

**TO PROF. DR. MARIELA GENEVA-POPOVA, PhD**  
**Chair of the scientific jury,**  
**Determined with Order № P-2097/25.04.2025**

**DECISION**

As implementation of Order by the Rector of MU – Plovdiv P-1607/27.05.2024 on the competition for the title Professor of the only candidate Assoc.Prof. Dr Svetlan Mihov Dermendzhiev, PhD, MD and based on art.141, Volume VII for the taking of academic title “Professor” and evaluation of fulfilling the criteria, established in ADASRB (Act on Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria), RAADASRB(Regulation for Administration of ADASRB) and the regulations and normative acts of MU – Plovdiv.

**From Prof. Dr Todor Vesselov Kantardjiev, PhD, MD**

I have no common publications or conflict of interest

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section 3 and 5 from ADASRB with the only candidate.

Assoc. Prof. Dr Svetlan Mihov Dermendzhiev, PhD, MD occupies the position of Head of Department of the “Toxicology Clinic” at University Hospital “St. George” EAD – Plovdiv and is a Head of “the Department of occupational diseases” that includes clinical work in allergology. Dr Dermendzhiev marks success in his career development and his professional upward development in all aspects, namely:

1. Dr Svetlan Dermendzhiev has a dissertation work for acquiring Educational Scientific Degree “PhD”
2. He has a dissertation work for acquiring Scientific Degree “Doctor of science “
3. Dr Svetlan Dermendzhiev has published 11 monographs, 2 of which are in English.
4. He has one chapter in a monograph in English.
5. He has participated in the publishing of 9 textbooks and handbooks in 4 of which he is the sole author, 2 of which are in English.
6. After acquiring the academic degree “Associate Professor” Assoc.Prof. Deremdzhiev has **20 publications in referenced Bulgarian and international journals with academic jury, from them 5 are with Impact Factor**. In 12 of the publications he is the first author (60%), in 4 publications – second author (20%), in 4 – after third author (20%) (T.12);
7. Attached to his documents for the competition is an up-to-date citing review in [www.scopus.com](http://www.scopus.com) and [www.webofscience.com](http://www.webofscience.com) (T.14.1.,T.16, T.17) after the prepared **37 citations in international licensed**

**data bases for the time period between 2020 – 2024 (T.15.1.)** and in 1 recension in an article with IF (T.15.3). Assoc. Prof S. Dermendzhiev has 14 citations in referenced scientific monographs (T.16). The generated by the citing review **h-index is 4 (T.32)**.

8. Assoc. Prof S. Dermendzhiev has **60 journal articles in not referenced scientific journals**, but with academic jury or reviewers; in 7 of the publications he is the sole author (11.67% from the overall volume), in 20 of the publications he is a first author (33.33%), in 26 he is a second author (43.33%), in 7 of the publications he is a third author (11.67%) (T.13).
9. The candidate is a participant in **82 scientific congresses and conferences 41 of which international** and 41 national.

<b>Table I. Minimal required points in a group of categories according to the MU Plovdiv Regulations . II.1 Course 7.1. Medicine (for clinical departments) and 7.5. Health care</b>				
<b>Group of categories</b>	<b>Categories</b>	<b>Number of points</b>	<b>Documents</b>	<b>Number of points</b>
<b>A</b>	1.Dissertation for acquiring Educational Scientific Degree “PhD”	50		50
<b>B</b>	2. Dissertation for acquiring Scientific Degree “Doctor of science “	100		100
<b>C</b>	3. Habilitation work-monograph	100	None are shown	
	4.Habilitation work - science publications (no less than 10),in journals that are referenced in world renowned databases for scientific information	60/n for each publication	None are shown	
<b>D</b>	5. Published monograph that hasn't been presented as a main habilitation work	100	7 monographs from which 1 collective and 1 based on a habilitation work foe acquiring a scientific degree “doctor of science “	525
	6. Published book based on a dissertation work for acquiring an educational and scientific degree “PhD “ or scientific degree “doctor of science”	40	1 monograph based on a dissertation work for acquiring a scientific degree	40

