



POSITION

From Prof. Kancho Trifonov Tchamov, MD, PhD, member of the scientific jury, according to order № RD-31 / 05.02.2021 of the Rector of "Prof. D-r. Assen Zlatarov" University – Burgas

Regarding: competition for the appointment on the academic position of "Associate Professor" in Higher education field – 7. Health care and sport, professional field – 7.4. Public Health and scientific specialty "Social medicine and organization of healthcare and pharmacy", published in the State Newspaper, issue 105 on 11.12.2020 for the needs of the "Pharmacy" department in the Medical college, "Prof. D-r. Assen Zlatarov" University – Burgas

The only candidate for the competition is Chief Assistant Professor Master of Pharmacy Hristo Georgiev Burgazliev, PhD.

1. Biographical data and career development

Chief Assistant Professor Hristo Georgiev Burgazliev, PhD is born on 21.04.1964 in the city of Burgas. In the period 1984-1989 he graduates his higher education in the High Medical Institute of Sofia by the Medical Academy and acquires full rights as "Master of Pharmacy". After graduating his higher education he works consecutively as a Pharmacist in "Aptechno predpriyatie AD Burgas" and afterwards as the General Manager for the wholesale medicine company "MAGINED OOD". Since 1996 he is the General Manager of the Community company – "Apteki" LTD Burgas and as of 2009 until now he is the General Manager for the wholesale medicine company "STING AD" Burgas.

During the period 1993-1996 he completed a course of study at the Burgas Free University and acquired a master's degree in business management with a professional qualification of master of economics. In 1999, after passing a state exam, he acquired a specialty in "Organization and Economics of Distribution and Pharmacy Practice" from MU - Sofia. From 2003-2018 he was a part-time lecturer, and from March 1, 2018 until now he has been an assistant and chief assistant at the Medical College of the University "Prof. Dr. As. Zlatarov" Burgas. In 2017, he defended his dissertation for the acquisition of NSA "Doctor" on the topic "Origin and development of pharmacy services in the Burgas region" at the NCPHA at the Ministry of Health.

The candidate is fluent in Russian and good English. He has a high computer literacy.

The information about the career development of Chief Assistant Professor Hristo Burgazliev shows the presence of managerial qualities, as well as opportunities for academic development and improvement.

2. Assessment of the candidate for fulfilling the minimal requirements for the appointment of the academic position of “Associate Professor”

Chief Assistant Professor Hristo Burgazliev fulfills the conditions for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" in accordance with Art. 29 of the Law on Health Protection and Sports and the minimum required points for District 7. “Healthcare and Sports”, professional field 7.4. "Public Health" according to the scientometric requirements of the Regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions (RCOASDAAP) for the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov »Burgas. The data in Table 1 confirms the scientometric values, according to which the applicant exceeds the minimum requirements of Art. 73 of RCOASDAAP.

Table 1
Assessment of the candidate on fulfilling the requirements according to RCOASDAAP for the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov »Burgas

Indicator group	Associate Professor in accordance with LDASRB and ADTASRBIR	Associate Professor in accordance with RCOASDAAP Prof. D-r. Assen Zlatarov” University – Burgas	Chief Assistant Professor Hristo Burgazliev
A	50	50	50
Б	-	-	-
B	100	100	100
Г	200	220	336,5
Д	50	60	35
E		20	145
Total	400	450	666,5

3. Scientific production of the candidate

Ch. Assistant Professor Hristo Burgazliev, MD is presented in the competition with 31 real publications after NSA "Doctor", 4 of which are in print. The scientific production of the candidate includes as follows: monograph - 1 issue; published book based on a defended dissertation - 1 issue; publications in magazines and collections - 29 issues. Of the presented publications, 19 have been published in Bulgarian scientific journals, and 13 in foreign and foreign language scientific journals and collections, 5 publications (D 7) were printed in refereed and indexed journals, and the remaining 24 of the candidate's works were printed in non-peer-reviewed scientific journals (D 8). Ch. Assistant Professor Hr. Burgazliev, PhD. is an independent author in 3.0%, first author in 40.6%, second author in 6.2%, third and subsequent author in 50.2% of the scientific publications.

