

**TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCIENTIFIC JURY,  
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OF THE RECTOR OF SOFIA UNIVERSITY „ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI“**

**S T A T E M E N T**

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**Subject:** Conducting a competition for the academic position of "Professor" in higher education 7. Health and sport in the professional direction 7.1 Medicine (Anatomy, Histology and Embryology of human) and scientific specialty "Anatomy, Histology and Cytology" for the need of the Department of "Anatomy and histology, pathology and forensic medicine" in the Faculty of Medicine of *SU "St. Kliment Ohridski"*. The competition is announced by *SU "St. Kliment Ohridski"* in the State Gazette, issue 48 of 28.06.2022.

**According to** Order No. PД-38-499/24.8.2022 of the Rector of *SU "St. Kliment Ohridski"*.

**Candidate for the announced competition**

One candidate participates in the competition - **Associate Professor Ivan Ilkov Maslarski, PhD**, Associate Professor in the Department of "Anatomy and histology, pathology and forensic medicine ". The necessary complete set of administrative documents is presented by the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Rules for its implementation and the Rules for the Development of the Academic Staff of *SU "St. Kliment Ohridski"* for holding the academic position of "Professor".

**I. Analysis of the candidate's career profile**

**1. Education and qualification**

Candidate **Assoc. Prof. Ivan Maslarski, PhD** was born on 03.03.1980 in Sofia. Graduated from *SU "St. Kliment Ohridski*, with a master's degree in specialty "Biology and chemistry" in 2002. In 2007, after successfully defending a doctoral dissertation, he was awarded the educational and scientific degree "PhD ". He Acquired the specialty "Anatomy, Histology and Cytology" in 2016.

## **2. Work experience and specializations**

**In 2007 Assoc. Prof. Ivan Maslarski, PhD** entered as Assistant Professor in the Department of "Anatomy and histology, pathology and forensic medicine" in the Faculty of Medicine of *SU "St. Kliment Ohridski"*. He has passed the entire academic path of Assistant Professor, Chief Assistant Professor and Associate Professor. In 2016 he acquired the academic position of "Associate Professor" in higher education 7. Health and sport in the professional direction 7.1 "Medicine"(Cytology, histology of human - general and special).

In 2018 **Assoc. Prof. Ivan Maslarski, PhD** become the Head of the Department of "Anatomy and histology, pathology and forensic medicine" in the Faculty of Medicine of *SU "St. Kliment Ohridski"*.

## **II. Evaluation of the candidate's scientific publications for overall academic development.**

### **1. General characteristics of publication activity**

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### **2. Participation in the implementation and management of projects**

**Assoc. Prof. Ivan Maslarski, PhD** participates in the development of 6 national research projects: (financed by the Ministry of Education and Science and *SU "St. Kliment Ohridski"*),

of which he is the head of 3 successfully completed projects and a participant in 3 other projects. He also participated in 1 international scientific project funded by Germany.

### 3. Scientific and creative achievements (membership in organizations, awards)

**Assoc. Prof. Ivan Maslarski, PhD** is a member of the Bulgarian Anatomical Society (BAS). From 2018 to the present, he has been a member of the board of directors of BAS. Since 2015 until now, he has been a member of the Commission for verification and evaluation of candidate student works in biology (for the specialty "Medicine" at the Faculty of Medicine of *SU "St. Kliment Ohridski"*). From 2022, he is the deputy chairman of the Commission for verification and evaluation of candidate student works in Biology (for the specialty "Medicine" at the Faculty of Medicine of *SU "St. Kliment Ohridski"*). From 2017 to the present, he has been an expert at the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency (NEAA).

### **III. Evaluation of the scientific publications selected for participation in the competition.**

The more important scientific areas of research concerning the publications are mainly in four directions:

1. Twin studies. In this group of publications, a monographic work was also formed.
2. Research related to three-dimensional imaging, virtual reality in medicine and educational anatomical innovations.
3. Dermatoglyphic and etiological studies related to breast cancer.
4. Publications related to anatomical variations.

**Summary:** Based on the demonstrated scientific output, the candidate has the necessary skills to conduct quality research. The scientific papers with which the candidate participates in the competition are written clearly, in a good scientific style.

### **IV. Publication reflection of the candidate**

**Assoc. Prof. Ivan Maslarski** participated in this competition with 22 scientific publications, 13 in journals referenced in Scopus and/or Web of Science and 9 in non-referenced journals. When submitting the documents for the competition, the candidate submits a reference for 31 citations of scientific works, 10 of which are in refereed journals (Web of Science or Scopus), 17 in non-refereed, and 4 of them are cited in monographs and collective volumes. **Assoc. Prof. Ivan Maslarski** also presents one monograph (The Twin Method in Medical Research), one textbook (General Cytology and Histology) and 11 works from participation in plenary sessions, reports and posters.

## V. Teaching activity

**Assoc. Prof. Ivan Maslarski** leads the lecture course on basic disciplines, such as "General Cytology, Histology and Embryology" and "Human Anatomy" in Medicine (Bulgarian and English-speaking students); "Human Anatomy" of Nursing; "Anatomy and biomechanics" of occupational therapy and medical rehabilitation specialty; "Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene" of the social activities specialty. For the last five years, **Assoc. Prof. Ivan Maslarski** spent a total of **6,502** hours, of which around **5,460** hours were in auditorium occupancy.

**VI. Overall assessment of the candidate's compliance with the mandatory conditions and the mandatory quantitative criteria and scientometric indicators** according to The Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for the Implementation of this Law and the Rules for the Development of the Academic Staff of *SU "St. Kliment Ohridski"*.

**Assoc. Prof. Ivan Maslarski** meets the general conditions for **completed higher education**, obtained an educational and **scientific degree**, "**Doctor of Philosophy**", as well as the mandatory quantitative scientometric criteria required for **the academic position of "Professor"**.

Table: Comparison of the scientometric indicators of Assoc. Prof. Ivan Maslarski, PhD with the mandatory quantitative criteria for holding the academic position of "Professor".

<b>Group of indicators (according to the Bulgarian grouping)</b>	<b>C O N T E N T S</b>	<b>Necessary points</b>	<b>Declared points</b>
Indicator A	Dissertation for educational and scientific degree "PhD"	50	50
Indicator Б	Dissertation for "Doctor of Science"	---	---
Indicator B	Habilitation work - monograph or scientific publications in journals that are referenced and indexed in world famous databases with scientific information (Web of Science and Scopus)	100	100
Indicator Г	Publications in the competition for Professor (excluding those for PhD)	200	504
Indicator Д	Citations of publications in the competition for "Professor"	100	275
Indicator E	Indicator E	100	175
<b>Total:</b>		<b>550</b>	<b>1104</b>

## **VII. Conclusion.**

According to the overall performance of the candidate in the competition, I believe that **Assoc. Prof. Ivan Maslarski, PhD** is a highly qualified and experienced teacher and **meets the mandatory** and specific conditions and scientometric criteria for the academic position of "Professor".

Based on the above and taking into account the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Rules for its implementation and the Rules for the Development of the Academic Staff of *SU "St. Kliment Ohridski"*. I recommend the esteemed Scientific Jury to nominate **Assoc. Prof. Ivan Maslarski, PhD for holding the academic position of "Professor"** in "**Anatomy, Histology and Cytology**" for the needs of the Department of "Anatomy and histology, pathology and forensic medicine" in the Faculty of Medicine of *SU "St. Kliment Ohridski*

October 02, 2022

Member of the Scientific Jury:

*(Assoc. Prof. Nikolay Dimitrov Dimitrov, MD, PhD)*