

STATEMENT

from

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About: Procedure for the occupation of the academic position "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty "Pediatrics", announced in DV nr. 25/05.04.2019 г. A complete set of required documents has been submitted for the procedure and one candidate has been admitted – dr. Iren Stoyanova Tzotcheva

Dr. Iren Stoyanova Tzotcheva graduated from the Medical University in Sofia in 1997. She worked consecutively and held the positions of a resident physician in the XII Polyclinic - Sofia until 2001, as a full-time PhD student and a specialist in the Department of Pediatrics, Base I, Children's Clinic, Hospital "Alexandrovska" until 2005, as a physician at the Pediatric Clinic of UMHAT “Alexandrovska” until 2010, as an assistant at the Pediatric Clinic at UMHAT “Alexandrovska” until 2011, as the chief assistant at the Pediatric Clinic of UMHAT “Alexandrovska” until 2014. Since 2014 she has been the Head of the Department for Children with Acute Respiratory Diseases at the Pediatric Clinic of the University Hospital "Alexandrovska". From 2018 until now she holds the position of Head of Pediatrics Department at UMBALSM “N.I. Pirogov” EAD. Dr. Iren Tzotcheva became a specialist in Pediatric Diseases in 2006 and in Pediatric Pulmonology in 2013. In 2006 she obtained the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" after successfully defending her dissertation on the topic "Clinical, immunological and genetic features of bronchial asthma in childhood". Dr. Iren Tzotcheva is a member of many Bulgarian and foreign scientific and professional organizations - European Society for Pediatric

Infectious Diseases (ESPID), European Respiratory Society (ERS), Bulgarian Pediatric Association, Bulgarian Society for Pulmonary Diseases, Bulgarian Association for Pediatric Pulmonology. Principal investigator / co-investigator in a number of clinical studies in children with bronchial asthma and pneumonia. She has held numerous courses and specializations at the European Respiratory Society (ERS), European Association of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI), a fellow of the German Academy of Scientific Exchange (DAAD) at Ludwig Maximilians University.

For the procedure Dr. Iren Tzotcheva presents the Abstract of the Thesis "Clinical, Immunological and Genetic Characteristics of Bronchial Asthma in Childhood", eleven (11) publications in refereed and indexed publications (in two of them as the first author), seventy (70) publications and reports in refereed and non-refereed journals, of which 47 are the first or sole author. 208 citations were presented, 200 of which in world database. The publications in scientific journals with impact factor are 8, the total IF of publications at the moment of reference is 33,779. I agree that the total score of the scientometric group of points is 1236 points. Dr. Iren Tzotcheva's teaching load for the last year is 360 hours. I agree and fully support the contributions presented with scientific and practical value by Dr. Iren Tzotcheva.

On the basis of the above, I believe that the scientific and teaching qualities of the candidate in the announced procedure Dr. Iren Stoyanova Tzotcheva fully meet the requirements for occupying the position of "Associate Professor" for the needs of UMBALSM "N.I. PIROGOV" EAD, Sofia in accordance with ZRARB , expressing my positive evaluation and statement to the Honorable Scientific Jury.

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