The scientific production of the candidate has been published in authoritative scientific Bulgarian and foreign journals and collections. The citation reference submitted by the candidate indicates 4 citations (1 in a monograph and 3 in nonreferred journals) found in Bulgarian sources. There is no information of publications with impact factor (IF) journals.

4. Thematical direction and original contributions

Presented by Ch. Assistant Professor Hristo Burgazliev, PhD publications are thematically grouped in the following four scientific fields:

4.1. History of pharmacy

This thematic area, comprising of 11 publications, is one of the two most extensively developed in the candidate's scientific production. The publications in this direction are aimed at studying in historical aspect the models for organization, management and functioning of the system for drug supply and pharmacy service of the population in Bulgaria, and with regional orientation exhaustively in Burgas district for the period 1878 - 2015. Experience in the development of new concepts for pharmacy services focused on hospital and clinical pharmacy in the United States, as well as the role of the first women pharmacists in Bulgaria. The works presented in this direction contain theoretical and scientific-practical analyzes, which chronologically trace the evolution of various aspects in the drug supply in Burgas district and Bulgaria. They have an original scientific contribution in this direction.

- the monographic work of the candidate entitled "Origin and development of pharmacy services in the Burgas region", which explores and defines the main stages of construction and operation of the system of drug supply and pharmacy services in the Burgas region for a period of 137 years from the liberation of Bulgaria uptill 2015. The analyzes of the factors for the emergence of private and municipal concession pharmacies and drugstores are contributing; of state and hospital pharmacies; of regulation and deregulation in the pharmaceutical sector; of the professional organization and other professional associations of pharmacists
- analyzes of pharmaceutical practice and training of pharmacists, as well as trends in the development of hospital pharmacies and clinical pharmacy in the United States
- the study of the first women pharmacists in Bulgaria, which has a significant scientific contribution related to the historical memory of Bulgarian pharmaceutical science and practice.

The scientific production of the candidate in this field has an original and contributing character and is characterized by the use of adequate methodological tools and provide opportunities for application in the teaching / training process.

4.2. Pharmacovigilance

The publications of Ch. Assistant Professor Hristo Burgazliev, PhD in this direction (6 in count) are thematically focused on the study of current problems related to the detection, prevention and management of adverse drug reactions (ADRs) of various types that occur in the process of drug therapy. The current drug legislation in Bulgaria requires master pharmacists working in pharmacies to provide

patients with the necessary drug information and pharmaceutical advice. According to Ch. Assistant Professor Hr. Burgazliev in our country there is a problem associated with low activity of reporting adverse drug reactions. This makes pharmaceutical consultation an important element of the care of the individual patient, which aims to: achieve the expected treatment results from the prescribed therapy; to prevent and find a solution to ADRs arising in the process of prescribed drug therapy. The effective organization and management of this process requires a study of the opinion of patients, pharmacists and physicians to clarify the causal relationships that prevent the reporting of adverse reactions. In this regard, the published results of the candidate's participation in the surveys conducted in this area are relevant and with a high scientific and practical contribution.

The applicant's contributions in this area can be summarized as follows:

- the role of the master pharmacist for the communication of ADR by the patient in national (Bulgaria) and regional (Plovdiv region) aspect was studied;
- the activity of patients for reporting of ADRs in national (Bulgaria) and regional (Plovdiv region) scope was studied;

The publications ch. Assistant Professor Hristo Burgazliev in this area have a high applied and informative value.

4.3. Drug policy, pharmaceutical management and pharmacy regulation

This multifaceted thematic area includes 14 publications and is the most thoroughly developed in the scientific production of the candidate. The acquired education, professional experience, academic development and skills for management of structures and resources in the pharmaceutical sector and public health allow the mag. farm. Hristo Burgazliev to approach interdisciplinary and non-standard to the studied impacts, processes and policies. The main emphasis in the candidate's research is placed on: the causal relationship between priority problems, tools and goals of the drug policy; the legal and normative regulation of the pharmacy practice in our country; the methods for assessing the patient's satisfaction with the quality of the provided pharmacy services; analysis of legal and illegal practices in hiring pharmacy students for temporary work in the pharmaceutical sector; analyzes of foreign practical solutions for the role of the pharmacist in the conditions of a pandemic crisis.

