

Statement**By Assoc. Prof. Kalina Andreevska, Ph.D.****REGARDING: competition for the academic position of Associate Professor****I. Analysis of the candidate's career profile**

M.Pharm. Radiana Staynova graduated with honors in pharmacy in 2015 from the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Medical University - Plovdiv. In the same year, after winning a competition, she was appointed as an assistant at the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the Faculty of Pharmacy of MU-Plovdiv. In 2019, she defended her dissertation on the topic "Medical and social aspects and the role of the pharmacist in the management of gestational diabetes mellitus" and acquired the educational and scientific degree "doctor" in PN 7.3 "Pharmacy", in the doctoral program "Pharmacoeconomics and pharmaceutical regulation" at the Faculty of Pharmacy of MU-Plovdiv. She has a degree in "Organization and Economics of Distribution and Pharmacy Practice" under the PGE (2019) and a second master's degree in Public Health and Health Management (2020) from the Faculty of Public Health at MU-Plovdiv. She is currently specializing in "Organization and Economics of Pharmaceutical Production" at the Faculty of Pharmacy at MU-Sofia. From 2020 to the present, she holds the academic position of "Chief Assistant" at the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Department of Organization and Economics of Pharmacy (2024) at the Faculty of Pharmacy at MU-Plovdiv. She has been elected as a representative of the Faculty of Pharmacy in the Academic Ethics Committee of MU-Plovdiv since 2024. She is a member of a number of national and international societies. She has completed training courses and specializations in the field of gestational diabetes mellitus, pediatric pharmacoepidemiology, biosimilar insulins, drug use during pregnancy, the preparation of Cochrane systematic reviews, etc. She has completed three international mobilities under the Erasmus+ Program for training in Slovakia (2017), Spain (2019) and Hungary (2023). In the last attestation, she received the maximum grade - "Very good".

II. General description of the materials submitted in the competition

The only candidate in this competition for the academic position of "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" in the scientific specialty "Pharmacoeconomics and Pharmaceutical Regulation", announced for the needs of the Department of Organization and Economics of Pharmacy in the State Gazette, issue 15/21.02.2025 is Senior Asst. Radiana Atanasova Staynova, Ph.D. The candidate has provided the necessary materials and documents on paper and electronic media within the deadline in accordance with Art. 108 of Section IV of the Regulations for Academic Development of MU-Plovdiv,

III. Evaluation of the candidate's scientific works

In this competition, Senior Asst. Radiana Staynova participates with a total of 41 full-text scientific publications, of which 24 in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in Scopus or Web of Science, 15 of which are in journals with an impact factor according to Clarivate Analytics (total IF = 34.9). Some of the scientific articles have been published in prestigious scientific journals such as *Pharmaceutics* (IF = 4.9), *Pharmaceuticals* (IF = 4.3) and *Current Oncology* (IF = 2.8). The remaining 17 scientific publications and reports have been published in non-refereed peer-reviewed publications or edited collective volumes. The candidate also participated as a co-author of a chapter of a collective monograph "Gestational Diabetes Mellitus – New Developments" (ISBN 978-1-83969-819-4). She participated as a leading researcher or participant in 10 projects (8 national scientific projects and 2 educational projects with European funding). Her scientific works are interdisciplinary in nature and can be summarized in several scientific areas: Pharmacoepidemiology and pharmacovigilance in certain population groups and medicinal products; Pharmacoeconomic studies in socially significant and vaccine-preventable diseases; Pharmaceutical care and approaches to optimize drug therapy in specific groups of patients and diseases (cancer patients; pregnant women; ulcerative colitis; colorectal carcinoma; polycystic ovary syndrome, etc.); Pharmaceutical regulation; Regulatory aspects, nutrivicilance and trends in the use of food supplements; Application of essential oils in the pharmaceutical and cosmetic industry; Rational drug use; Gestational diabetes mellitus - early screening, prevention and pharmacotherapeutic approaches.

I accept the author's report prepared by the candidate for the contributions, presented in scientific areas and structured as scientific-theoretical and scientific-applied.

IV. Evaluation of the monograph

The monograph "The Pharmaceutical Profession in the 21st Century: Positive Change for Better Healthcare" ISBN 978-619-7413-51-9, is written on 165 standard pages, contains seven chapters, cites over 300 literary sources. It emphasizes the role of pharmacists and their contribution to ensuring better healthcare. The value-added pharmaceutical services provided in pharmacies to serve the population in different countries around the world are examined in detail. An in-depth analysis of the studies conducted in Bulgaria on attitudes towards providing such types of pharmaceutical services has also been conducted. Good practices are presented, including activities such as vaccination and conducting rapid diagnostic tests by pharmacists, which contribute to the prevention of antimicrobial resistance. I appreciate the practically oriented description of the methods for optimizing drug therapy in geriatric patients, including conducting a medication review by pharmacists, identifying potentially inappropriate medications, and the process of deprescribing. Data and recommendations are presented regarding the provision of preconception, pre- and postnatal care by pharmacists in order to improve maternal health.

