

**Standpoint**  
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Pursuant to Art. 4, paragraph 2 of the LDAS in the Republic of Bulgaria, in connection with the announcement by the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" city of Burgas in state newspaper, no. 45 /17.06.2022 competition for the academic position of "professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty "Psychiatry", Order No. RD-260/15.09.2022 of the Rector of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" city of Burgas and report with reg. No. 2034 of 28.07.2022,

Evaluation of the submitted documents for awarding the academic position "Professor" in the scientific specialty "Psychiatry" in the Department of "Health Care" for the needs of the Faculty of Social Professions announced in the State Gazette No. 45 of 17.06.2022.

The only candidate in the competition is Associate Professor Dr. Georgi Panov Panov, MD., PhD, DSc

**Biographical data**

Associate Professor Doctor Georgi Panov is currently the head of the psychiatric clinic at UMBAL AD "Prof. Dr. Stoyan Kirkovich" Stara Zagora since 2016. He began his career at the Radnevo Psychiatric Hospital, and two years later he started working in the diagnostic department of the District Hospital in Stara Zagora. Throughout the period, he also worked in a psychiatric outpatient clinic, treating patients with mental disorders, as well as neurophysiological studies of patients with neurological and mental illnesses.

**Education**

Georgi Panov graduated from Medical University in Stara Zagora in 1991. Acquired a specialty in psychiatry in 1997. Defended the educational and scientific degree "doctor" in 2004. In 2016, he acquired a specialty in "nervous diseases". As of 2020, he has a "Master's" qualification in health management. Since 2016, he has been elected to the position of "Associate Professor" at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" city of Burgas. In 2022, he acquired the educational and scientific degree "Doctor of Medical Sciences".

### **Research activity**

Associate Professor Georgi Panov has presented 6 publications in journals with an impact factor. In 5 of them he is the first author, the rest is the second author. The author's personal impact factor is 19.356.

A total of 48 publications – full text and 34 reports presented at congresses and conferences were presented. Of the 48 publications presented, 31 are in Bulgarian journals, 7 are contributions to monograph, 4 are in peer-reviewed journals without an impact factor. Associate Professor Panov is the first author in 74.4% of them.

The candidate was a participant in 6 scientific juries for the defense of dissertation works for the acquisition of the scientific and educational degree "doctor". He participated in two juries for obtaining the scientific title of "principal assistant" and in two juries for obtaining the academic position of "associate professor".

Associate Professor Panov was a reviewer of articles in renowned journals with an impact factor (3 in total) as well as of a scientific project and a monograph.

Associate Professor Panov has presented three monographs. The two are independent work of the candidate, and in the third monograph there is participation with seven independent chapters. He is the sole author of them.

### **Topic of scientific activity**

Associate Professor Panov's scientific activity is diverse, as the author has publications in various fields of psychiatry and neurology.

Scientific activity can be considered in three directions:

First, publications of an applied nature. The author has tried to investigate and characterize problems close to clinical conditions, as the conclusions of his studies are easily applicable in clinical practice. What they can be grouped by is that they go beyond "purely" scientific interest.

Second, scientific publications on very central problems in neuroscience and psychiatry, such as epilepsy and schizophrenia. His two dissertations and the publication activity related to them show a consistent derivation of the factors associated with the resistance of symptoms in both diseases. Algorithms for the early recognition of refractory cases have been derived, which are both scientifically and practically oriented.

Third, publications focused thematically on active description and explanation of the overlap of neurological and psychiatric symptoms that we all observe in clinical practice. The entire scientific activity of the author indicates the connection between the two specialties.

### **Conclusion**

With this review, I express my conviction that the submitted documents of Associate Professor Georgi Panov Panov fully meet the requirements of the Law on the Development of the

Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for its Application, as well as the requirements of the Regulations on the Development of the Academic Staff at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" city of Burgas for awarding the academic position of "professor" I recommend to the respected members of the Scientific Jury to award Associate Professor Doctor Georgi Panov the academic degree "Professor" in professional direction 7.1 Medicine, scientific specialty "Psychiatry".

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