			“doctor of science “	
	7. Publications and reports published in scientific journals referenced and indexed in world renowned data bases of scientific information.	60/n or spread on the basis of protocol of attribution	20 publications from which 5 in journals with impact factor	321.4
	8. Publications and reports published in non-referenced journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes	30/n or spread on the basis of protocol of attribution	60 publications	622.8
	9. Published chapter in a collective monograph	20/n	1 published chapter in a collective monograph	5
<b>E</b>	10. Citings or reviews published in scientific journals referenced and indexed in world renowned scientific databases or in monographs or collective volumes	15	37 cited in referenced and indexed databases and 1 review in Journal of IMAB with IF	570
	11. Citing in monographs and collective volumes with scientific reviews	10	2 citings in a monograph with scientific review	20
	12. Citings or reviews in non-referenced journals with scientific reviews	5	In the review by The Central Medical Library from 12 citings in non-referenced journals were found. 2 citings in 2024 were	70

			found.	
<b>F</b>	13. Acquired science degree “doctor of science”	40		40
	14. Mentoring of a doctorate student/n is the number of mentors of the named doctorate student/	40/n	2 doctorate students - 2 scientific mentors, 1 - scientific consultant, 9 specialising students	40
	15. Acquired medical degree	40	Acquired 4 specialties	160
	16. Participation in a scientific or educational project	15	12 national projects	180
	17. Participation in international scientific or educational projects	20	2 International projects	40
	18. Leadership in a national scientific or educational project	30	12 national projects as an author and mentor	360
	19. Leadership of a international scientific or educational project	40	2 International projects as a mentor	80
	20. Publishing of a University textbook or a textbook that is used in the educational system	40/n	2 published university textbooks	26.7
	21. Publishing of a University tool or an educational tool that is used in the educational system	20/n	5 published University tools	85
	22. Education of interns, specialising students and doctorate students /tutorials and practical lessons /	30		30
<b>G</b>	Educational activities :			
	Educational time-lectures and tutorials	200 (for the last 2 years X 1 p. (class)	2412 classes	2412
	Academic positions	200 (associate professor 100 pts. For 1 year.)	11 years	1100

<b>Total</b>	<b>6877.9</b>
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From the attached to the documents for the procedure Reference – self-evaluation template for fulfilling the specific scientific requirements of the main Departments of MU – Plovdiv (T.27.) it is evident that compared to the minimal number of points for acquiring academic degree “Professor” which is 1240 ( appendix 1 to the MU Plovdiv Regulations . Table II.1 Course 7.1. Medicine for clinical departments and 7.5. Health care) Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev has an overall score of 6877.9 points which is significantly higher than the minimal criteria. The categories for educational and scientific achievements for Assoc. Prof Dermendzhiev exceed fold-wise the normative requirements for acquiring Academic Degree “Professor” and the in-depth of his scientific contributions puts him in the top positions among the leading clinical scientists in our country.

#### **10. Contributions**

The scientific contributions of the two dissertation works, as well as the monographs, published by Assoc. Prof. Dr. S. Dermendzhiev along with articles that were published in referenced and indexed in international databases [www.scopus.com](http://www.scopus.com) and [www.webofscience.com](http://www.webofscience.com), as well as the authored by him and with his contribution textbooks and handbooks are in the following directions:

- Contributions to the scientific specialty “Immunopathology and allergology”(mainly on topics and clinical problems related to angioneurotic oedema, bronchial asthma, including hereditary angioedema and urticaria);
- Contributions of scientific theoretic and scientific practical character in social medicine, organization of healthcare, economics of healthcare and health management;
- Contributions in the exploration of combined pathology, rare diseases and the presentation of clinical cases with original value in theory and practice of immunopathology and allergology;
- Contributions in theory and practice of clinical toxicology;
- Contributions in scientific theoretical and scientific practical character in occupational diseases
- Contributions in scientific theoretical and scientific practical character in other spheres of medicine

**11.** Assoc. Prof. Dr S. Dermendzhiev, PhD, MD is a scientific **mentor for 2 doctorate students**, scientific consultant of 1 doctorate graduate and a chair for the specialization of 9 specializing students in “Clinical Allergology”. This fully fulfills the criteria.

