

REVIEW

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About: Evaluating a candidate in the competition for the academic position of "Professor" in higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports in the professional field 7.1. "Medicine" (Rheumatology), announced in the State Gazette, issue 56 dated 30.06.2023, for the needs of the Medical Faculty of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Department of Internal Diseases, Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology, Pediatrics, Epidemiology, Infectious, and Skin Diseases, by the orders of the Rector - RD-38-536/14.09.2023 and RD-RD-38-542/15.09.2023

The candidate - Lyubomir Marinov Marinchev, MD - Associate Professor at the Department of Internal Diseases, Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology, Pediatrics, Epidemiology, Infectious and Skin Diseases, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" - has submitted all the documents required for participation in the competition according to the legal requirements of the Law on Academic Staff Development in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its application, and the requirements of the Regulations of the University, approved by the minutes of the first meeting of the scientific panel.

CANDIDATE INTRODUCTION AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

In 1977, Lyubomir Marinchev graduated from 32 High School in Sofia. In 1983, he graduated from the Medical Academy in Sofia with a Master of Medicine degree. From 1985 to 1987, he worked as a resident doctor at the regional hospital in the town of Byala, and from 1987 to 2012, he worked as an assistant and chief assistant at the Clinic of Rheumatology at the University Hospital "St. Ivan Rilski"- Sofia. Since 2012 to date, he has been the Head of the Rheumatology Clinic at Sofamed University Hospital.

In 1992, he earned a degree in Internal Diseases, and in 1994 in Rheumatology at the Rheumatology Clinic of the Medical University - Sofia. In 1992, he became a research fellow in Houston - USA, on the topic: "HLA class II alleles and autoantibodies in Bulgarians with systemic lupus erythematosus", under the supervision of Prof. Frank Arnett, MD. His scientific experience and work have greatly contributed to the high professional level of his scientific publications.

In 2008, he defended a dissertation to acquire the academic degree "PhD" on "Anti-rheumatic therapy and infection with Helicobacter Pylori - damage to the upper gastrointestinal tract in rheumatic diseases. He was elected "Associate Professor" in 2017 in Rheumatology at the Department of Internal Diseases at the Faculty of Medicine, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski.

Assoc. Prof. Marinchev, MD, has been a reviewer of Medical Science Monitor (IF 3.386) since 2015 and of the American Journal of Case Reports since 2016, as well as currently. He is also a Chief Coordinator of the National Expert Council of Rheumatology and a National Consultant, and member of the Management Board of the Bulgarian Society of Rheumatology and the Bulgarian Rheumatological Association. He is also a member of the European League for Combating Rheumatism and the Bulgarian Medical Association.

Assoc. Prof. Marinchev, MD, has been the supervisor of a successful Ph.D student who thereafter completed his doctoral degree. Marinchev is also the author of the monograph "Crystal Arthropathies" and a co-author of the scientific work "Rare Diseases with Immune Pathogenesis" revised by Prof. M. Baleva, MD. He is the author and co-author of over 64 scientific works, of which - 10 publications in international journals with impact factor, and over 118 participations in scientific forums, 45 of which abroad. His works were cited 54 times in international journals referenced in Scopus and Web of Science. The Impact Factor of Assoc. Prof. Marinchev is 38.685.

The scientific contributions of the candidate are in the areas of rheumatology, immunology, genetics, and internal medicine.

The teaching activity of the candidate includes lecturing on internal diseases and rheumatology of medical students, including English language training, and training of graduate students and doctoral students.

The candidate has excellent written and spoken skills in English.

INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

Minimum requirements for points by groups of indicators for academic position "Professor" at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski.

Benchmark Group	Academic Degree "Professor"	Assoc. Prof. Lyubomir Marinchev
A. Dissertation for the degree "Ph.D."	50	50
C. Habilitation work –monograph	100	100
D. Publications	200	220.57
E. Citations and reviews	100	945
F. Specialties, scientific projects, textbooks and workbooks, doctoral student, graduate student	100	130
G. Teaching Activity Workload	780	782
Minimum total points	scientific – 550 teaching – 780 total - 1330	scientific – 1445.57 teaching – 782 total – 2227.57

The scientometric indicators meet and exceed the minimum requirements for the scientific and teaching activity of the candidate for holding the academic position of "Professor" by the legal requirements of the Law on Academic Staff Development in the Republic of Bulgaria, the

Regulations for its application and the Regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski.

Conclusion:

I have known Assoc. Prof. Marinchev, MD, since he was an assistant practitioner at the Rheumatology Clinic. I have followed his professional career as a doctor, researcher, and lecturer. I highly recommend him as a competent, precise, responsible person and a doctor. He is a prominent clinician-internist and rheumatologist with excellent theoretical and practical competence, mastering modern and up-to-date diagnostic instrumental methodologies. Assoc. Prof. Marinchev, MD, is an excellent lecturer and supervisor. He is also an established researcher with a substantial scientific output, the expression of which is the large number of citations and his high impact factor, as well as the invitation to review a large number of scientific articles for international journals. I support the candidate's contributions included in his self-evaluation letter as professional knowledge and skills.

The significant experience of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lyubomir Marinchev as a lecturer and scholar with proven competence in rheumatology, a desired partner in several scientific teams, the number of publications and citations, the Impact Factor, and the expertise of Assoc. Prof. Marinchev, MD, fully meet and exceed the corresponding legal requirements of the Law on Academic Staff Development in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Rules for its application, the requirements in the Rules of the Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" for acquiring the scientific title "Professor". All this gives me grounds to recommend to the esteemed members of the Scientific Panel, to award Assoc. Prof. Lyubomir Marinov Marinchev, MD, the academic degree of "Professor" in Rheumatology, professional field 7.1 Medicine at the Department of Internal Diseases, Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology, Pediatrics, Epidemiology, Infectious, and Skin Diseases at the Medical Faculty of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski.

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Prof. Dr. Julia Petrova, MD (signed)