

Statement

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Dean of FNS at "K. Preslavski " University of Shumen

Subject: announced procedure for AD "Professor" in professional field 4.3.
Biological sciences (Biochemistry) 4. Natural sciences, mathematics and
informatics, at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski " with a candidate Albena
Georgieva Yordanova, associate professor, PhD, published in the State Gazette
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By decision of the Chairman of the Scientific Jury (8.10.2021) and in connection
with an order of the Rector (PA 38-486 / 28 .09.2021), I am appointed as a
member of the Scientific Jury to present an opinion on the procedure for AD
"Professor" on field of higher education 4. Natural sciences, mathematics and
informatics, professional field 4.3. Biological Sciences (Biochemistry) with a
single candidate Albena Georgieva Yordanova, Associate Professor, Ph.D.

The procedure was announced for the needs of the Medical Faculty of Sofia
University "St. Kliment Ohridski ". One candidate participated for the position -
Albena Georgieva Yordanova, Associate Professor, Ph.D. The review of the
documents showed that the procedure for opening and announcing the position
had been followed correctly. The materials have been prepared in accordance
with the requirements of the Legislation and the Regulation of the Republic of
Bulgaria, as well as the Regulations for its application.

Albena Georgieva Yordanova, completed her master's degree in 1992 at the BF
of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski " with a degree in Biochemistry and
Microbiology. In 2007 she defended her dissertation and obtained a PhD degree

in biophysics. From 1995 to 1997 she worked at Sofia University as a biologist. From 1997 to 2013 she worked at the Institute of Biophysics and Biomedical Engineering (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) as a postdoc researcher. From 2002 to 2013 at BAS, Albena Yordanova was a research associate 1st degree and chief assistant. After winning a position from 2012 until today, she works as an Associate Professor at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski ", Faculty of Medicine, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Physiology and Pathophysiology.

Since 2008 she is a member of the National Commission for Organizing and Conducting the National Olympiads in Biology and Health Education, and from 2011 until now - Chairman of the National Commission. Since 2010 she is the head of the National Biology Team and a member of the international jury of the International Biology Olympiad (IBO). During that time, the National Team of Bulgaria won 3 gold medals, 7 silver medals, 24 bronze medals and 8 diplomas for good performance at the International Olympiads. All this is a high certificate for her serious scientific and biological training and methodological abilities.

Research activity: Associate Professor Yordanova is author of 95 scientific publications, of which 31 in journals with IF, 38 - in scientific journals with quartiles (8 publications in journals with Q1, 12 publications - Q2; 7 publications - Q3; 11 publications - Q4). Author of a monograph on "Alveolar surfactant - normal and pathological metabolism. In vitro methods for assessment of its functional state "and co-author in 12 collections and manuals. There are 12 abstracts in impact factor / quartile journals from participations in International Scientific Conferences, 158 participations with reports and posters at International and National Scientific Conferences.

Assoc. Prof. Yordanova's scientific publications have been cited 266 times according to Scopus data, which shows that the author is seriously recognizable in international scientific networks. She possess a h index of 7.

She had participated in 28 scientific and educational projects (funded by the Ministry of Education and Science, Sofia University and the Medical University), of which - leader in 10 projects, one of which is funded by the Research Fund. The general review of the scientific works shows that they fully cover the requirements according to PURPONSZAD in IO-BAS for acquiring the scientific title "Professor" and fit in the scope of the announced position.

Teaching activity: Assoc. Prof. Yordanova has led practical exercises in Biochemistry at the Department of Biochemistry at Sofia University for full-time and part-time students in: Molecular Biology, Biotechnology, Biology, Ecology and OPS, Biology and Chemistry. "Biology and Geography", as well as bachelor's and master's students from the Faculty of Physics at Sofia University, specialties "Medical Physics" and "Optometry". Lectures on "Biochemistry" for students majoring in "Medicine", "Medicine in English", "Nurse" at Sofia University, "Peculiarities of normal metabolism and pathology" for students in "Medicine" and "Medicine in English language", "Phytoproducts and their application in medicine" for students in "Medicine" and "Medicine in English". She is currently the head of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Physiology and Pathophysiology at the Faculty of Medicine, Sofia University "St. Kl. Ohridski".

The contributions from the research work of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Albena Yordanova, as presented in the appendix to the documents and for the position, are undoubted and are respected for an established lecturer, scientist and specialist.

Conclusion: Based on the materials provided to me for preparing a statement on the candidate for the position of "Professor" of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Albena

Yordanova, after careful analysis of all documents, I accept that the candidate fits to the applied position. I am allowing myself to politely recommend to the members of the Scientific Jury to vote positively for Assoc. Prof. Dr. Albena Yordanova, just as I myself will convincingly do.

I know personally Assoc. Prof. Yordanova as professional in her research and teaching activities with the participation in scientific juries and conferences organized by the University of Shumen. For me, she is a fully developed scientist in the field of professional field 4.3. Biological sciences and fully covers the indicators of ZRASRB. Her promotion to the academic position of professor will undoubtedly contribute to improving the quality of the academic staff of the Medical Faculty at Sofia University "St. Kl. Ohridski"..

I wish Assoc. Prof. Yordanova many scientific and professional successes.

11.11.2021

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