**12.** The educational part of Assoc. Prof Dermendzhiev’s work is various, includes:

- Lectures, tutorials and participations in semester exams for students from the Medical Faculty
- Lectures, tutorials and participations in semester exams for students from the Medical College.

From the attached to the documents for participation and academic diary for auditorium work in the academic years 2021/2022, 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 is apparent that the academic activities of Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev **significantly exceeds** the required in the normative documents.

13. Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev **is an author in two syllabus** in MU Plovdiv – for teaching of “Clinical Allergology” for students from the course “Medicine” and for teaching of the discipline “Toxicology of food” for students from the Medical College in the specialty “Instructor for dietetic feeding”.

He is a **co-author of the syllabus** on “Occupational diseases and toxicology” for the students from the course “Medicine” in Medical Faculty as well as the syllabus on “Occupational diseases” for teaching the students from course “Dental Medicine” in Dental Faculty of MU- Plovdiv.

Dr. Dermendzhiev is an author of the **academic standards of the above mentioned teaching disciplines**, he has developed MCQ tests for practical tutorials on Occupational diseases, clinical toxicology and allergology with students of the specialty “Medicine, tests for practical tutorials on occupational diseases for students with specialty “Dental Medicine”, “Toxicology of food” and “Occupational diseases and toxicology” for teaching students from the Medical College. **Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev is an author of the doctorate syllabus for scientific specialty “Immunopathology and allergology”** for acquiring Educational Scientific Degree “Doctor” in MU Plovdiv (T.33.3.3). He is an author and mentor of the courses for specializing doctors and specialists in the Department for Postgraduate Education in MU – Plovdiv.

14. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dermendzhiev is an author of **12 national projects**, of which he is a mentor and conductor. After acquiring the academic degree “Associate Professor” he participated as a mentor and leader of **2 international projects**. The contributions of Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev as an author, leader and conductor of the national projects for diagnosis of occupational diseases of Foundation “Labor conditions” as part of the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy are shown in the attached review of original scientific contributions with evidence (T.26.0).
15. **From 2018 Assoc. Prof. S. Dermendzhiev, PhD, MD is a chairman of the Bulgarian Scientific Association of Occupational diseases** and is a member of 3 committees for the national exam for “Clinical allergology”, “Occupational diseases” and “Clinical toxicology”, which is an enormous recognition from the Ministry of Health.
16. As an established specialist, **Assoc. Professor S. Dermendzhiev, PhD, MD is a member of the national expert specialist medical board of the Bulgarian Medical Association – Clinical allergology**, which is a proof of his professional authority.

**Conclusion:**

After a thorough review of the supplied materials I reckon that Assoc. Prof. Dr Svetlan Dermendzhiev, PhD, MD fulfills the required quantitative criteria for the scientific categories for acquiring the academic degree “Professor” according the Act on Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulation for Administration of ADASRB and the regulations and normative acts of MU – Plovdiv. Based on the analysis and evaluation of the presented documents through this procedure, as well as my personal impression from Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev I support and suggest to the members of the respected jury, assigned by the Rector of MU Plovdiv for Assoc. Prof Dr Svetlan Mihov Dermendzhiev, PhD,MD to be awarded the Academic Degree “Professor” of the scientific specialty “ Immunopathology and allergology”.

The image shows a handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "TKa Kantardjiev". The signature is written over a red digital stamp. The stamp contains the text "Издание за електронен подпис" (Edition for electronic signature) and "№131,678" followed by a QR code.

Professor Dr Todor Kantardjiev, PhD, MD

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