

STANDPOINT

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of the submitted documents for the award of an academic position
"professor" in the scientific specialty "Psychiatry" in the department of
"Health care" for the needs of the Faculty of Public Professions
announced in the State Gazette No. 7 of 17.06.2022.

By order RD-260 of 15.09.2022 of the Rector of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas, I was elected as a member of the Scientific Jury for procedure for acquiring the academic position "professor" with only candidate associate professor Dr. Georgi Panov Panov, MD, PhD, DSc and by Decision of The Chairman of the Scientific Jury has been appointed to prepare a review regarding the competition for the academic position "professor" in the area of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction Medicine, scientific specialty "Psychiatry" and Report with reg. Number 2034 of 28.07.2022.

Education, qualification, professional realization, specializations and membership in scientific organizations.

Associate Professor Georgi Panov, PhD, graduated in medicine in 1991 in the Medical Faculty of Stara Zagora town. From 1997 he was a specialist in psychiatry and in 2016 he acquired specialty in neurology. In 2004, he defended his dissertation for acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "doctor" on a topic "Comparative clinical-neurophysiological and psychiatric evaluation of patients with refractory and well-controlled epileptic seizures" in MU – Pleven

with scientific supervisor Assoc. Dr. Stoyan Bozhinov.MD, PhD. In 2016 he was elected associate professor of psychiatry at the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" - Burgas. Since 2020, he has a qualification in "Health management". In 2022, he defends the scientific degree "doctor of sciences" at the MU - Pleven with a dissertation on the topic "Comparative clinical-neurophysiological and psychological assessment of patients with resistant schizophrenia"

The professional realization of Assoc. Prof. Dr. G. Panov includes:

- from January 2015 until now he is the Head of clinic of psychiatry at UMBAL "Prof. Dr. Stoyan Kirkovich" AD, Stara Zagora
- from January 2015 to the present, he works as consultant to the TELC commission at UMBAL "Prof. Dr. Stoyan Kirkovich AD in Stara Zagora
- from March 1993 to January 2015 he was a consultant of psychiatry and head electroencephalographic (EEG) laboratory at UMBAL "Prof. Dr. Stoyan Kirkovich" Stara Zagora
- from March 1993 to the present moment, he has been conducting examinations and treatment of patients with mental and neurological diseases, epilepsy and other borderline conditions in a private medical center in Stara Zagora

Specializations: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Georgi Panov has completed 6 practical postgraduate studies abroad, of which 4 in Munich, Germany in the field of epileptology, one course in the field of clinical psychiatry and neurophysiology in Vienna, Austria, and training on the use of Vagus nerve stimulation in the treatment of patients with affective disorders and epilepsy in Brussels, Belgium. He is regular participant in various scientific forums with the country and abroad (the annual congresses of the European College of Neuropsychopharmacology) and in Bulgaria (the congresses of the Bulgarian Psychiatric Association, Collegium Private Psychiatry, conferences on psychosomatic medicine and neurodegenerative diseases). Assoc. Prof. Dr. G. Panov is a member of the

Bulgarian Medical Union, the Bulgarian Association, Psychiatric Association, the Bulgarian Society of Neurology, The Bulgarian Society against Epilepsy, the Bulgarian Society for EEG, EMG and Clinical Neurophysiology. He speaks English and Russian.

Publications, citations, scientific activity. Assoc. prof. G. Panov presents a general scientific production of 80 scientific papers. Of them, two dissertations. Three monographs, two of which are independent work of the author and published after occupying the position of "associate professor". In one monograph he participated with seven chapters of which he is the sole author. The candidate presents 41 publications in full text. Of them, 6 are in journals with an impact factor, as in 5 of them Assoc. Prof. G. Panov is the first and only author. In one of the publications he is a second author. The candidate's personal impact factor is **19.356**. In his scientific output production has 4 publications referenced in large databases without impact factor. Assoc. Prof. G. Panov presented 23 articles published in Bulgarian magazines and 8 in collections in Bulgaria with international participation. Of these articles he is the first author in 30 (73.2 %) of them and the second author in 4 (9.6 %). There are 7 abstracts presented, of which 6 at international congresses. Of them, he is the first author of 5 (71.4 %) and the third author of the remaining 2 (28.5 %).

Assoc. Prof. G. Panov attached a list containing 25 presentations at congresses and conferences of which he is the sole author, one of which was presented at an international congress.

Assoc. Prof. G. Panov presents a list of 62 citations, a large part of which are in impact factor journals, in three textbooks and two monographs.

The candidate's expert activity includes participation as a reviewer of dissertations, competitions for chief assistant and associate professor - list of a total 10 contests. He has reviewed one international project as well as articles in impact factor journals.

Teaching experience: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Georgi Panov has a long-standing teaching experience. Since 2006, he has been a part time teacher at Medical College - Haskovo, and since 2016 he is an associate professor in the department "Health Care" at "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" University Burgas, where he teaches the disciplines "medical psychology" and "psychiatry"

Conclusion:

Associate Professor Dr. Georgi Panov, MD, PhD, DSc, has presented a significant quantity and quality of scientific production. My participation as a reviewer of his dissertation and scholarly output, and in my capacity as a direct witness of his long-term scientific and clinical activity, provides me solid evidence that he is an ethical and responsible scientist with extensive teaching experience. The materials provided by the competition show that he fully meets the requirements and the quantitative ones criteria of Law for development of academic staff and the Regulations for the development of the academic staff in University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov", Burgas for appropriation of the academic position of "Professor".

Based on the above, I confidently recommend to the honored members of the scientific jury, evaluating the overall scientific, teaching and clinical activity of Associate professor Dr. Georgi Panov Panov, MD, PhD, DSc to vote positively for awarding him with the academic position "professor" in the scientific specialty of psychiatry in the Department of "Health Care" of the Faculty of Public Health and Healthcare of University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" – Burgas.

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