



## STATEMENT

By

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**External Member of the Scientific Jury confirmed with Order № 303/07.02.2023 of the Rector of Trakia University, Stara Zagora, Prof. Yarkov, PhD, and assigned to prepare a statement according to the protocol from the first meeting held on 20.02.2023.**

Regarding: Competition for the occupation of the academic degree “Professor” in the field of the higher education 7. Healthcare and sport, professional direction 7.3. Pharmacy, in terms of the needs of the specialty “Assistant pharmacist” in the Medical College, Trakia University, Stara Zagora.

### **Participants in the competition**

Documents for participation in the declared competition were submitted by the only candidate – Assoc. Prof. Krum Stefanov Kafedjiiski, Ph.D. The set of the documents provided have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the regulations ASDARB, RIASDARB and the Regulation on the conditions and the procedure for acquiring academic degrees at Trakia University - Stara Zagora.

### **Eligibility of the candidate**

The first meeting of the Scientific Jury was held on 20.02.2023 and on the basis of the materials distributed to all members of the Scientific Jury, it was established and unanimously accepted that the scientific production for the participation candidate Assoc. Prof. Krum Stefanov Kafedjiiski, Ph.D in the competition corresponds to the minimum national requirements as well as the additional requirements of the Regulation for the conditions and procedure for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions at the Trakia University- Stara Zagora. The scientific jury allowed the candidate to be evaluated on the merits of the competition.

## **I. BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

Krum Stefanov Kafedjiiski was born on 06 Nov 1977 in Dupnitsa. He graduated his university education in FF, MU-Sofia during 2002 by obtaining EQD „Master of Pharmacy“. He obtained SDO specialty in “Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapy, Medical University, Varna on 07.07.2022. During the period 2003- 2006, he was a PhD student in the Department of Pharmaceutical Technology of the Institute of Pharmacy, Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck, Austria. In 2006, he successfully earned his Ph.D on the topic: Development and evaluation of novel excipients for multifunctional drug delivery systems“. The obtained scientific degree in Austria „Doctor” in the scientific discipline “Technology of the dosage forms and biopharmaceutics” has been acknowledged by VAC (VAC Certificate dated 11/2007). During the period 2008- 2011, he specialized Post-Doc in Novo Nordisk, Copenhagen, Denmark. Since 2015 he has habilitated as ASSOC. PROF. in the Department „Pharmaceutical science and social pharmacy“, Sector „Technology of dosage forms” in the Faculty of Pharmacy of MU Pleven. Since 2022 he has been appointed as ASSOC. PROF. in the „Technology of dosage forms” in Medical College of the Trakia University, Stara Zagora.

Assoc. Prof. Krum Kafedjiiski, Ph.D is a member of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Society (AAPS), German Pharmaceutical Society (APV) and Bulgarian Association of Clinical Trials (BACT).

## **II. SCIENTIFIC AND PUBLICATION ACTIVITY**

The candidate Assoc. Prof. Krum Stefanov Kafedjiiski, Ph.D presents 31 scientific publications, 14 out of them in foreign journals, 12 in Bulgarian journals, as well as in 18 of them he is a first author. A habilitation work and four patents were presented. After acquisition of the academic position ASSOC. PROF., the candidate has published 12 scientific publications in 11 of which he is a first author.

It also makes impression the submitted candidate reference regarding Impact factor- 57.5. It exhibits the majority of the candidate scientific production has been published in world-renowned and recognized journals.

A reference check of the candidate's profiles in SCOPUS and Web of Knowledge shows that the citability of his scientific output is significant - 680 citations in the SCOPUS database and 553 citations in the Web of Knowledge database, which shows the importance of the published scientific works. The candidate's scientific production is also presented at numerous scientific forums - 30 participations in international conferences and symposia.

Assoc. Prof. Kafedjiiski, Ph.D has participated in seven scientific projects with international and Bulgarian funding. He also has participated in the Austrian NANO initiative.

I also fully accept the submitted reference for the scientific contributions of the candidate after obtaining the academic position "Assoc. Prof.". The presented scientific production and the candidate interests can be mainly determined in the Technology of dosage forms, which are decisive for the direction in which the competition is announced and I believe that the candidate fully meets the set criteria for occupying the position. The emphasis of his contributions is mainly focus on:

- Thiomers technology for drug delivery systems;
- Development of insulin dosage form for oral administration;
- Scientific and applied technological research with original solutions

### **III. PARTICIPATION IN CLINICAL TRIALS**

Assoc. Prof. Krum Kafedjiiski, Ph.D has participation in more than 60 trials with the following pharmaceutical companies: Pfizer; Schering-Plough; Novartis, Roche, GSK, Biogen, Merion, Centocor, Nuron, Merck-Serono, Chiesi, Catalent. He participated in numerous Investigators meetings in the field of clinical trials and in meetings as a Clinical Trial Manager.

### **IV. TEACHING ACTIVITY**

Since 2022 till now Assoc. Prof. Krum Kafedjiiski, Ph.D is a lecturer in Technology of the dosage forms and biopharmaceutics in the Medical College of the Trakia University, Stara Zagora

From 2015- 2022- he is a lecturer in Technology of the dosage forms and biopharmaceutics in the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Medical University- Pleven

From **2003- 2006-** he managed practical exercises with students in “Technology of the dosage forms and biopharmaceutics”, Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck, Institute of Pharmacy, Department of Pharmaceutical Technology. He supervised diploma students in “Technology of the dosage forms and biopharmaceutics”, Leopold Franzens University of Innsbruck, Institute of Pharmacy, Department of Pharmaceutical Technology.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

The review of the presented materials, scientific works, their scientific and scientific-applied contributions, the educational and teaching activities and the personal qualities of the candidate exhibit that Assoc. Prof. Krum Kafedjiiski, Ph.D is a proven scientist and teacher in the field of Technology of dosage forms and biopharmaceutics, with an emphasis on modern and nowadays trends in the development of the pharmaceutical science. It gives me a reason to form my positive opinion and to recommend the Scientific Jury to make a positive decision on the selection of **Assoc. Prof. Krum Kafedjiiski, Ph.D** for the academic position “**Professor**” in the field of the higher education 7. Healthcare and sport, professional direction 7.3. Pharmacy, in terms of the needs of the specialty “Assistant pharmacist” in the Medical College, Trakia University, Stara Zagora

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