

OPINION

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regarding the order of the Vice Rector of MU-Plovdiv R-1607/27.05.2024 and my appointment as a member of the Commission based on Art.141, Section VII with the task of familiarizing myself with the documents submitted by the candidate Assoc. Prof. Svetlan Mihov Dermendzhiev, Dr. Sci. for recognition AD. "Professor", acquired at the University "Prof. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas and their compliance with the criteria set out in the ZRASRB, PPZRASRB and the internal regulatory acts of MU Plovdiv.

Assoc. Prof. Svetlan Mihov Dermendzhiev, MD, is the Head of the Clinic for "Clinical Toxicology" at the University Hospital "St. George" EAD-Plovdiv and Head of the "Department of Occupational Diseases", including clinical allergology activities. From the documents attached to the competition procedure tracking the candidate's professional path and career development, it is evident that Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev has made continuous progress in all areas of his professional and academic development:

1. Assoc. Prof. Svetlan Dermendzhiev, MD has a dissertation for the award of the ONS "Doctor" and a dissertation for the award of the ONS "Doctor of Sciences"
2. Assoc. Prof. Svetlan Dermendzhiev, MD has published 11 monographs, 2 of which are in English.
3. Published 1 chapter in an English-language monograph
4. Participated in the publication of 9 textbooks and teaching aids, in 4 he is an independent author, 2 of which are in English.
5. After acquiring the academic title of "Associate Professor", Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev has 20 publications in refereed Bulgarian and international journals, 5 of them with IF in 12 publications - first author (60%), in 4 publications - second author (20%), in 4 - after third author (20%) (T.12);

6. Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev has 60 publications in non-refereed publications, in 7 publications he is the sole author (11.67%), in 20 publications - first author (33.33%), in 26 - second author (43.33%), in 7 publications - third and subsequent author (11.67%) (Vol. 13);

7. An up-to-date citation list in www.scopus.com and www.webofscience.com (T.14.1.,T.16, T.17) is attached to the competition documents after the 37 citations in international license databases for the period 2020 - 2024 (T.15.1) and 1 review in a journal with IF (T.15.3). Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev has 14 citations in non-refereed publications (T.17.1, T.17..2) and 2 citations in peer-reviewed monographs (T.16), and the h-index generated by the prepared citation reference is 4 (T.32).

8. He has participated in 82 scientific congresses and conferences, of which 41 are international and 41 are national.

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				
Group of categories	Categories	Number of points	Documents	Number of points
A	1.Dissertation for acquiring Educational Scientific Degree “PhD”	50		50
B	2. Dissertation for acquiring Scientific Degree “Doctor of science “	100		100
C	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	

D	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 for 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 "doctor of science"	40
	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
	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
E	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-	70

			referenced journals were found. 2 citings in 2024 were found.	
	13. Acquired science degree “doctor of science”	40		40
F	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
	Educational activities :			
G	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
Total				6877.9

As can be seen from the attached to the documents of the procedure Reference - self-assessment according to the template for fulfilling the specific scientometric requirements of the main units of MU-Plovdiv (T.27.), with a minimum required score of 1240 points for acquiring AD "Professor"

(Appendix 1) from the Regulations of MU-Plovdiv indicators by groups, presented in TABLE II.1 DIRECTION 7.1. MEDICINE for units with clinical activity and 7.5. HEALTH CARE), Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev has a total score of 6877.9 points. The indicators of teaching, research and research activities of Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev exceed many times the regulatory requirements for acquiring the title of Professor, and the depth of his scientific output gives him a leading place among the leading clinical scientists in our country.

9. Contributions of the dissertations, published monographs, articles written by Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev, published in publications, referenced and indexed in international databases www.scopus.com and www.webofscience.com, as well as the textbooks and teaching aids written by him and with his participation are in the following areas and directions:

--- contributions of a scientific-theoretical and scientific-applied nature in the scientific specialty "Immunopathology and Allergology" (on topics and problems related to bronchial asthma, angioedema, including hereditary angioedema, urticaria);

--- contributions to the study of combined pathology, rare diseases and the description of clinical cases with original contributions to the theory and practice of immunopathology and allergology;

--- contributions of a scientific-theoretical and scientific-applied nature in the field of occupational diseases;

--- contributions to the theory and practice of clinical toxicology;

--- contributions of a scientific-theoretical and scientific-applied nature in the field of social medicine, healthcare organization, healthcare economics and healthcare management.

