

TO

The Chairman of the Scientific Jury

determined by Order No. 15-05-31/11.02.2025. to the

Executive Director and Procurator

of "ACIBADEM CITY CLINIC UMBHAL TOKUDA" EAD

To your Minutes No. 1

I hereby submit: OPINION on the competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine and scientific specialty "Pediatrics" for the needs of the Pediatrics Clinic of "Acibadem City Clinic UMBHAL Tokuda" EAD, announced in the State Gazette No. 105/13.12.2024.

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The competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty "Pediatrics" is announced on the basis of Art. 4, para. 2 and Art. 29a of the ZRASRB, Art. 2, para. 2, Art. 57, para. 1 and para. 2 of the PPZRASRB, Art. 60, para. 1 and para. 2 of the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at "Acibadem City Clinic UMBHAL Tokuda" EAD, Decision of the Scientific Council (Minutes No. 55/28.11.2024) and announced in the State Gazette No. 105/13.12.2024.

In accordance with Art. 60 (Section V) of the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" EAD, at a meeting of the Scientific Council of "ACIBADEM CITY CLINIC UMBAL TOKUDA" EAD dated 28.11.2024 (Minutes No. 55/28.11.2024) and by Order No. 15-05-31/11.02.2025 of the Executive Director and the Procurator of "ACIBADEM CITY CLINIC UMBAL TOKUDA" EAD, I am elected as a member of the Scientific Jury.

The review of the materials is based on the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its implementation and the Regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring a teaching position and holding a teaching position at "ACHIBADEM CITY CLINIC TOKUDA HOSPITAL" EAD.

The announced competition for the academic position "Associate Professor" has one participant, namely Dr. Vesselina Ivanova Kenderova, MD, PhD.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Dr. Vesselina Ivanova Kenderova, MD, PhD

Biographical data and professional development

Dr. Vesselina Ivanova Kenderova obtained a higher education in medicine in 1997 at the Medical University, Sofia.

During the period 1998-1999 she worked as a doctor at the Clinic of Pediatric Surgery, University Hospital Medical Center "N. Pirogov", Sofia. From 2001 to 2006 she was initially a doctoral student, and subsequently a doctor at the Children's Clinic, University Hospital "Alexandrovska", Sofia. Since 2006 she is currently an associate professor 1st class/chief assistant, pediatrician-pediatric pulmonologist at the Clinic of Pediatrics, ASK University Hospital Tokuda, Sofia.

In 2005 she obtained a specialty in Pediatric Diseases, and in 2015 – Specialty "Pediatric Pneumology and Phthisiology".

In 2015, she also obtained a diploma "Master of Public Health and Health Management".

In 2006, she obtained the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" for a thesis on the topic: "Clinical and immunological studies in immune thrombocytopenic purpura in childhood".

All the data presented speak of the upward professional development of Dr. Vesselina Ivanova Kenderova and her aspiration to expand knowledge in pediatric science, pediatric pulmonology, phthisiology and hematology.

Member of:

1. Bulgarian Medical Union
2. Bulgarian Pediatric Association
3. Bulgarian Pediatric Respiratory Society
4. European Respiratory Society

Proficient in English and Russian, with sufficient computer literacy.

EVALUATION OF TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Dr. Vesselina Ivanova Kenderova, MD, PhD has many years of experience as a teacher.

A reference for teaching workload at "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" EAD is presented. A certificate from Dr. Vesselina Ivanova Kenderova, MD is attached, confirming that for the period from 01.06.2019 to 31.12.2024 she has implemented a teaching workload with residents (in equivalent hours) in the amount of 1394 eq.h.

A REPORT on the academic workload of a part-time lecturer at the Faculty of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology, Pediatrics, Epidemiology, Infectious and Skin Diseases is also attached.

After checking the individual reports of Dr. Vesselina Ivanova Kenderova, MD, it was found that the academic workload for the period 2019-2024 is as follows:

For the academic year 2019/2020: Total academic workload 210 hours, of which 210 classroom hours

For the academic year 2021/2022: Total academic workload 420 hours, of which 420 classroom hours

For the academic year 2022/2023: Total academic workload 360 hours, of which 360 classroom hours

For the academic year 2023/2024: Total academic workload 420 hours, of which 420 classroom hours

Dr. Vesselina Kenderova meets the requirements for teaching.

EVALUATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Dr. Vesselina Kenderova, MD presents the following scientific papers for participation in the competition:

Total number – 27 scientific papers.

According to the method of publication, they are divided into the following groups:

1. 1 dissertation

2. 26 scientific publications:

- 11 are in refereed and indexed scientific journals – 10 Bulgarian and 1 international;

- 15 are in non-refereed and indexed, 14 are Bulgarian and 1 international

Scientific activity also includes 27 participations in congresses and conferences. In 11 (41%) of them, she is the first or sole author.

Citations:

The official reference of the CMB has identified 396 citations:

- 18 in Bulgarian sources,

- 378 – in foreign: Scopus (Elsevier) – 151 and Web of Science (Clarivate) – 227.

The calculated h-index in Scopus is 2, and for Web of Science – h-index is 3.

In this competition, out of all citations, 7 articles were used, of which 1 article is in the Scopus database, 1 article in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review and 5 are in non-refereed journals with scientific review in Bulgaria.

The references are attached.

Reference for the indicators for the competition.

Reference for scientific-metric indicators.

The following is presented:

Reference for fulfilling the minimum national requirements and the requirements of Sofia University, Sofia, Faculty of Medicine.

TABLE WITH INFORMATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SCIENTIFIC-METRIC INDICATORS,

in accordance with the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations on the Development of the Academic Staff.

Dr. Vesselina Kenderova, MD, PhD has a total number of points of 560.7, which exceeds the required minimum /400 points/, namely:

Accordingly by indicators:

- Indicator A - 50 points.
- Indicator B - 220.7 points (10 are scientific publications in publications that are referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information, with the weight of habilitation work)

- Indicator D - 235 points

- Indicator E - 55 points.

Dr. Vesselina Ivanova Kenderova meets the requirements for scientific and teaching activities.

Characteristics of scientific activity

Scientific and applied contributions and directions in scientific research activity:

The scientific interests of Dr. Vesselina Ivanova Kenderova cover various directions in pediatrics, pneumology, hematology, rheumatology, etc.:

The works submitted for review have achieved scientific and applied results and have investigated problems with contributions in various fields and directions, and according to the topic, the works can be divided into the following groups:

1. Pediatric hematology - hemorrhagic diatheses, anemias in childhood
2. Pediatric pulmonology - acute respiratory infections, bronchial asthma, foreign bodies in the lung, non-traumatic chest pain
3. Pediatric rheumatology - macrophage activation syndrome, myositis in childhood, vasculitis, rare clinical cases, pulmonary manifestations in rheumatic diseases, febrile conditions
4. General pediatrics, rare cases

CONCLUSION:

Doctor Vesselina Ivanova Kenderova, MD, PhD is a physician with broad scientific interests and great potential. With an interest in the latest in the diagnosis and treatment of childhood diseases and a particular interest in pediatric pneumology, hematology and rheumatology. With diverse scientific activity.

From the presented presentation it is clear that Dr. Vesselina Ivanova Kenderova is a trained teacher and specialist in pediatrics and pediatric pneumology and phthisiology. She has sufficient clinical and teaching experience and has acquired the necessary organizational experience that allows her to cope with daily practical tasks and cases.

The work she has produced is sufficient in volume and quality for the requirements for an "associate professor" in the specialty "Pediatrics", reflected in the Regulations on the conditions and procedure for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions.

She has the necessary volume of scientific activity, publications and diagnostic and therapeutic activity.

Dr. Vesselina Ivanova Kenderova, MD, PhD is an established physician, lecturer and researcher.

Based on the above, I believe that Dr. Vesselina Ivanova Kenderova, MD, PhD meets the quantitative and qualitative indicators for occupying the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty "Pediatrics" in the competition.

I vote "for" and recommend that the members of the Scientific Jury vote for the scientific position of "Associate Professor" for Dr. Vesselina Ivanova Kenderova, MD, PhD.

28. 02. 2025
City of Sofia

Signature:

Prof. Dr. Stefan Nedev Stefanov, MD, PhD

