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REVIEW

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Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov "- Burgas
on an announced competition for the academic position "Professor"
from the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov "- Burgas

The competition has been announced in the field of higher education: in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and sports, professional field 7.4 Public health, in the scientific specialty "Social medicine and organization of healthcare and pharmacy" SG, iss. 01 of 04.01.2022

The reason for writing the opinion is Order № RD-55 / 01.03.2022 of the Rector of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov "- Burgas to determine the composition of the scientific jury and the first meeting of the scientific jury, at which I was appointed reviewer.

This opinion has been prepared in accordance with the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ACASR), the Regulations for the Implementation of ACASR and the Regulations on the Terms and Conditions for Acquisition of Scientific Degrees and Academic Positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov "- Burgas.

The only candidate in the competition is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vladimir Hristov Gonchev, MD.

1. General information about the candidate

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vladimir Hristov Gonchev, MD was born on June 10, 1963 in the town of Haskovo. He graduated from high school in 1981 at the Haskovo Mathematical High School. In 1987 he graduated in human medicine at the Medical Academy, Higher Medical University Plovdiv (Diploma № 01376/1987). In 2005 he received a diploma in the educational qualification degree "Master" in "Public Administration" from UNWE Sofia.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vladimir Hristov Gonchev has three recognized medical specialties: Internal Medicine from the Higher Medical Institute Sofia; specialty Social Medicine and Health Management, Medical University Sofia; specialty Health Economics, Medical University Sofia.

In 2009 he obtained the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the specialty "Social Medicine and Organization of Health and Pharmacy" in the professional field 7.4. Medicine for defensive dissertation on "Formation and professional development of health managers in the context of health reform in the Republic of Bulgaria" Medical University Sofia - Sofia (Diploma № 33221 / 25.05.2009).

In 2017 Acquired the academic degree "Associate Professor", in the scientific specialty "Social Medicine and Organization of Health and Pharmacy" professional field 7.4 Public Health, Certificate №058 / 12.04.2017 at the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" - Burgas.

The attached documents show that the candidate's work experience began at the Regional Hospital in Haskovo in the period 1987-1997 and he worked as a doctor in the internal medicine department and the functional diagnostics department. From 1997 to March 2010 he was the Director of the Regional Health Center - Haskovo. During the period 2010 - 2017 he participated in the management of various medical institutions: Manager of DCC - St. George Haskovo (2010 - 2016); Manager of MC "Prof. Stoyan Kirkovich" Stara Zagora (2016 - 2017); Member of the Board of Directors of Haskovo Hospital (2017).

Since 06.2018 he has been a member of the Supreme Medical Council as a representative of the Bulgarian Medical Union

Since 04. 2019 Member of the Management Board of the National Association for Health Policy and Management National Association for Health Policy and Management

From 01.2020 he was elected Head of the Department of Internal Medicine, Pharmacology, Pediatrics, Social Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Computer Technology, Latin Language at the Faculty of Medicine at the University "Professor Dr. Assen Zlatarov".

Since 04. 2021 Secretary of the Management Board of the Medical College Haskovo BMA

Since 05.2021 he has been an expert at UMHAT Burgas in the field of SDO and scientific development of the medical staff of UMHAT Burgas

На 19.10.2021 г. Удостоен с почетен знак и грамота в категория Принос за развитието и утвърждаване авторитета на съсловната организация БЛС

On 19.10.2021 he was awarded with a badge of honor and a diploma in the category Contribution to the development and affirmation of the authority of the professional organization BMA

The academic teaching activity of Dr. Vladimir Hristov Gonchev began in 2017 as an associate professor in the Department of "Organization and Management of Health Care" at the University "Professor Dr. Asen Zlatarov" Burgas. Prior to that, he participated as a lecturer and lecturer in various courses and seminars in the field of public health and health management under the auspices of the Ministry of Health and BMA. In 2021 he was elected Head of the Department of Internal Medicine, Pharmacology, Pediatrics, Social Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Computer Technology, Latin Language at the Medical Faculty of the University.

2. Description of the presented materials

The presented set of materials and documents for participation in the competition is in accordance with Art. 67. (2) of the Regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" - Burgas and includes all required documents:

- 1. Documents for proving work experience under art. 73, para. 1 item 2 and item 3
 - Academic position "Associate Professor" at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov
 - Documents for a health specialist;
- 2. Copy of diploma of higher education Medicine;
 - Copy of diploma for Master of Public Administration;
 - Copy of the diploma for the specialty Internal Medicine;
 - Copy of the diploma in Medical Informatics and Health Management;

- Copy of diploma in Health Economics;
- Copy of the diploma for ONS doctor;
- Copy of the diploma for Associate Professor;
- 3. Documents for participation in research projects;
- 4. Information for teaching activity;
- 5. List of doctoral students and postgraduates, led by the candidate;
- 6. Declarations for co-authorship in accordance with PURPNSZAD of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov "- Burgas;
- 7. Information on fulfillment of the minimum requirements;
- 8. Complete list of publications;
- 9. List of publications for participation in the competition;
- 10. Author's reference and summaries of the scientific contributions of the works;
- 11. Information on the citations in which the candidate's publication is cited;

3. General characteristics of the scientific, scientific-applied activity and assessment of the personal contribution of the candidate

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vladimir Hristov Gonchev participated in the competition with 35 scientific papers, 14 independent publications, 16 co-authored and 2 reports.

The candidate's monograph entitled "Review of some modern applications of digital technologies in medicine and healthcare" examines new technologies - artificial intelligence, digital health, telemedicine, portable sensors, virtual reality, which will completely change the way patients and doctors perceive healthcare and medical practice and science.

