirakov, PhD/

