

To the chair of the Scientific Jury

At University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov," Burgas

Appointed by order № RD-207/23.06.2025 of

The Rector of University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov," Burgas, by the procedure for an academic positions "Associate professor" with the candidate Antoaneta Vasileva Fasova, MD, PhD

OPINION

By Prof. Dr. Hristo Stoyanov Bozov, MD

Faculty of Medicine, Burgas State University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov", a member of the Scientific Jury, appointed by Order No. RD-207 of 23.06.2025 by the Rector of Burgas State University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov".

Concerning: Aptitude for an academic position "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education, 7. Health and Sport, professional field 7.1. Medicine, medical specialty "Anatomy, histology and cytology" at Burgas State University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov".

Brief biographic data

Antoaneta Fasova completed higher education at the Medical University Plovdiv in 2001, Faculty of Medicine with a professional qualification "Master doctor". After graduation, from 2002 to 2003, she worked as a resident at Hospice "Milosardie", Plovdiv, and from 2003 to 2006 as a resident at the Emergency Medical Center, Plovdiv.

In 2006, after a competition, she got a job as an assistant at the Department of Anatomy, Histology and Embryology, Medical University-Plovdiv, where he has been working ever since. In 2011, after passing the state exam, she acquired the specialty "Anatomy, histology and cytology". In 2023 she successfully defended her dissertation and obtained a Ph.D. degree on topic "Anthropometric and anthroposcopic characteristics of humerus in the Bulgarian population and its application as a sex predictor", at the Medical University - Plovdiv. Since 2024 she has occupied the academic position of Chief Assistant professor.

Dr. Fasova is fluent in English (Cambridge Certificate in English, Level B2) and Russian.

Assessment of teaching and administrative activities

The average annual academic workload /auditorial and extra-auditorial/ of Dr. Fasova, over the last 3 years, has been 1053 hours. As evidenced by the enclosed record of teaching hours/ hours of instruction, the candidate performs teaching activities in the field of anatomy, histology and cytology the Department of of Anatomy, Histology and Embryology at Medical University - Plovdiv and teaches students from different specialties with English- and Bulgarien-taught programs. She has been appointed as the chief administrative assistant in the Department from 2020-2024. Dr. Fasova is the scientific advisor of one PhD – candidate.

The candidate is a coauthor/author of 2 teaching materials.

Assessment of the main fields of research interest

The main part of Dr. Fasova's work is related to the anthropological characteristics of long bones - humerus and femur, and their sex identification. Discriminant equations and scales have been created for sex identification in the field of forensic anthropology. A significant number of publications are related to the study of variations found during routine dissection of human cadavers. Dr. Fasova examined the dermatoglyphic features in clinical psychiatric practice. The anthropological characteristics of patients with schizophrenia and bipolar affective disorder type I and their dermatoglyphic features have been studied. The candidate presents many interdisciplinary studies. Part of the publications have a focus beyond anatomy and are in the field of forensic anthropology and general pathology which prove the key role of anatomy for other medical specialties. She presented two scientific projects.

The candidate has the following published scientific works in compliance with the minimum national requirements for holding the academic position of Associate Professor stipulated in the Act for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria.

1. Habilitation work – scientific publications (no less than 10) in refereed journals indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information
2. Publications and reports published in scientific journals, refereed and indexed in world-class scientific databases (only Scopus and Web of science) – 4 pc. 3 of them have IF
3. Publications and reports published in non-refereed journals with scholarly review or ones published in edited collections – 19 pc
4. Number of citations, refereed and indexed in world-class databases – 14 pc and 3 reviews. Her H-index is 4.
5. Number of scientific projects – 2pc
6. Number of published teaching materials – 2 pc

Conclusion

Based on her scientometric indicators and taking into account the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (LDASRB), the Regulations for the Application of LDASRB, and the Regulations for the Acquisition of Academic Degrees and Academic Positions at the Burgas State University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" I give a positive assessment to the candidacy of Dr. Antoaneta Fasova, MD. for awarding the title of Associate Professor in Anatomy, Histology and Cytology. I recommend to the esteemed Scientific Jury to vote positively for Dr. Antoaneta Fasova to be awarded the academic position of "Associate Professor" for the needs of the Department of Anatomy,

Histology and Embryology, Pathology, Forensic Medicine and Deontology at the Burgas State University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov".

Date: 29.08.2025.

Signature:

/ Prof. Dr. Hristo Bozov, MD/