

OPINION

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Member of the scientific jury, appointed by Order No. RD-38-237/16.05.2022 of the Rector of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" in connection with the procedure for occupying the academic position "PROFESSOR", in the scientific specialty "Social Medicine" and organization of health care and pharmacy", area of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.3. "Pharmacy" according to a competition announced in the Official Gazette, no. 30 from 15.04.2022

The only candidate in the competition is Associate Professor Emil Ivanov Hristov, Ph.D. The presented set of documents is complete and in accordance with the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB) and the Regulations on the Terms and Conditions for the Acquisition of Scientific Degrees and the Occupancy of Academic Positions at SU "St. Kliment Ohridski" and provide an opportunity to evaluate the candidate.

Analysis of the candidate's career profile.

Emil Hristov graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of the Sofia University and graduated in 1993 as a "Master" in Medicine. He successively acquired the specialties: "Internal diseases", "Clinical pharmacology and therapy", "Gastroenterology", has a recognized legal capacity "Conventional gastrointestinal endoscopy with biopsy - first level" and "Conventional ultrasound - abdominal ultrasound and surface structures - first level". In 2012, he obtained the Doctorate of the National Academy of Sciences after defending a dissertation on the topic "Analysis of some regulatory aspects of the drug safety of biotechnological and high-tech medicinal products and new active substances" as a doctoral student of independent training at the Medical University of Plovdiv, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences " in the doctoral program "Social medicine and organization of health care and pharmacy".

The career and professional development of Dr. Emil Hristov are impressive. He started as a resident doctor (district doctor) in Pernik District Hospital; since 1995 he has been an assistant in the Department of Internal Medicine of the Medical University of Sofia, then a senior assistant and in 2008 - a chief assistant. He held responsible positions in the state administration in the field of Health Care: He was a member of the Specialized Commission for the Authorization of Clinical Trials in the Republic of Bulgaria, Chairman

of the Positive Drug List Commission at the Council of Ministers, Member of the Transparency Commission at the Ministry of Health, Member of the National Council on drugs. From 2008 - 2009 he was the chairman of the Pharmacopoeia Committee, an Observer at the Board of the European Medicines Agency, a member of the group of heads of the EU medicine agencies, a member of the Pharmaceutical Committee at the EC. From 2004 to 2009, he was the Executive Director of IAL. From 2010-2014, he was the chief consultant on drug regulation and Director of regulatory activities of Pharmadvice OOD. From 2014 to now, he is Associate Professor of "Social Medicine and Organization of Health Care and Pharmacy" at the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy at SU "St. Kliment Ohridski". During this period, he was a member of the Standing Committee on Health Care and Sports at the NAOA, an external expert at the Committee on OST at the National Health Service, a member of the Higher Council for Pharmacy at the Ministry of Health.

It is clear from what has been presented that his career and professional development fully corresponds to the field of the announced competition.

General description of the submitted materials for the competition and evaluation of the candidate's scientific works.

Assoc. Emil Hristov has submitted all the necessary documents and evidence to them, in accordance with the requirements of the ZRASRB, the Regulations for the conditions and procedures for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at SU..

Evaluation of the scientific works of the candidate for the overall academic development.

The candidate Associate Professor Emil Hristov correctly presented his scientific works for his overall development. The object of evaluation in this competition will be his scientific activity after 01.11.2014, when he took the academic position "Docent" in the scientific specialty "Social Medicine and Organization of Health Care and Pharmacy", 7.3 Pharmacy. It includes: 1 textbook and 2 study aids, 12 published chapters of collective monographs, 27 publications and reports in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases, 41 publications and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or edited collective volumes. The results of scientific research have been presented at many scientific forums, which have made them known to a wide range of the scientific and professional community. Prof. Hristov's scientific and teaching activities are in the field of specialty of the announced competition.

The main directions of scientific research activity can be summarized as follows:

- Drug safety and the role and importance of the pharmacist in working with patients and the main aspects of drug safety; a prospective study on NLR was also conducted according to an original protocol for the country.;
- Clinical trials with presented author-developed protocols for interventional and non-interventional studies.
- Original developments in the field of counterfeit medicinal products.
- Drug policy and drug regulation - opportunities for synchronizing national drug legislation with that of the EU in the accession process.
- Medicinal usability and rational medicinal use.
- Pharmacoeconomics and health management.
- New therapeutic approaches and methods for monitoring biological products. Publications in the fields of clinical pharmacology and therapeutics as well as pharmaceutical care and history of pharmacy are also presented.

Reflection (citation) of the candidate's publications in the national and foreign literature.

Emil Hristov has presented proof of citation of the scientific works: 8 citations in refereed editions, 37 citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review, 19 in non-refereed editions. A total of 25 of the published scientific works were cited, which shows interest in the works and their relevance.

Evaluation of the scientific-methodical and teaching activity.

The report on the study load of Prof. Emil Hristov during the last four academic years, respectively: 641h, 811h, 882h and 962h, with classroom occupancy over 500h per year, shows that it exceeds the normative requirement. The candidate conducts lectures in Bulgarian and English on History of Pharmacy, Social Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Legislation, Pharmacoeconomics; participates in teaching Erasmus students in English; is a course supervisor of pharmacy students. Joint developments with students and PhD students have resulted in 14 scientific publications, and 2 students have participated in the development of scientific projects. Associate Professor Hristov is the author of 3 new curricula for elective courses: "Clinical Medicine for Pharmacists" and "Basics of Dermatology" for master's in pharmacy and "Cosmetic Legislation" for Masters in "Cosmetics and Household Chemistry". Prof. Hristov has experience in conducting clinical trials and bioequivalence testing of many medicinal products. He is a member of authoritative professional and creative organizations: European Association for Clinical Pharmacology and

Therapeutics, Bulgarian Society of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapy, Bulgarian Society of Gastroenterology with Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and Abdominal Echography.

General assessment of the applicant's compliance with the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of ZRASRB and the requirements of the Regulations for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at SU "St. Kliment Ohridski".

From the presented report and its annexes for the implementation of the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b of ZRASRB and the Recommended criteria for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions in SU "SV. Kliment Ohridski" for professional direction 7.3. Pharmacy and Table 1 presented below shows that the requirements are met by all criteria and many times exceed them.

Tabl.1

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of required points for AD "Professor"	Number of points of the candidate Emil Hristov
A	Dissertation work for awarding the educational and scientific degree "doctor	50	50
B	Indicator 4	100	121
Г	Indicators 5-9	200	630
Д	Indicators 10-12	100	905
E	Indicators 13-22	100	430
Total	Group of indicators A - E	550	2136.9

Conclusion.

On the basis the above and the evaluation of the professional qualities and teaching activities of Associate Professor Emil Hristov, I believe that he is a qualified researcher, scientist and teacher in the specialty of the announced competition. He has extensive knowledge and practical experience in solving a number of problems in areas related to the specialty of Public Health and Pharmacy. I categorically believe that it meets all the requirements of ZRASRB, the regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at SU "St. Kliment Ohridski" and the Recommended criteria for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at SU "SV. Kliment Ohridski" for professional direction 7.3. Pharmacy in the scientific specialty "Social medicine and organization of healthcare and pharmacy".

That is why I express my positive opinion on the candidacy of Associate Professor Emil Hristov and I strongly recommend to the members of the honorable Scientific Jury to make a positive decision for the academic position of "Professor" from Associate Professor Emil Hristov.

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