

## POSITION

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Regarding the competition for the academic position of "PROFESSOR" in professional field

7.1. "Medicine, Internal Medicine - Rheumatology"

The competition was announced in the "State Newspaper," issue 56 of June 30, 2023.

### 1. Education and Professional Development

Associate Professor Dr. Lyubomir Marinov Marinchev acquired his PhD in 2008. He progressed through the ranks of assistant- professor, senior assistant- professor, and chief assistant - professor at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University - Sofia, and later became an associate professor at the Faculty of Medicine at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski." His professional journey began at the "Yulia Vraevska" Multiprofile Hospital in Byala town and continued through the University Multiprofile Hospitals "Alexandrovska," "St. Ivan Rilski," and "SofiaMed," where he has been the Head of the Rheumatology department from 2012 to the present.

### 2. Scientific Research Activity

He has presented 48 scientific publications, 26 of which are in indexed and referenced foreign journals. 16 of these scientific publications were produced after he assumed the position of "associate professor." Associate Professor Marinchev has a monograph and co-authored 7 books. His scientific papers cover various areas of rheumatology, with a particular focus on infections and therapy in the context of rheumatic diseases. This theme is also present in his doctoral thesis, and it's clear that this idea continues to be part of Associate Professor Marinchev's diverse research interests. I would like to comment that in his presented scientific output, there is a lack of any scientific "spam," which, unfortunately, is not a common occurrence in Bulgarian medical science these days, indicating a quality-oriented, rather than quantity-oriented approach to matters where quality truly matters.

### 3. Teaching Activity

The candidate is a supervisor for a graduated PhD student and has supervised four specialists in the field of rheumatology. His teaching activity at the Faculty of Medicine at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" is quite impressive, and it appears to have grown

over the years. In the academic year 2022-2023, Assoc. Prof. Marinchev taught 336 hours, including 150 in-class hours and 186 outside-class hours, which I consider indicative itself.

#### 4. Personal Observations

I have known Associate Professor Marinchev for decades and have witnessed his presentations at numerous congresses and conferences. He is always seeking discussion and analysis of the problems presented, always well-informed, and willing to defend his scientific position, even when it's not easy. Assoc. Prof. Lyubomir Marinchev is a person with large culture and a wide specter of interests. These qualities, along with his undeniable professionalism, define the scientific positions he holds. I believe that a professor should possess these qualities, along with their scientific authority, to be the comprehensive figure that this title should represent.

In conclusion, based on the material presented to me regarding the scientific research, teaching, and expert activities of Assoc. Prof. Marinchev, and given that the candidate meets all the requirements outlined in the Regulations for Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria, I recommend that the esteemed academic jury award the academic position of PROFESSOR to Assoc. Prof. Lyubomir Marinov Marinchev.

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