

REVIEW

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Regarding: Evaluation of 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-38-542/15.09.2023.

The candidate - Assoc. Prof. 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 documents required for participation in the competition according to the legal requirements of the University Rules, approved by the minutes of the first meeting of the scientific jury.

1. Candidate introduction and career development

- ❖ In 1977 he graduated from 32 High School in the town of Sofia
- ❖ In 1983 he graduated from the Medical Academy, Sofia
- ❖ From 1985-1987 he worked as a resident doctor at a regional hospital, Byala
- ❖ From 1987-2012 he worked as an assistant and chief assistant at the Clinic of Rheumatology, University Hospital "St. Ivan Rilski", Sofia
- ❖ Since 2012 he has been the Head of the Rheumatology Clinic at Sofamed University Hospital
- ❖ In 1992 he earned a degree in Internal Diseases and Rheumatology in 1994 at the Clinic of Rheumatology of the Medical University, Sofia
- ❖ Assoc. Prof. Lyubomir Marinchev, MD, met Frank Arnett in Moscow and was immediately invited to specialize in Houston. For 3 months in 1992, he was a scholarship student in Houston, USA, working on "HLA class II alleles and autoantibodies in Bulgarians with systemic lupus erythematosus".
- ❖ In 2008, he defended a dissertation to earn a Ph.D. with the paper "Antirheumatic therapy and infection with Helicobacter pylori - damage to the upper gastrointestinal tract in rheumatic diseases". This is the only dissertation in rheumatology that concerns NSAIDs. Authored intelligently and with knowledge of the matter, it is a contribution to the treatment of rheumatic diseases.
- ❖ In 2017, he was elected an associate professor of Rheumatology at the Department of Internal Diseases at the Medical Faculty of the Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski".

Assoc. Prof. Lyubomir Marinchev, MD, has been a reviewer of the Medical Science Monitor (IF 3.386) magazine since 2015 and 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 a national consultant, and a member of the Management Board of the Bulgarian Society of Rheumatology. Assoc. Prof. Marinchev, MD, is a member of the European League Against Rheumatism and the Bulgarian Medical Association.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Marinchev has been the supervisor of a Ph.D. student who successfully defended his doctoral degree. Marinchev is the author of the monograph "Crystal Arthropathies". This monograph is the first after the dissertation of Prof. Kanev since 1964. This paper fills the void in an entire section of rheumatology - Crystal Arthropathies. Assoc. Prof. Marinchev is also the co-author of a research paper "Rare Diseases with Immune Pathogenesis" edited by Prof. Marta Baleva. He is the author and co-author of over 64 scientific papers, 10 of which are publications in international journals with impact factor. He also has over 118 participations in scientific forums, 45 of which abroad. His works have been cited 54 times in international journals. His Impact factor is 38.685.

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

The candidate's teaching experience includes lecturing on internal diseases and rheumatology to undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral students. He has started and organized a well-functioning rheumatology department at SofiaMed Hospital with two candidates in medical sciences.

Assoc. Prof. Marinchev, MD, is fluent in English.

2. Research activity

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
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The assessment of the scientific progress meets and exceeds 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:

Assoc. Prof. Lyubomir Marinchev, MD, is a valuable member of the team of the Rheumatology Clinic at the University Hospital for Active Treatment "St. Ivan Rilski". He worked under the guidance of Prof. K. Kanev, Y. Sheytanov, etc. We have been colleagues since I joined SofiaMed Hospital, and I have a high opinion of him. Assoc. Prof. Marinchev is an excellent lecturer and mentor. He is an eminent researcher with significant scientific output, the expression of which is the large number of citations and the high Impact factor, as well as a reviewer in international journals.

The rich teaching and clinical experience of Assoc. Prof. L. Marinchev, MD, the number of his publications and citations, the impact factor, and his competence fully meet and exceed the requirements of Law on Academic Staff Development in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its application, and the requirements of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" for acquiring the academic degree "Professor". All this gives me grounds to highly recommend to the esteemed members of the Scientific Jury, to award the Assoc. Prof. Lyubomir Marinov Marinchev, Ph.D., the academic position of "Professor" in "Rheumatology", professional field 7.1 Medicine at the Department of Internal Diseases, Pharmacology, Pediatrics, Epidemiology, Infectious, and Skin Diseases at the Medical Faculty of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski.

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Reviewer: (signed)

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