



TO THE RESPECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE SCIENTIFIC JURY APPOINTED BY ORDER OF THE DEPUTY RECTOR OF MU-PLOVDIV No. R 2314/05.07.2024

OPINION

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according to a competition for the academic position of "associate professor", two places, area of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.2. Dentistry, scientific specialty "Prosthetic Dentistry", Department of Prosthetic Dentistry, FDM, MU-Plovdiv, by announcement in the State Gazette no. 35/19/04/2024

The opinion is in accordance with the requirements of the RSARB.

For the given competition, four candidates submitted documents, as follows in the order of the deputy rector: Dr. Rada Kazakova, Dr. Tanya Bozhkova, Dr. Zlatina Tomova - Veleva and Dr. Dobromira Karatsanova - Shopova. They are members of the Department of Prosthetic Dentistry at the FDM, MU - Plovdiv and meet all the conditions for participation according to the ZRASRB and PRAS in the MU - Plovdiv.

After a thorough study and analysis of the documents presented to me and partially well arranged, I have prepared the following opinion, arranging the examination and evaluation of the work of the candidates according to their arrangement in the order of the deputy rector:

Dr. Rada Kazakova, MD:

Indicator group A: The candidate presents a dissertation: 50 points.

Indicator group C: The candidate presents a habilitation thesis: 100 points.

Indicators group D: The candidate presents two monographs: 200 items.

My analysis showed publications and reports in scientific publications, referenced and indexed: 292.19 items.

My analysis showed publications and reports in scientific journals, not referred: 638.86 items.

Total: 1131.05 t.

I emphasize that I cannot accept as scientific publications those with an index from 14.78 (inclusive) to 14.207 (inclusive), due to the fact that they are mainly participation in scientific forums, seminars, translations, courses and opinions on scientific sites (Oral Academy Bulgaria is peer-to-peer communication platform) but do not meet the requirements for a scientific publication. An exception is publication 14.175 published in Folia Medica. I also do not accept posts with an index of 14.25 to 14.34 on the Zenodo platform, for the same reasons. I do not accept as scientific publications those published in Sylwan. English Edition, with indexes 14.5, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.

Indicators group D: My analysis shows that the candidate collects: 2100 items of citations or reviews in scientific publications, refereed; 420 items from citations in monographs and 290 items from citations or reviews in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals. Total: 2810 items.

Indicators group E: The analysis gives me reason to believe that the candidate has 40 points for the acquired specialty Prosthetic Dentistry, 460 points from participation in scientific projects and 6.67 points from a published textbook. Total: 506.67 items.

Indicators group G: The analysis gives me reason to recognize 200 points to the candidate for the occupied academic position ch. assistant, for the last 2 years. Regarding the study load, I give 0 points, since the candidate has none in terms of lectures and exercises. Total: 200 items.

The candidate has a C1 level of English.

I have to note that the papers are well and coherently arranged, with a causal relationship between them, but I was very difficult in my assessment of which publication submitted by the candidate was scholarly or a given type of forum participation.

Total number of points of the candidate after analysis of all documentation: 4709.05.

Dr. Tanya Bozhkova, MD:

Indicator group A: The candidate presents a dissertation: 50 points.

Indicator group C: The candidate presents a habilitation thesis: 100 points.

Indicators group D: The candidate presents one monograph: 100 points.

My analysis showed publications and reports in scientific publications, referenced and indexed: 406 items.

My analysis showed publications and reports in scientific journals, not referred: 511 items.

The candidate presents a published book based on a dissertation: 40 points.

I accept all scientific publications.

Total: 1057 items.

Indicators group D: My analysis shows that the candidate collects: 2115 items of citations or reviews in scientific publications, refereed; 130 items from citations in monographs and 615 items from citations or reviews in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals. Total: 2860 items.

Indicators group E: The analysis gives me reason to believe that the candidate has 40 points for the acquired specialty Prosthetic Dentistry, 135 points from participation in

scientific projects, 44.7 points from a published study guide or textbook and 30 points for training of interns, specialists or doctoral students. Total: 249.7 items.

Indicators group G: The analysis gives me the reason to give 200 points to the candidate for the occupied academic position ch. assistant, for the last 2 years. Regarding the academic load, I give 809.1 points. Total: 1009.1 points.

The candidate has a B2 level of English.

I must note that the applicant's documents are well and consistently arranged (with few exceptions), they facilitated my analysis and task.

