

## **O P I N I O N**

**regarding the competition for academic position "Associate Professor" in professional field 7.3 "Pharmacy", scientific specialty "Social Medicine and Organization of Healthcare and Pharmacy" for the needs of the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy announced in ДБ 52 / 02.07.2019**

**by Prof. Dr. Ognyan Ivanov Petrov, Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy, SU "St. Kl. Ohridski ", member of the Scientific Jury appointed by order No. RD 38-491 / 09.08.2019 of the Rector of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski "**

The sole candidate for the position is Chief Assistant Professor Sava Ognyanov Georgiev, PhD. The documents presented by the applicant are in accordance with the requirements of the Rules for the Implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules, Conditions and Procedures for Acquisition of Academic Degrees and Occupation of Academic Positions at Sofia University "St. Kl. Ohridski ". The Scientific Jury agreed that the applicant scientific production presented for the competition fulfills the minimum national requirements and admitted it for scientific evaluation.

### **I. Career development of the applicant:**

Chief Assist. Prof. Sava Ognyanov graduated as Master of Pharmacy in 1995 at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Medical University - Sofia. In 1998 he obtained a second Master's degree in Law and Business from the Veliko Turnovo University "St. Cyril and Methodius". Since Dec. 1, 2016, he has been occupying the academic position of "Chief Assistant Professor" at the Educational and Scientific Laboratory "Social Pharmacy" at the Department of Physical Chemistry of the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". In 2016 he defended a doctoral dissertation at the Medical University of Plovdiv, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Economics and Pharmaceutical Regulation entitled "Positioning of some sartans in the antihypertensive market in Bulgaria". After graduation, Dr. Ognianov started working in a pharmacy as a Master Pharmacist. Later he worked as a medical representative at Gideon Richter, Böhringer Ingelheim and director of "exclusive products" at Sopharma Trading. He has been General Manager for Polpharma Pharmaceutical Plants AD for 5 years.

### **II. Research activity:**

The overall scientific production of Dr. S. Ognyanov includes 125 works, of which 39 are chapters in collective monographs, 22 are scientific publications in peer-reviewed and indexed in world databases, 9 are in journals with impact factor, and 1 is a habilitation monograph. The re-

mainder of the works are articles published in non-refereed journals as well as scientific conference papers.

For the competition, the candidate presented 88 scientific works, including 8 publications and reports in peer-reviewed scientific journals indexed in world databases of scientific information, 31 chapters of collective monographs, 1 habilitation monograph, and 48 publications and reports in non-refereed scientific journals or in peer-reviewed collective volumes. Of all the considered scientific publications 5 are in print and two have impact factors.

The presented scientific works are fully within the scope of the announced in the competition scientific specialty "Social Medicine and organization of healthcare and pharmacy". Most of the research is oriented in the following 6 areas:

- Health systems, hospital care management, national drug policy, health insurance models, drug regulation, pricing and reimbursement, good practices in the pharmaceutical sector, counterfeit medicines
- Pharmacoeconomics and Health Technology Assessment
- Pharmaceutical marketing and management
- Pharmacovigilance
- Pharmacotherapy for socially significant diseases, clinical pharmacy and pharmaceutical care
- History of Pharmacy

In accordance with the requirements of the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy, Dr. Sava Ognyanov presented for the competition a habilitation work / monograph on the topic: "Basic principles and trends of reimbursement of medicinal products for treatment of cardiovascular diseases with public funds in Bulgaria".

The research presented by Dr. Ognyanov contributes to areas of social pharmacy, pharmaceutical marketing and management, pharmacoeconomics and pharmaceutical management theory, as witnessed by 11 citations.

### **III. Learning and teaching activities:**

Since his appointment at Sofia University "St. Kl. Ohridski", Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy, Chief Assistant Professor Sava Ognyanov actively participates in the teaching process, conducting classes and seminars in all specialized socio-medical courses for students in the Masters of Pharmacy Program. His average annual teaching load has been more than 400 hours. His main employment is in the course "Social Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Legislation" but Dr. Ognyanov also participated in the development of curricula in "History of Pharmacy" in English for students of Pharmacy and "Cosmetic Legislation" for the degree of Master of Cosmetics and Household Chemicals.

#### **IV. Conclusion:**

Based on the analysis presented above, I give a positive assessment of the teaching and research activities of Dr. Sava Ognyanov. I believe that the candidate is an excellent and mature lecturer and meets the minimum national requirements of the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Rules for its implementation, as well as the recommended criteria of Sofia University St. Kl. Ohridski for the academic position "Associate Professor".

I recommend with conviction to the esteemed Scientific Jury and the members of the Scientific Council of the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy vote affirmatively to award the academic position "Assistant Professor" in professional field 7.3. "Pharmacy" with scientific specialty "Social medicine and organization of health care and pharmacy" to Sava Ognyanov Georgiev. I as well cast my vote with "YES".

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