In this direction the scientific contributions are as follows:

- the publications of the candidate in this field, studying the chronology and the adequacy of the changes in the national drug policy and drug legislation in our country after 1990;
- the scientific-applied analyzes and the obtained results for the functioning of the system for drug supply and pharmacy service of the population in Bulgaria;
- the original study of legal and illegal practices in hiring pharmacy students for temporary work in the pharmaceutical sector;
- Review analyzes of the role of pharmacists and the involvement of the US pharmacy network in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

4.4. Bulgarian medicinal plants - application for medicinal and cosmetic purposes

This thematic area includes only the monographic work of the candidate published in co-authorship under the title "Herbs and devices in cosmetics". The contributing nature of this study is determined not only by the volume of the printed text of 316 pages, but also by its scale and emphasis on Bulgarian medicinal plants and their application in cosmetics. The two main sections of the monograph include: application of medicinal plants and some products from them (extracts, essential oils, etc.) in phytocosmetics; and methods for application of new technologies and modern equipment in cosmetics.

The monograph of Ch. Assistant Professor Hr. Burgazliev in this direction has a high scientific-applied and informative value.

5. Scientific-teaching activity

Presented by the Rectorate of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas reference for the teaching activity of Ch. Assistant Professor Hristo Burgazliev, MD establishes that the same has a workload for the period 2017 - 2020 as follows: 2017-2018 school year - 165 students. o'clock; 2018-2019 - 525 students hours; 2019-2020 - 173 hours. The teaching activity includes reading lectures, conducting exercises and semester exams for students in the specialty: "Assistant Pharmacist" in the professional field 7.4 "Health care" in the disciplines "Pharmaceutical care", "Social pharmacy and pharmaceutical legislation" and "Over-the-counter drugs". The candidate participates in the development and updating of the curricula and exercises for the above specialties of the "professional bachelor" degree from the program of the Medical College, Department of Pharmacy, University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas.

6. Participation in research projects and training of interns

For the period 2017-2020 the participation of the candidate in the implementation of three research projects funded by the research center of the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" - Burgas and from the Operational Program "Science and Education for Intelligent Growth" under contractual relations as follows:

- Study of the possibilities of telemedicine, telerehabilitation and telepharmacy for improving patient care and medical education. Acc. to contract №NIH-442/2020.
- "Study of the possibilities of complex rehabilitation and medicines in children and students with overweight and obesity 2018-2019" Acc. to contract №NIH-411/2018
- Participation in the implementation of activities under project BG05M2OP001-2.006-0001 "Student internships - Phase I", funded by the Operational Program "Science and Education for Smart Growth" № 223/10.11.2014 г.

In the period 2017-2021. ch. Assistant Professor Hr. Burgazliev participates in the training of interns in the specialty "Assistant Pharmacist" in the Medical College at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas and in the management of residents in "Organization and economics

of pharmacy and distribution practice ”at the Faculty of Medicine of MU“ Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov”Varna.

7. Membership in scientific societies

Ch. Assistant Professor Hristo Burgazliev, PhD is a member of the Bulgarian Pharmaceutical Union and a member of the Quality Commission of the Regional Pharmaceutical College of the Bulgarian Pharmaceutical Union - Burgas

CONCLUSION

In the current competition for the award of the academic position "Associate Professor" participates as the only candidate Ch. Assistant Professor Hristo Georgiev Burgazliev, PhD. The candidate presents 31 real publications containing the necessary scientific and practical contributions. There are 4 citations in Bulgarian scientific sources. The evaluation of the scientific production and the educational activity of the candidate shows: compliance with the scientometric requirements; contributory nature of the presented scientific papers; results of scientific and practical value.

Taking into account the provisions of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations on the Terms and Conditions for Acquisition of Scientific Degrees and Occupation of Academic Positions at the University “Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov ”- Burgas, I will confidently vote positively for the award of Chief Assistant Professor Hristo Georgiev Burgazliev, MD the academic position "Associate Professor" in Higher Educational Field 7. Healthcare and Sport, professional field – 7.4 Public Health, scientific specialty – Social medicine and organization of Healthcare and Pharmacy for the needs of the “Pharmacy” department in the Medical college Medical of University „Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov”- Burgas.

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