--- contributions of a scientific-theoretical and scientific-applied nature in other fields of medicine.

9. Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev, MD, is the scientific supervisor of 2 doctoral students, scientific consultant of 1 doctoral student and head of the specialization of 9 postgraduates in "Clinical Allergology".

10. Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev's classroom work is multifaceted, including lectures, exercises and participation in semester exams of students from the Faculty of Medicine, lectures, exercises and participation in semester exams of students from the Medical College, supervision of doctoral and postgraduate students. From the academic reports attached to the competition documents for the classroom workload during the academic years 2021/2022, 2022/2023 and 2023/2024, it is evident that the academic workload of Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev significantly exceeds that provided for in the regulations.

11. Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev is the author of two curricula at MU-Plovdiv - for teaching "Clinical Allergology" to students majoring in "Medicine" and for studying the subject "Food Toxicology" by students from the Medical College majoring in "Dietary Nutrition Instructor". He is a co-author of the curricula on "Occupational Diseases and Toxicology" for training students in the specialty "Medicine" at the Faculty of Medicine, as well as the curriculum on "Occupational Diseases" for teaching students in the specialty "Dental Medicine" at the Faculty of Dentistry of the Medical University of Plovdiv. Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev is also the author of the academic standards of the mentioned academic disciplines, has developed tests for practical exercises in occupational diseases, clinical toxicology and allergology with students of the specialty "Medicine", tests for practical exercises in occupational diseases with students of the specialty "Dental Medicine", "Food Toxicology" and "Occupational Diseases with Toxicology" for training students of the Medical College. Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev is the author of the doctoral program in the scientific specialty "Immunopathology and Allergology" for acquiring the ONS "Doctor" at MU-Plovdiv (T.33.3.3). He is the author and head of courses for residents and specialists at the Department of Occupational Medicine of MU-Plovdiv.

12. Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev is the author of 12 national projects, of which he is the leader and executor. After taking up the position of AD "Assoc. Prof.", he participated as a leader and mentor in 2 international projects. The contributions of Assoc. Prof. Dermendzhiev as the author, leader and executor of the national projects on diagnostics of occupational diseases from the Working Conditions Fund at the MLSP are reflected in the

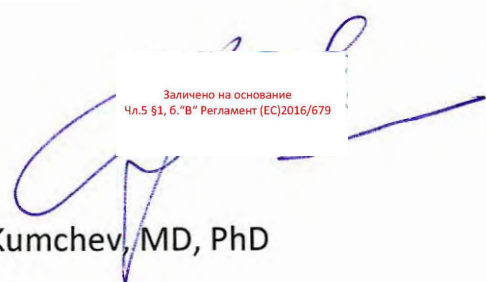
presented report on original scientific contributions with evidentiary material (T.26.0).

13. Since 2018, Assoc. Prof. S. Dermendzhiev, MD, PhD is the Chairman of the Bulgarian Scientific Society of Occupational Diseases and is a member of 3 committees for taking the state exam in "Clinical Allergology", "Occupational Diseases" and "Clinical Toxicology".

14. As an established specialist, Assoc. Prof. S. Dermendzhiev, MD is a member of the National Expert Specialized Medical Board at the Bulgarian Medical Academy in Clinical Allergology.

Conclusion:

After a thorough examination of the materials provided to me, I believe that Associate Professor Dr. Svetlan Dermendzhiev, MSc, meets the mandatory quantitative criteria and scientometric indicators for holding the academic position of "Professor" according to the Development Act of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its implementation and the Regulations for academic development at the Medical University-Plovdiv. Based on the analysis and evaluation of the documents submitted during the procedure, as well as my personal impressions of Associate Professor Dermendzhiev, **I vote in the affirmative, and I propose to the members of the committee appointed by the Rector of MU Plovdiv to recognize the title of Associate Professor in the scientific specialty "Immunopathology and Allergology" of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Svetlan Mihov Dermendzhiev, MD.**



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