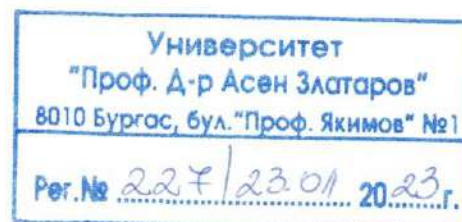


## POSITION



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425/06.12.22 by the Rector of University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov"

**Subject: Selection of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health and sport, professional direction 7.1 Medicine, scientific specialty "Clinical pharmacology", announced in SN no. 65/12. 08. 2022**

The review of the materials submitted for the competition is based on the requirements of the Regulations on the conditions and the procedure for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarev".

Only one candidate submitted documents for participation in the competition

Dr. Svetoslav Valentinov Tsenov, MD, Assistant Professor at the Department of Preventive Medicine, MU Sofia - Faculty of Public Health.

*Professional Development:* Dr. Svetoslav Tsenov graduated with a master's degree, specialty: medicine, Medical University - Sofia in 2006. He has a specialization in international finance (Business Academy, Svishtov), in health economics (MU Varna). He has a doctorate in social medicine and health management (2019). The topic of the dissertation is "Medical-social significance of familial hypercholesterolemia in Bulgaria".

He is currently an assistant at the Department of Preventive Medicine, MU Sofia - Faculty of Public Health and a managing director of Sunlight Health OOD. Dr. Tsenov is a board member of the Bulgarian Cancer Scientific Society.

He has held national and international management positions in companies such as Astellas Pharma USA; Amgen Bulgaria, Europe and Northeast Europe; Sanofi-Aventis Bulgaria; INC Research.

Dr. Tsenov has strong leadership qualities and strategic thinking. Able to lead and work in a team.

### *Teaching activity:*

Since 2021, he has been an assistant at the Department of Preventive Medicine, MU Sofia - Faculty of Public Health.

Since 2017, Dr. Svetoslav Tsenov maintains an active membership in the Bulgarian Cancer Scientific Society and is a member of a research team participating in the development of a number of scientific guidelines and recommendations in the field of healthcare and medical

oncology. Actively participates in training and discussions of interns, specialists and doctoral students in the field of medical oncology, Bulgarian Medical Union and the association of scientific research pharmaceutical manufacturers.

He is a lecturer in international and national forums on innovative models for the development of new molecules, trends in the development of clinical trials.

He is a participant in project BG05M2OP001-2.013-0001 - "STUDENT PRACTICES - PHASE 2" as a mentor during practical training of students from MU-Sofia.

*The research activity* of Dr. Tsenov is related to a number of developments and problems in oncology. He is an active member of BCSS's Board of Directors and national coordinator of the National Beating Cancer Plan. The work on the development of the National Beating Cancer Plan is related to continuous monitoring and adaptation of the latest European and world practices on the territory of the country with the aim of their successful and effective implementation at a subsequent stage. Participates in the process of updating the screening programs in the country for key oncological diseases as well as in the development of a scientific program based on modern approaches in the diagnosis and treatment of various oncological diseases.

Another focus of his work is familial hypercholesterolemia – CVD risk factor, social relevance, current therapies and national policies.

Dr. Tsenov participated in the creation of a registry for patients with familial hypercholesterolemia in order to monitor the dynamics of the disease, as well as to determine the risk of developing cardiovascular disease. Participated in a project to introduce early diagnosis and follow-up of patients with familial hypercholesterolemia, as well as the prevention of the development of cardiovascular disease in them.

He is a participant in pilot clinical trials with the aim of evaluating and introducing in the country safe and more effective lipid-lowering therapies that can be used both in combination with statins and alone.

Participated in the process of communicating the data from the clinical program of evolocumab to the clinical practice in Bulgaria.

One monograph - NEW APPROACHES IN THE TREATMENT OF FAMILIAL HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA is presented in the competition. The topic is one of the focuses of Dr. Tsenov's research activity and a continuation of his doctoral work. A retrospective review of familial hypercholesterolemia, current treatment, and problems associated with sometimes unsatisfactory treatment is presented. The future directions in the treatment - gene therapy and the challenges in the territory of the European Union are outlined.

In the announced competition, Dr. Tsenov participated with the experience of a senior associate clinical trials INC Research (2008-2009), head of clinical trials in Amgen Bulgaria and Astellas Bulgaria (2017-2018).

18 publications are presented, in 16 of which he is the first author; 6 of the publications were published in scientific editions, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information. Four of the publications are also included in his PhD thesis, so I cannot accept them.

According to the submitted reference of the Central Medical Library, MU Sofia, 595 citations were found in the SCOPUS database.

The minimum required points by groups of indicators for an associate professor are 450, Dr. Tsenov has 9413 points.

### **Conclusion**

Based on the presented materials and my assessment of the qualities and scientometric indicators of Dr. Tsenov's activity, I believe that they meet the professional qualification characteristics of the academic position of "associate professor" according to the requirements of Law on the Development of the Academic Staff and the Regulations on the conditions and the procedure for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov".

I will vote POSITIVE for the election of Dr. Svetoslav Valentinov Tsenov, MD, as an associate professor in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty "Clinical Pharmacology" for the needs of University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov".

20.12.2022

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