In the monographic work "Professional Development of Health Managers in the Reforming Health System in the Republic of Bulgaria" an attempt is made to analyze the development, theory and practice of training in Health Management and Public Health in the United States, Europe and Bulgaria. Based on our own research, we analyze the state of training in Health Management and Public Health and the professional career development of health managers at different levels in the health system in Bulgaria.

The monographic work "Quality of services in health tourism / on the example of spas in Bulgaria Quality of services in health tourism / on the example of spas in Bulgaria", developed in co-authorship examines the issue of quality of health services.

The main thematic areas in the scientific works are:

- 1. Public health and health management-training and professional realization of professionals in health management
 - 2. Modern aspects of health management and others
 - 3. Public health as part of the national security system
- 4. Public health issues with a focus on inequalities in health and patient safety and palliative care
- Developments and studies in the field of clinical medicine considered from the aspect of social medicine
- 6. Modern aspects and applications of digital technologies in medicine and healthcare
 - 7. History of healthcare

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Group of indicators	Professor, according to Law	Professor, according to Rules of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov "Burgas	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vladimir Hristov Gonchev
A	50	50	50
Б	**	-	50
В	100	100	-
Γ	200		100
П		250	788,3
E	100	150	485
	100	120	260
Total	550	670	1683,3

Therefore, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vladimir Hristov Gonchev fully covers and significantly exceeds in groups of indicators D, E and E the minimum national requirements and the minimum requirements in PURPNSZAD of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov "-Burgas for holding the academic position" Professor "in the professional field 7.4 Public Health, in the scientific specialty" Social Medicine and Organization of Healthcare and Pharmacy".

4. Quantitative and qualitative evaluation of the teaching work

From the presented materials it is evident that Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vladimir Hristov Gonchev fulfills the quantitative indicators for teaching and learning work. He is the author of the curricula in the disciplines "Social Medicine", "Medical Ethics", "Stress and Health", "Hygiene and Ecology", "Medical Sociology", "Biostatistics", "Communication and Public Relations", "Primary Care "At the University" Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov "-Burgas.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vladimir Hristov Gonchev has conducted training for students majoring in "Medicine", "Midwife", "Nurse", "Medical Assistant", "Rehabilitator" at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov "-Burgas.

- 1. "Social Medicine" of students majoring in "Nurse", "Midwife" and "Medical Assistant" FPHHC, Bachelor's degree;
- "Social medicine and health promotion" of students majoring in "Medicine", Ministry of Finance;
- 3. "Medical ethics" of students majoring in "Nurse",
- "Midwife" and "Medical Assistant", PHC and specialty "Medicine", MF;

- 4. "Stress and health" of students majoring in "Nurse",
- "Midwife" and "Medical Assistant", FPHHC Bachelor's degree;
- 5. "Hygiene and ecology" of students majoring in "Rehabilitator", MC;
- 6. "Stress and health" of students majoring in "Rehabilitator", MC;
- 7. "Medical Sociology" of students majoring in "Rehabilitator", MC;
- 8. "Biostatistics" of the specialty "Medicine", Ministry of Finance;
- 9. "Primary medical care" for students majoring in "Medical Assistant", PHC;
- 10. "Communication and Public Relations", "Social Medicine", "Medical Ethics", "Global Trends in Public Health" in the specialty "Health Management" ACS "Master".

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vladimir Hristov Gonchev manages to combine his scientific and practical experience with his teaching work. This gives me reason to appreciate his teaching work.

I believe that Assoc. Prof. Gonchev has the necessary teaching experience and degree of readiness to hold the academic position of "professor".

5. Research activity

- 1. Participant in the teams of the following projects:
- Project №B2.9a.12 / 05.09.2017 Interreg Greece-Bulgaria "Intelligent Medicine" (Smart_Med), funded by the cooperation program INTERREG V-A "Greece-Bulgaria 2014-2020", lead partner Dimitrovgrad Municipality management contract
- Project № BG05M2OP001-1.002-0011-C02 "Construction and development of the Center for Competence in Mechatronics and Clean Technologies MIRACle" - international project - team member, researcher R2
- 2. By Order RD 1 / 06.01.2020 he was appointed Chairman of the Commission for organizing, conducting ranking and acceptance of project reports under the NIHTD at the Faculty of Public Health and Health Care, Faculty of Medicine and Medical College.

3. By Order RD 282 / 21.11.2019 he was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Scientific Colloquium at the Public Health Institute and the Ministry of Culture.

Having in mind the scientific achievements of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vladimir Hristov Gonchev in the field of public health and social medicine, his in-depth practical skills and proven teaching experience, I recommend him to focus his efforts on more active work with young researchers and PhD students.

6. Conclusion

After getting acquainted with the materials and scientific papers provided by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vladimir Hristov Gonchev, I confirm the compliance of the candidate's results with the requirements of ZRASRB, the Regulations for application of ZRASRB and the Regulations on the terms and conditions for obtaining scientific degrees and holding academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" - Burgas for holding the academic position "Professor" in the professional field professional field 7.4. "Public Health". The candidate significantly exceeds the minimum national requirements in the professional field, as well as the additional requirements of the University.

Based on the above, I give a positive assessment of the candidacy of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vladimir Hristov Gonchev, Ph.D. I recommend to the scientific jury to propose to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Medicine at the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" - Burgas to elect Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vladimir Hristov Gonchev, MD to take the academic position of "Professor" in higher education. 7. Healthcare and sports, professional field 7.4 Public health, in the specialty "Social medicine and organization of healthcare and pharmacy" for the needs of the Department of Internal Medicine, Pharmacology, Pediatrics, Social Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Computer Technology, Computer Technology "To the Medical Faculty at the University" Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov "- Burgas.

April 12, 2022

Signature:

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