

STATEMENT

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Regarding: Competition for the academic position of Associate Professor

I am a member of the Academic Jury appointed by Order No. R-2565/22.04.2026 of the Rector of the Medical University – Plovdiv in connection with the procedure for appointment to the academic position of Associate Professor in professional field 7.3 Pharmacy, scientific specialty “Pharmacoeconomics and Pharmaceutical Regulation”, announced in the State Gazette, issue No. 13/03.02.2026, for the needs of the Department of Organization and Economics of Pharmacy at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Medical University – Plovdiv.

The only applicant in the procedure is Chief Assistant Vasil Georgiev Madzharov, PhD.

The submitted documents are complete and comply fully with the requirements of the Regulations for the Structure and Activities of the Medical University – Plovdiv and the Regulations for Academic Development at MU-Plovdiv, which provides a solid basis for an objective evaluation of the applicant.

General Overview of the Applicant

Dr. Madzharov is a Master of Pharmacy with extensive academic and professional experience. He graduated from the Faculty of Pharmacy at the Medical University – Sofia in 2003 and was awarded a PhD degree in 2014.

His professional career demonstrates a successful integration of academic work with practical experience in the pharmaceutical sector, which adds substantial applied value to his research. His additional specializations in the organization of pharmaceutical practice and hospital pharmacy further enhance his expertise and broaden the scope of his professional interests.

Bibliometric Indicators and Research Output

The submitted materials clearly demonstrate that the applicant not only meets but significantly exceeds the minimum requirements for appointment to the academic position of Associate Professor. His total score amounts to 3457.35 points, which is well above the required minimum of 1270 points and reflects sustained and productive research activity.

Dr. Madzharov’s scholarly output comprises 24 publications, 15 of which are published in journals indexed in international databases such as Scopus and Web of Science, including 9 publications with an impact factor. In addition, he has co-authored two monographs, as well as 6 university textbooks and 2 teaching manuals.

His work has been cited 113 times, including 61 citations in journals indexed in Scopus and Web of Science, and his h-index (Scopus) is 4. These indicators demonstrate strong international visibility and recognition within the academic community.

Assessment of the Monographic Works

The candidate has presented two monographic works that address significant and актуални проблеми в областта на фармацевтичната наука. The monographs demonstrate a high level of scientific rigor, systematic analysis, and clear conceptual structure.

They provide a comprehensive examination of key issues related to drug shortages and pharmaceutical regulation, integrating theoretical frameworks with practical implications. The presented analyses are based on a critical review of the literature and are supported by well-argued conclusions and recommendations.

The monographic works are characterized by their relevance, originality, and applicability, and they make a substantial contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field.

Evaluation of Scientific Contributions

Dr. Madzharov's research activity is characterized by thematic consistency and a clear focus on current and socially significant issues in the field of pharmacy.

A central area of his research is the study of drug shortages, where he proposes a comprehensive analytical framework that integrates regulatory, economic, and logistical factors. In these studies, drug shortages are convincingly conceptualized as a systemic issue affecting healthcare systems, which enhances the relevance and applicability of the findings.

Significant contributions are also evident in the field of pharmaceutical regulation. His work provides an in-depth analysis of marketing authorization procedures for medicinal products, highlighting the importance of scientific evaluation and the benefit-risk balance as key decision-making criteria.

Particularly noteworthy are his findings related to the safety of food supplements. Using advanced analytical methods, he demonstrates the presence of undeclared pharmacologically active substances, often in quantities exceeding therapeutic doses, which represents a substantial risk to public health.

In the area of clinical pharmacy and pharmaceutical care, Dr. Madzharov effectively demonstrates the important role of the pharmacist as an active participant in the therapeutic process, emphasizing the positive impact of pharmaceutical care on treatment outcomes and patient health literacy.

His research in public health and the prevention of psychoactive substance use is also of considerable importance, as it has clear societal relevance and practical implications.

Teaching Activity

Dr. Madzharov's teaching activity is long-standing and consistent, dating back to the establishment of the Faculty of Pharmacy at the Medical University – Plovdiv and continuing to the present day. Over the years, he has been actively involved in the education of pharmacy students, delivering lectures, seminars, and practical training in disciplines such as Social Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Legislation, and Pharmaceutical Care.

His teaching load significantly exceeds the required standard, reaching over 690 academic hours in recent years, compared to the required norm of 360 hours per year. This reflects both his strong commitment to teaching and the high level of trust placed in him by his department.

He is also actively engaged in the development of teaching materials, and his co-authorship of university textbooks and manuals contributes to the quality and modernization of the educational process.

Conclusion

Based on the submitted materials and my overall assessment, I consider that Dr. Vasil Georgiev Madzharov is a well-established researcher and educator with a clearly defined academic profile, consistent professional development, and significant scientific and applied contributions.

I am personally familiar with his professional and teaching activities and can attest to his consistency, responsibility, and high level of commitment to both research and student education. His practical experience and academic expertise complement each other effectively, making him a highly valuable specialist in the field of pharmacy.

His scholarly output is of substantial volume and quality, and his bibliometric indicators significantly exceed the required criteria.

On the basis of the above, and in accordance with the requirements of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the relevant regulations of the Medical University – Plovdiv, I strongly recommend that the esteemed Academic Jury appoint Dr. Vasil Georgiev Madzharov to the academic position of Associate Professor in professional field 7.3 Pharmacy.

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