

STATEMENT

from

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Member of the Scientific Jury (protocol No. HC-07-19 / 12.06.2019) and Order No. RD - 26- 1173 / 19.06.2019 of the Executive Director of UMBALSM "N.I. Pirogov".

Concerning the procedure for associate professor in the field of higher education 7. Health and sports 7.1. Medicine and scientific specialty "Pediatrics", announced in SG, issue. 28, dated 5 April 2019.

The opinion is for the procedure for the academic post "Associate Professor" for the needs of UMBALSM "N.I. Pirogov" and it is developed in accordance with the requirements of Art. 29 of ZRASRB, Art. 60 of the RAPRDP and according to the Rules for the Development of Academic Staff (Annex 1) to "UMBALSM N.I. Pirogov".

The only candidate in the procedure who submitted the required documents is Dr. Iren Stoyanova Tzotcheva. The applicant provides a reference to the minimum requirements in the national requirements under Article 2, paragraphs 2 and 3, respectively the requirements under Article 2, para 5, to which the necessary evidence specified in ZRASRB, in the Rules for its implementation are attached. Applicant's documents for participation in the procedure are in accordance with the requirements of the same Rules and Regulations according to the Academic Staff Regulations (Appendix 1) of "UMBALSM N.I. Pirogov".

Dr. Iren Stoyanova Tzotcheva has a university degree in Medicine in 1997.

She has acquired a specialty in Children's Diseases (certificate Series AC No011149) from 2006.

She holds a Doctorate in Medicine in 2006. In 2013 she acquired a specialty in Pediatric Pulmonology; (certificate Series No 017725).

In 2006 she defended her dissertation work for the acquisition of educational and scientific degree "Doctor" on the topic: "Clinical, Immunological and genetic features of childhood bronchial asthma."

From 2018 until now she is the Head of the Pediatrics Department at "UMBALSM N.I. Pirogov" EAD.

Academic and scientific activities

According to the academic report in the academic year 2017-2018, the workload of Chief Assistant Dr Iren Stoyanova Tzotcheva is 360 hours, which include teaching 5 degree medical

students in Bulgarian and English language, participation in exams, training of trainee doctors, teaching of students in dental medicine.

There are 22 scientific papers at Bulgarian congresses and symposia and 14 at international congresses with published abstracts - 3 pcs. with the impact factor(IF).

Member of a number of scientific societies and professional organizations

- European Association of Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ESPID)
- European Respiratory Organization (ERS)
- Bulgarian Pediatric Association
- Bulgarian Society for Pulmonary Diseases
- Bulgarian Association of Pediatric Pneumology

So far, scientific papers have been shown in a table for the calculation of general and personal IF:

Publications in journals with IF	IF	Number of authors	Personal IF
<i>J Allergy Clin Immunol 2003</i>	6.831	8	0.854
<i>Allergy 2004</i>	3.496	13	0.269
<i>Pathogens and global health 2017</i>	1.703	8	0.213
<i>J Med Microbiol 2018</i>	2.112	8	0.264
<i>Braz J Microbiol. 2019</i>	1.810	10	0.181
<i>Epidemiol Infect. 2019</i>	2.044	9	0.227
IF	17.996		2.008
Publications in journals with IF	IF	Number of authors	Personal IF
<i>Clin Transl Allergy 2017</i>	3.539	4	0.885
<i>Eur Respir J 2017</i>	12.244	5	2.449
<i>Pediatric Pulmonology 2018</i>	3.159	7	0.451
IF	18.942		3.785

Scientometric indicators of dr. Iren Tzotcheva are in accordance with the necessary minimum requirements set by the rules for the development of the academic staff of “UMBALSM N.I.Pirogov” EAD.

Type of scientific publication and activity	Total number	First author	Another position
Total number of publications (journals, scientific journals)	44	27	17
Participation in scientific volume in Bulgarian	1	1	
Publications in Bulgarian magazines	35	26	9
Publications in foreign magazines	8	0	8
• with IF	6		
Participation in Bulgarian congresses and conferences	22	15	7
Participation in international congresses			
• abstracts (number)	14	5	9
• with IF (number, IF)	3	2	
Citations (from all data bases)	208		
• in Bulgaria	8		
• Scopus	200		
Research projects	4		
• in Bulgaria	4		
• abroad	no		

Dr. Iren Tzotcheva is a pediatrician with many years of clinical experience in childhood pulmonology, which introduced new diagnostic and therapeutic algorithms.

Dr. Iren Tzotcheva's research activities meets and exceeds the criteria for the academic position of Associate Professor. She fulfills the requirements for occupation of the position of "Associate Professor" for the needs of "UMBALSM N.I. PIROGOV" EAD, Sofia in accordance with ZRASRB. I express my positive assessment and statement as well as I invite the other members of the honorable scientific jury to give their positive vote.

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