

STATEMENT OF OPINION

Regarding the competition for the academic position of Associate Professor in Health Care Management, Professional field 7.4 Public Health, Field of higher education 7. Health and Sport, for the needs of the specialty "Kinesitherapy" at the Department of Health Care of Haskovo Branch at 0,5 post, announced in State Gazette No. 52/16.06.2023.

Of Associate Professor Galina Yankova Terzieva, Ph.D.

Scientific specialties:

„Social medicine and Organization of healthcare and pharmacy” and
“Theory of education and didactics”

Institution: ‘Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov’ University, Burgas, Faculty of Public Health & Healthcare; Head of Healthcare Department.

There is only one candidate taking part in the competition – Senior lecturer Petya Stankova Kasnakova, Ph.D.

I. Analysis of the career profile of the candidate:

Senior lecturer Petya Stankova Kasnakova, Ph.D., was born in 1976. She graduated from and was awarded the following diplomas/degrees: Bachelor’s Degree in Physical Rehabilitation Therapy from Medical College, Medical University of Plovdiv – 2004; Bachelor’s Degree in Healthcare, professional qualification: Healthcare manager and tutor at a medical college, from Medical University of Plovdiv – 1999; Master’s Degree in Public Health & Healthcare management from Medical University of Sofia, professional qualification: Health manager – 2004; Master’s Degree in Psychology from the University of Veliko Tarnovo – 2003; Certificate of Awarded Specialisation in Medical Pedagogy from Medical University of Sofia – 2006; Certificate of professional qualification and awarded post-graduate specialization in Applied Psychology & Psychotherapy from Medical University of Plovdiv – 2019.

She defended a dissertation and was awarded Master’s Degree in Healthcare Management at Medical University of Plovdiv, FPH – 2014.

She has successfully completed 21 courses for improving her professional qualifications.

Her professional development is related to the position of "Physical Rehabilitator Therapist" (1997-2001); the position of "Lecturer" at the Medical College, Plovdiv since 2002, and since 2009 - "Senior Lecturer". Currently she is holding the same position at the Medical University, Department of Health Care Management. She has a total work experience of over 25 years.

She holds certificates certifying her level of proficiency in English. She received a very good evaluation in the attestation in 2021.

Her advanced pedagogical, psychological, methodological and organizational skills, scientific research and practical-applied skills, the use of interactive modern technologies are important factors for the establishment of P. Kasnakova as a model in good teaching practice. Her social skills and competences are an essential factor for successful teamwork.

Petya Kasnakova is a member of the following scientific and professional organizations:

- ✓ Member of the Association of Physiotherapists in Bulgaria
- ✓ Member of the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria (USB - Plovdiv)
- ✓ Member of the Bulgarian Scientific Society of Public Health

- ✓ Member of the Council for International Cooperation and Project Activities at the Medical University of Plovdiv

The aforementioned data outline a lasting trend for her establishment as a medical professional and her pedagogical development as a teacher.

II. General description of the competition submissions:

The documentation submitted by Senior Lecturer Petya Kasnakova Ph.D. in digital format for her participation in the competition is well arranged, contains all the necessary documents for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" and fully meets the requirements of the Law on the Acquisition of Scientific Degrees and Academic Positions at TrU-Stara Zagora. The documentation is prepared and arranged according to the accepted requirements, creates a complete picture of the candidate's scientific and professional development and allows for an objective assessment.

III. Evaluation of the candidate's scientific works for her overall academic development:

The scientific research activity of Senior Lecturer P. Kasnakova covers a wide range of scientific issues, including the modern application of physical rehabilitation therapy and kinesitherapy in health care, the quality of medical education, pedagogical theory and practice, current and significant problems of public health and health care, as they are entirely within the specialty of the announced competition.

