

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC JURY
for conducting a competition for the academic position of
"Professor" in a professional field 7.3 Pharmacy

O P I N I O N

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Regarding the procedure for holding the academic position "Professor", in the professional field 7.3 Pharmacy, in the scientific specialty " Social medicine and organization of healthcare and pharmacy ", for the needs of the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"

I. General presentation of the procedure and the candidate.

Documents for participation in the competition were submitted by only one candidate - Associate Professor Emil Ivanov Hristov, PhD. The presented set of materials on electronic media is in accordance with the Law and its regulations related to the procedure for occupying the academic position of "Professor".

The opinion was prepared on the basis of Order No. RD 38-237/16.05.2022 of the Rector of SU "St. Kliment Ohridski", regarding the announcement of a scientific jury for the current competition and announcement of the competition in the State Gazette no. 30 of 15.04.2022. The opinion was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Law and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, as well as the Regulations for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and for occupying academic positions at SU "St. Kliment Ohridski".

Brief biographical data

Ass.Prof. Hristov was born in 1966. In 1993, he graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University - Sofia, acquiring the qualification "Master of Medicine - Doctor". The candidate has submitted diplomas for a recognized specialty in Internal Medicine, Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics and Gastroenterology. In the period 1993-2011, he worked as a resident physician and consultant physician in internal medicine and gastroenterology in various medical institutions. He held the positions of assistant, senior and chief assistant at Medical University - Sofia. Since 2014, Dr. Hristov has been appointed as an associate professor of Social Medicine and Organization of Health Care and Pharmacy at SU "St. Kl. Ohridski", Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy.

From 2009 to 2012, he was a self-taught doctoral student at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Medical University - Plovdiv. Also, there, in 2013, he obtained a doctorate degree in the scientific specialty "Social Medicine and Organization of Health Care and Pharmacy" with a PhD Thesis on the topic "Analysis of some regulatory aspects of the drug safety of biotechnological and high-tech medicinal products and new active substances".

Ass. Prof. Hristov's expert activity is so diverse that I will mention it briefly. He was the chairman of the Commission on Positive Drug List and of the Pharmacopoeia Committee of the Republic of Bulgaria. As a national representative, he was a member of the Pharmaceutical Committee of the EC and the Management Board of the European Medicines Agency. In the period 2004 - 2009, he held the position of Executive Director of the Medicines Executive Agency and many others.

II. Scientific activity

The overall scientific output of Prof. Hristov is impressive and includes 142 works. To participate in the current competition, the candidate submits a list of 84 works distributed as follows: dissertation work for awarding the educational and scientific degree "Doctor", 3 textbooks and study aids, 12 chapters of collective monographs, 44 publications, of which 27 are in specialized scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information and 24 papers published in edited collective volumes. A list of participations in 5 national projects is presented. According to the presented reference, the works of Associate Professor Hristov have been cited 45 times, and the citations in refereed editions (Scopus) are 6. The reference prepared by the Central Medical Library shows 20 citations in Bulgarian sources, with self-citations excluded.

I accept and highly appreciate the scientific, scientific-applied and methodological contributions presented in the author's reference, which are in the following main directions:

- i) Drug safety*
- ii) Clinical trials*
- iii) Counterfeit medicinal products*
- iv) Drug policy, drug regulation, information and promotion*
- v) Medicinal usability and rational medicinal use*
- vi) Health Policy and Health Management*
- vii) Pharmacoeconomics*
- viii) Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics*
- ix) General medical focus*
- x) History of Pharmacy*
- xi) Pharmaceutical care*

III. Teaching activity.

Ass. Prof. Emil Hristov is an established and respected teacher at the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy of the Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski. His academic employment for the last 5 years averaged 634 hours per year, of which 495 hours were classroom employment, mainly related to the teaching of Social Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Legislation, Pharmaceutical Care, History of Pharmacy and Pharmacoeconomics of master pharmacists. He was the scientific supervisor of 1 graduate student and 5 doctoral students, of which 2 successfully defended in 2022. He is an active participant in the team for preparing the doctoral program in Social Medicine and Organization of Health Care and Pharmacy at the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy of Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski.

IV. Conclusion.

Based on the materials and scientific works presented in the competition, the above analysis of their significance and the scientific contributions contained in them, as well as my personal impression of the candidate, I confidently give my positive assessment. I recommend to the honorable Scientific Jury to propose Ass. Prof. Emil Ivanov Hristov for awarding the academic position "Professor" in the field of higher education "Health and Sports", professional direction 7.3. Pharmacy and scientific specialty "Social medicine and organization of healthcare and pharmacy".

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