V. Reflection (citation) of the candidate's publications in the national and foreign literature (publication image).

The total number of citations of the candidate is 116, of which 77 citations in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in Scopus and Web of Science (h-index in Scopus = 4; h-index in WoS = 4; h-index in Google Scholar = 7). Senior Asst. Prof. Staynova presents evidence for 4 citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review and 35 citations in non-refereed journals with scientific review. According to the attached reference from Web of Science, Senior Assistant Professor Staynova has been a reviewer 63 times for prestigious scientific journals indexed in Scopus and Web of Science such as Scientific Reports (Nature Portfolio), BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth, Frontiers in Public Health, etc.

VI. Comprehensive, qualitative assessment of teaching, methodological and teaching activities, incl. scientific supervision of students, doctoral students, postgraduates.

Senior Asst. Radiana Staynova has teaching experience at MU-Plovdiv for 9 years 7 months, with the last 5 years 1 month and 10 days holding the academic position of "Senior Assistant". For the last 3 academic years she has completed a teaching workload of lectures and exercises - a total of 1767 hours. The candidate includes n leads exercises and lectures in the disciplines "Social Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Legislation", "Pharmaceutical Care", "History of Pharmacy", "Pharmacoeconomics" and the SID "Clinical Pharmacy and New Areas in Pharmaceutical Practice" for students of the Pharmacy specialty (in Bulgarian and English). In the postgraduate qualification program she conducts training and colloquiums for postgraduates in "Organization and Economics of Distribution and Pharmacy Practice". Currently, she is the supervisor of a specialist in "Organization and Economics of Distribution and Pharmacy Practice" under the SDO, MU-Plovdiv. Senior Asst. Staynova is a co-author of 4 textbooks and 2 teaching aids for pharmacy students. She works actively with students and doctoral students, as evidenced by the joint awards achieved in scientific forums and competitions. She presents a list of 61 joint participations in scientific forums with students and doctoral students, as well as 4 scientific projects. Senior Asst. Staynova prepares students for participation in the annual national competition "Become a Hospital Pharmacist", and in 2024, under her mentorship, the MU-Plovdiv team won first place. She has been distinguished for two consecutive years for the best lecturer by pharmacy students, 5th year, for which she was awarded a diploma by the University Quality Commission of MU-Plovdiv. Senior Asst. Staynova is an administrative assistant and responsible for the educational activities of the Department of Organization and Economics of Pharmacy. She is also an academic mentor for students under the project BG05M2OP001-2.013-0001 of the Ministry of Education and Science "Student Internships - Phase 2" (13.01.2020 - 31.12.2023), funded by the Operational Program "Science and Education for Smart Growth" (OP NOIR), co-financed by the European Social Fund.

VII. I have no critical comments and recommendations.

VIII. Overall assessment of the candidate's compliance with the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3, respectively the requirements under Art. 2b, para. 5 of the The Act on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria

and the specific requirements for the Medical University - Plovdiv for the field 7.3. Pharmacy, set out in the Regulations for Academic Development at the Medical University - Plovdiv.

The comparative indicators of Senior Asst. Radiana Staynova and the required minimum number of points from the mandatory minimum requirements for occupying AD "Associate Professor" are presented. The candidate's scientific indicators significantly exceed the minimum requirements set out in the Regulations for Academic Development of MU-Plovdiv for occupying the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the professional field 7.3. "Pharmacy". With a minimum number of points requirement of 1270, Senior Asst. Staynova collects 4373.48 points (Table 1).

Table 1. Reference for compliance with the minimum requirements for occupying the AD "Associate Professor" by groups of indicators.

| GROUP OF INDICATORS | Content | Minimum Requirements AD "Associate Professor" Regulations for Academic Development of MU-Plovdiv | Senior Assistant Professor Radiana Staynova, Ph.D. |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| A | Indicator 1 | | |
| B | Indicator 2 | | |
| B | 4 | | |
| | Sum of indicators 5 to 9 | 210 points 10 articles in Scopus and/or Web of Science refereeing, including 6 articles with IF | 5 9 1 |
| | | 300 points 12 citations in journals referenced in Scopus and/or Web of Science | 2 3 1 |
| | Sum of indicators 13 to 22 | 50 points - 2 scientific projects (incl. VUP) - acquired specialty | |
| | Study load (lectures and exercises) | 360 points (for the last 2 years X 0.5 t/h) | 1 |
| | Academic position | 200 points (Senior Assistant - 100 points for 1 year) | 1 0 2 |
| T | | 1270 points | 4 |

IX. Conclusion

Based on the materials submitted by the candidate in this competition, I believe that the requirements of the The Act on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its implementation and the Regulations for Academic Development of MU-Plovdiv for holding the academic position of "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" have been significantly exceeded, this gives me reason to give my positive assessment of the scientific research and teaching activities of Senior Assistant Radiana Staynova. and I recommend to the esteemed members of the Scientific Jury to award the academic position of "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" to Master of Pharmacy Radiana Atanasova Staynova, PhD in the field of higher education 7. Health and sports, professional field 7.3 Pharmacy in the specialty "Pharmacoeconomics and pharmaceutical regulation".

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