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## **REVIEW**

Regarding the nomination of  
**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR LYUBOMIR MARINOV MARINCHEV, MD,  
Ph.D.**

for the academic position of **PROFESSOR**, Area - Healthcare and sports  
in the professional field 7.1. Medicine, area - RHEUMATOLOGY  
according to a competition announced in the State Gazette, issue 56 of  
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Higher Education Act, the Law on Academic Staff Development in  
the Republic of Bulgaria, and the New Regulations on the Terms and  
Conditions for Acquisition of Scientific Degrees and Occupation of  
Academic Positions at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"*

## **REVIEW**

This report has been following the requirements of the Regulations for the conditions and procedure for the acquisition of academic degrees and the appointment to academic positions at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" - Sofia.

The only candidate for the academic position of Professor of Rheumatology is Associate Professor Lyubomir Marinov Marinchev, MD, Ph.D.

## **CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

Assoc. Prof. Lyubomir Marinov Marinchev is a certified doctor, who graduated from the Medical Academy - Sofia in 1983. His professional career started as a resident doctor at Julia Vrevska Hospital in the city of Byala. He continued working at the University Hospital "Alexandrovska", University Hospital "St. Ivan Rilski" and University Hospital "SofiaMed" - Sofia.

The nominee has a degree in Internal Medicine since 1992 and in Rheumatology since 1994.

## **RESEARCH ACTIVITY:**

In 2008, Assoc. Prof. Lyubomir Marinchev, MD, defended a dissertation on "Anti-rheumatic therapy and infection with Helicobacter Pylori – damage to the upper gastrointestinal tract in rheumatic diseases" and earned the Ph.D. His academic career started as a full-time assistant lecturer of rheumatology at the Medical Faculty of the Medical Academy - Sofia in 1987. He started working at the University Hospital Alexandrovska, proceeding to the University Hospital St. Ivan Rilski and continuing to the University Hospital "Sofiamed", and currently at the Medical Faculty of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski".

The candidate is an Associate Professor of Internal Diseases – Rheumatology from 2017 at the Medical Faculty of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" - Sofia.

Assoc. Prof. Marinchev has one monograph published in 2023, titled Crystal Arthropathies. He took part in the penmanship of 3 academic papers and chapters of textbooks in the area of Rare Diseases with

immune pathogenesis. Based on the evidence provided, he is the author of a large number of publications submitted for the competition in journals referenced and indexed in the Scopus database, Web of Science, and other databases, in non-referenced peer-reviewed journals, and in journals in peer-reviewed collections. Assoc. Prof. Marinchev, MD, Ph.D. has took part in a large number of national and international scientific conferences.

The research of Assoc. Prof. Marinchev is mainly focused on contemporary diagnostics and the treatment of rheumatic diseases and their complications, as well as on any current issues and innovations in the treatment of internal diseases.

The articles of Assoc. Prof. Lyubomir Marinchev, MD, Ph.D. have been published in prestigious academic journals. There is a list of 50 citations of his publications in foreign scientific journals, referenced and indexed in the database Scopus Web of Science.

The large number of citations and the strong research focus show the high recognition of his contributions and underline the significant nature of his work.

According to the Declaration submitted under Art. 115, para. (1), item 5 of the Regulations on the Terms and Conditions for Acquisition of Degrees and Occupation of Academic Positions at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", the scientific and metric indicators of Assoc. Prof. Lyubomir Marinov Marinchev, MD, Ph.D. fully meet and significantly exceed the requirements of Art. 2b of the Law on Academic Staff Development in the Republic of Bulgaria, as regards the academic field 7. Healthcare and sports in the professional area 7.1. Medicine, Rheumatology.

## **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

The candidate is teaching Rheumatology to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>-year students of medicine, intern-doctors, as well as to foreign students (Medicine in English) and medical care specialists – nurses and medical rehabilitators. He gives seminars and practical exercises in the compulsory disciplines of medical students. He regularly examines Bulgarian and foreign students in Internal Diseases and is a member of the examination committees for granting degrees in Rheumatology. He is a registered Ph.D. supervisor. As a lecturer, according to the reference provided on academic engagement since 2017, Assoc. Prof. Marinchev, MD, Ph.D., has

sufficient classroom and extracurricular academic workload, meeting and exceeding the quantitative requirements of the Regulations for participation in the competition for the acquisition of the academic position of Professor.

Thus, I consider that the impressive scientific output, with the scientific impact of his publications, the data on the overall scientific and research activity, the teaching and training qualities, and the significant academic achievement of the candidate Assoc. Prof. Lyubomir Marinov Marinchev, MD, show that he is a competent, knowledgeable, and capable clinician, a very highly qualified professional, an ambitious and creative lecturer, and a researcher, who has all the necessary qualifications to be awarded the academic degree of Professor.

This gives me a reason to confidently support the nomination of Assoc. Prof. Lyubomir Marinov Marinchev, MD, PhD, for the academic position of Professor.

I give my POSITIVE evaluation and propose the Honorable Scientific Jury to vote positively for the award of the academic degree "Professor" in the professional field 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty "Rheumatology" to Assoc. Prof. Lyubomir Marinov Marinchev, MD, Ph.D.

Sofia, November 2023

Assoc. Prof. Velislava Dimitrova, Ph.D.