I accept her conditionally differentiated main research interests and scientific achievements in the following thematic areas of contribution:

- ✓ Contributions in the field of modern application of rehabilitation in public health (contributions of scientific and practical-applied nature)
- ✓ Contributions in the field of training, professional formation of medical specialists and the quality of professional-pedagogical competences in medical education (contributions of scientifically applied, practically applied and scientifically methodological nature).
- ✓ Contributions in the field of application of different methods of immunostimulation among the child population, in different regions of Bulgaria and development of a model for the application of complex immunostimulation programs in children of preschool and primary school age (contributions of scientifically applied, practically applied and scientifically methodological nature).

For the purpose of this competition, Petya Kasnakova has presented /submitted/ the following research works:

- *Publications and reports published in scientific journals, refereed and indexed in world-known databases of scientific information*

In connection with the procedure for the academic position of Associate Professor, the following have been submitted:

- ✓ **21 full-text publications**, referenced and indexed in world-famous data bases of scientific information.
- ✓ **6** of them are with an **Impact Factor (Clarivate Analytics** formerly referred to as Thomson Reuters) and
- ✓ **11** with an Impact rank of **SJR (Scopus)**.
- *Publications and papers in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes - 70.*
 - **Monograph** – 1, 2018. „Key points in the professional formation of physical rehabilitation therapists in the process of training at the Medical College“, 175 pages.
 - **Published chapter of a collective monograph - Published chapter of a collective monograph** – 9 in total.

- **- A published university textbook or textbook used in an educational network:** in connection with the procedure for the academic position of Associate Professor, **4** textbooks have been submitted - in **3** (three) of them she is an independent author and in **1** (one) she is the author of three chapters.

- **Participation in a national scientific or educational project:**

In connection with the procedure for the academic position of "Associate Professor" are presented 4 participations in a national scientific or educational project: 1 in an intra-university project of MU Plovdiv, 1 in the National Scientific Program "Young Scientists and Postdoctoral Researchers" of the Ministry of Education and Science 2019-2020 and as an academic mentor in the Project "Student Practices.

IV. Reflection (citation) of the candidate's publications in national and foreign literature - according to the attached references:

- ✓ Citations or reviews in scientific journals, **referenced and indexed** in world-known databases of scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes: in connection with the procedure for filling the academic position of Associate Professor, **42 citations** of publications in scientific journals, refereed and indexed in Scopus and Web of science are presented.
- ✓ Citations in peer-reviewed monographs and collective volumes: **24 citations** of publications in peer-reviewed monographs and collective volumes are presented in connection with the procedure for the academic post of Associate Professor.
- ✓ In connection with the procedure for the academic post of Associate Professor, **40 citations** of publications in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals have been submitted.

V. Comprehensive, qualitative evaluation of teaching and methodological activities:

The attached reference shows that Senior lecturer Petya Kasnakova performs teaching, organizational and administrative activities at the specialty "Physical Rehabilitation" of the Medical College of the Medical University - Plovdiv; Master's Program at the specialty "Physical Rehabilitation, Wellness, SPA and Balneology" of the Faculty of Physical Rehabilitation, Medical University - Plovdiv and specialty "Kinesitherapy" at the Branch - Haskovo at Trakia University - Stara Zagora. According to the Report from the Training Department, her total annual workload for the last years is in accordance with the position held and the Regulations at MU Plovdiv.

VI. Overall assessment of the candidate's compliance with the mandatory conditions and the mandatory quantitative criteria and science metrics, according to the regulations for the academic position of Associate Professor

For the current competition, Senior lecturer Petya Kasnakova Ph.D. presents a scientific output in a volume that fulfills the mandatory conditions and significantly exceeds the mandatory quantitative criteria and scientific metrics, according to the table of Minimum Required Points by Indicator Groups for the Academic Position "Associate Professor".

VII. In conclusion:

As a result of the stated above, I give my positive assessment and I confidently propose to the members of the Scientific Jury to award the academic position of Associate Professor to Senior lecturer Petya Stankova Kasnakova PhD in Health Care Management, Professional field 7.4 Public Health, Field of higher education 7. Health and Sport, for the needs of the specialty "Kinesitherapy" at the Department of Health Care of the Branch Haskovo

27.10.2023.

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