

STATEMENT

**ON THE COMPETITION FOR THE ACADEMIC POSITION "ASSOCIATE
PROFESSOR" AT THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF PLOVDIV**

I. Analysis of the candidate's career profile:

Dr. Bistra Yatseva was born on June 8, 1964, in Plovdiv. She completed her secondary education at the Exemplary High School "Lilyana Dimitrova" in Plovdiv with excellent grades and a gold medal. She graduated from the Medical University of Plovdiv, specializing in Medicine in 1988 with excellent grades. She obtained a specialty in Internal Medicine in 1992 and a specialty in Cardiology in 1996. She holds certificates for expert level in echocardiography, ergometry, and 24-hour Holter ECG. She has undergone specializations in the country in cardiology and echocardiography. She specialized in Stress Echocardiography in Nice, France in 1997. She started working as a physician in the Internal Medicine Department at the District Hospital in Panagyurishte in 1989. From 1993 to 1995, she worked as the head of the Cardiology Office and the Internal Medicine Department at the Third City Hospital in Plovdiv. After winning a competition in 1996, she was appointed as an assistant at the First Department of Internal Medicine, Cardiology Section at the Medical University of Plovdiv, where she still works. By 2008, she progressed through senior and chief assistant positions. In 2023, she obtained the scientific and educational degree "Doctor" in Medicine, defending a dissertation on "Contemporary Profile of Patients with Infective Endocarditis and Prognostic Indicators for In-Hospital Mortality."

II. General description of the materials submitted for the competition:

As a participant in the competition, Dr. Bistra Vladimirova Yatseva has submitted on time all the documents described in the detailed list and specified in the Regulations for the academic position of "Associate Professor" under Article 108 of Section GU of the Regulations for the Academic Development of the Medical University of Plovdiv.

III. Evaluation of the candidate's scientific works for overall academic development:

The candidate's scientific activity has a high scientific contribution in the field of Cardiology, mainly covering topics such as infective endocarditis, heart failure, coronary disease, lipidology, etc. Some of the publications are interdisciplinary, covering other specialties such as pulmonology, surgery, experimental medicine, etc. Dr. Bistra Yatseva participates in the competition with a total of 30 scientific works, including one dissertation,

one monograph, one chapter from a collective monograph, and 27 publications. Of all the publications, 16 are in refereed journals in Scopus and/or Web of Science, with 9 of them having an impact factor. They are distributed as follows - in **Q2**: 5 articles; in **Q3**: 2 articles; and in **Q4**: 9 articles. The total IF is **21.98**. Additionally, 11 publications are presented in non-refereed journals with scientific review.

IV. Evaluation of the monographic work or equivalent publications submitted for the competition for "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" by the candidate

The candidate has published a monograph: "Platelets - Prognostic Significance in Cardiovascular Diseases," University Publishing House "Paisii Hilendarski," 162025 ISBN 978-619-281-024-5, published in 2025.

The topic of the monographic work is highly relevant and interdisciplinary. A special focus in the monograph is the prognostic significance of platelets in cardiovascular diseases, deeply examining the relationship between platelets and atherosclerosis, the importance of platelet indicators and indices for the prognosis of coronary disease, diabetes mellitus, atrial fibrillation, stroke, peripheral vascular disease, severe infections. The author's significant contribution to the prognostic value of platelets and their indices in infective endocarditis is highlighted in a separate section of the monographic work. These results represent a substantial scientific contribution and carry specific messages for daily clinical practice.

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

The candidate has attached a citation report from the Central Medical Library - Medical University, Sofia to her application. The report shows a total of 41 citations. Of these,

- 21 citations are in journals indexed in Scopus and/or Web of Science,
- 2 citations are in collective monographs, and
- 16 citations are in non-indexed journals with scientific peer review.
- According to the reference, as a collaborator, she has 1140 citations in Scopus and 1066 in Web of Science.
- 9 reviews in journals indexed in Scopus and/or Web of Science. Documents from the Plovdiv Medical University and Web of Science were presented.

VI. Comprehensive, qualitative assessment of the teaching and methodological activities, including scientific supervision of students, doctoral students, and specialists.

Dr. Bistra Yatseva, MD, provides evidence of teaching load as follows:

- For the 2021/2022 academic year: 300 hours of classroom and 70 hours of extracurricular activities.
- For the academic year 2022/2023: 405 hours of classroom work and 160 hours of extracurricular work.
- For the 2023/2024 academic year: 415 hours of classroom work and 190 hours of extracurricular work.

She teaches theoretical and practical courses to fourth year medical students in both Bulgarian and English. She is a member of the examination boards. As a lecturer in the Erasmus program, she participates in lectures for the main course in Cardiology.

She also lectures on cardiology for the specialty of Physician Assistant and for the specialty of Software Design in Medicine.

Dr. Bistra Yatseva was appointed as a supervisor of a resident for the acquisition of the clinical specialty in Cardiology by order No. 837/31.10.2022.

She is responsible for continuing medical education (CME) in the respective unit and is a member of the Academic Council.

Critical notes and recommendations.

No critical notes or additional recommendations.

I. Overall assessment of the candidate's compliance with the minimum national requirements

Group of Indicators	Content	Associate Professor (points)	Dr. Yatseva, PhD (points)
A	Indicator 1	50	50
B	Indicator 2	-	-
C	Indicators 3 and 4	100	100
D	Sum of indicators from 5 to 9	200	241.75
E	Sum of indicators from 10 to 12	100	550
F	Sum of indicators from 13 to 22	60	215

Group of Indicators	Content	Associate Professor Dr. Yatseva, PhD	
		(points)	(points)
G	Teaching activity and academic position	300	610
Total		810	1766.75

I am of the opinion that the candidate fully meets and exceed the requirements, mandatory condition and scientometric indicators described in the Regulations for Academic Development at the Medical University of Plovdiv: art. 2b, paragraphs 2 and 3, respectively to the requirements under art. 2b, paragraph 5 of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, and the specific requirements for the Medical University of Plovdiv by fields and for units with clinical activities

IX. Conclusion:

I firmly consider that Dr. Bistra Vladimirova Yatseva fully meets and complies with the mandatory and specific conditions and scientometric criteria for the award of the academic position of "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR". I recommend that the esteemed Scientific Jury vote positively for Dr. Bistra Vladimirova Yatseva, PhD, for the award of the academic position of "Associate Professor" for the needs of the First Department of Internal Medicine, Cardiology Section at the Medical University of Plovdiv.

Date:

18.07.2021

Signature:



/ Prof. Dr. Ivailo Daskalov, DMSc/