Total number of points of the candidate after analysis of all documentation: 5525.8 points.

Dr. Zlatina Tomova – Veleva, MD:

Indicator group A: The candidate presents a dissertation: 50 points.

Indicator group C: The candidate presents a habilitation thesis: 100 points.

Indicators group D: The candidate presents one monograph: 100 points.

My analysis showed publications and reports in scientific publications, referenced and indexed: 173.23 items.

My analysis showed publications and reports in scientific publications, not referenced: 58 items.

I accept all posts.

Total: 331.23 items.

Indicators group D: My analysis shows that the candidate collects: 420 items of citations or reviews in peer-reviewed scientific publications and 20 items of citations or reviews in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals. Total: 440 items.

Indicators group E: The analysis gives me reason to believe that the candidate has 40 points for the acquired specialty Prosthetic Dentistry, 365 points from participation in scientific projects, 2.5 points from a published study guide or textbook and 30 points for training of trainees, specialists or PhD students. Total: 437.5 t.

Indicators group G: The analysis gives me reason to give 200 points to the candidate for the occupied academic position ch. assistant, for the last 2 years. Regarding the academic load, I give 945.1 points. Total: 1145.1 points.

The candidate has a C1 level of English.

I must note that the applicant's papers are excellently and consistently arranged, they facilitated my analysis and task. These are the most ordered and precisely formatted documents.

Total number of points of the candidate after analysis of all documentation: 2503.83 points.

Dr. Dobromira Karatsanova – Shopova, MD:

Indicator group A: The candidate presents a dissertation: 50 points.

Indicator group C: The candidate presents a habilitation thesis: 100 points.

Indicators group D: The candidate presents two monographs: 200 items.

My analysis showed publications and reports in scientific publications, referenced and indexed: 463.4 items.

My analysis showed publications and reports in scientific journals, not referred: 531.8 items.

The candidate presents a published book based on a dissertation work: 80 points.

I accept all scientific publications.

Total: 1275.2 t.

Indicators group D: My analysis shows that the candidate collects: 1575 items of citations or reviews in scientific publications, refereed; 140 items from citations in monographs and 255 items from citations or reviews in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals. Total: 1970 items

Indicators group E: The analysis gives me reason to believe that the candidate has 40 points for the acquired specialty Prosthetic Dentistry, 180 points from participation in scientific projects, 42.3 points from a published study guide or textbook and 60 points for training of trainees, specialists or PhD students. Total: 322.3 t.

Indicators group G: The analysis gives me reason to give 200 points to the candidate for the occupied academic position ch. assistant, for the last 2 years. Regarding the academic load, I give 1424.6 points. Total: 1624.6 points.

The candidate has a B2 level of English.

I must note that the applicant's documents are well and consistently arranged.

Total number of points of the candidate after analysis of all documentation: 5542.1 points.

Conclusion:

The analysis of the documents shows that the candidates have rich and in-depth theoretical and practical knowledge in the field of Prosthetic Dentistry. From the presented high publication activity and citations, the serious scientific work of the Department of Prosthetic Dental Medicine, FDM, MU - Plovdiv is evident. All candidates meet the minimum requirements for holding the academic position "Associate Professor". Each of the candidates has submitted a dissertation and habilitation work, meets the requirements for scientific publications, citations, acquired scientific specialty, participation in scientific projects. I cannot accept Dr. Kazakova's lack of attendance at lectures and exercises in the last almost 4 years as a study load. Applicants meet English language teaching requirements.


After a thorough review of the available documents, I believe that two of them have higher scientometric indicators and these are Dr. Bozhkova and Dr. Karatsanova - Shopova. Regarding the other two candidates, I will recommend Dr. Tomova-Veleva to work in the same way, at the same high level, with the accumulation of more teaching and research experience, and I wish her to participate in such a competition again soon. I recommend Dr. Kazakova to fulfill the required minimum for study load and to rely only on her real scientific publications, because they are not few and have the necessary quality. I rank the candidates according to their points, based on my analysis:

1. Dr. Dobromira Karatsanova-Shopova (5542.1 points)
2. Dr. Tanya Bozhkova (5525.8 points)
3. Dr. Rada Kazakova (4709.05 points)
4. Dr. Zlatina Tomova-Veleva (2503.83 points)

With a special opinion, I give my positive vote for the appointment of the academic position of 'associate professor' by Dr. Dobromira Karatsanova-Shopova, MD and Dr. Tanya Bozhkova, MD

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