

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".

REGARDING: Procedure for the occupation of the academic position "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health and sports, professional field 7.1 Medicine, scientific specialty "Pediatrics", to the Department of Pediatrics, UMBALSM "N.I. Pirogov" EAD, declared in the State Gazette No. 28 / 5.4.2019.

The only candidate who has submitted documents for the procedure is Dr. Iren Stoyanova Tzotcheva. The applicant has submitted a reference for the fulfillment of the minimum national requirements under Article 2, Paragraphs 2 and 3, respectively, of the requirements under Article 2, Paragraph 5, to which the necessary proofs are set out according to the ZRASB, in the Regulations for its implementation.

The documents of the candidate for participation in the procedure are in accordance with the requirements of the same Rules and in accordance with the Rules for the development of the academic staff (Appendix 1) of UMBALSM "NI Pirogov".

Dr. Iren Stoyanova Tzotcheva graduated from the Medical University in Sofia in 1997. She has acquired a specialty in Children's Diseases (Cert. Series No. 011149) since 2006. She has an educational and scientific degree of Doctor of Medicine in 2006. In 2013 she acquired a specialty in Pediatric Pulmonology; (Cert. Series No 017725).

She started working as a doctor in 1998, XII Polyclinic, Sofia. Since 2001 she is a full-time doctoral student and a specialist at the Department of Pediatrics, Children's Clinic, "Alexandrovska" Hospital, Medical University - Sofia. In 2006 she graduated her dissertation for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" on the topic: "Clinical, immunological and genetic features of bronchial asthma in childhood". From 2006 to 2018 he worked as a physician at the Clinic of Pediatrics, University Hospital "Alexandrovska", EAD, occupying the positions of: doctor (2006-2010), assistant (2010 - 2011), chief assistant (2011 - 2018). For the period from 2014 to 2018, she is the Head of the Department for Children with Acute Respiratory Diseases at the same clinic. From 2018 until now she is the Head of the Pediatrics Department at UMBALSM "N.I. Pirogov" EAD.

Professional qualifications:

- won a research fellowship in 2002-2003 from the German Academy of Scientific Exchange (DAAD) at Ludwig-Maximilians University, Children's Clinic - "Dr. Von Haunersches "Laboratory of Allergy Genetics, Munich, Germany, Scientific Advisor Prof. Erica von Mutius
- a number of courses and specializations in the field of allergology, immunology, genetics and diagnostic methods (spirometry, ultrasound, fibrobronchoscopy) in pulmonary diseases.
- Master's Degree in Public Health and Health Management - MU-Sofia;

Academic and scientific activities:

Dr. Iren Stoyanova Tzotcheva is the author and co-author of a considerable number of scientific works with indisputable scientific - applied and contributory character in the field of pulmonary diseases in childhood. There are 22 reported scientific papers at Bulgarian congresses and symposia and 14 at international congresses with published abstracts – 3 of them with Impact Factor (IF).

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. Tzotcheva is Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator in 4 research projects, as well as in a number of clinical studies in children with bronchial asthma and pneumonia. Member of a number of scientific societies 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
- Bulgarian Medical Association

For the procedure, the applicant submits an author's reference to the scientific contributions of the works and citations, and based on the scientific works completed so far, the calculation of the total and personal IF summarized in tabular form is as follows:

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

The scientometric indicators of Dr. Iren Tzotcheva are in accordance with the necessary minimum requirements set by the Regulations for the development of the academic staff (Appendix 1) of UMBALSM "N.I. Pirogov".

Conclusion:

The documents presented for the procedure for associate professor by Dr. Iren Stoyanova Tzotcheva, undoubtedly present her as an erudite, highly competent pediatrician with two specialties, with considerable scientific creativity and proven significant contributions in the field. Evaluated in their entirety according to the criteria and scientometric indicators for the occupation of scientific degrees and academic positions, the candidate's scientometric data are in full compliance with the ZRASRB and PPZRASRB and

in accordance with the Regulations for the development of the academic staff of UMBALSM “N.I. Pirogov”.

This gives me a reason for a positive opinion, that is why I wholeheartedly propose to the honorable members of the Scientific Jury to select Dr. Iren Stoyanova Tzotcheva, MD for the academic position of Assistant Professor in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports in the professional field 7.1 Medicine and scientific specialty “Pediatrics” for the needs of UMBALSM “N.I. Pirogov”.

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