

OPINION

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REGARDING: Competition for the academic position of "Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, in the professional field 7.1. Medicine – medical-clinical area and scientific specialty Dermatology and Venereology, for the needs of the competition announced in the State Gazette No. 106 of 17.12.2024 for "Professor" at the external organization "ASMP - Group Practice in Dermatology - Euroderma Clinic" Ltd., Sofia, with the sole candidate who applied within the legal two-month period – Associate Professor Jana Stoyanova Kazandjieva-Tzankova, MD.

I. INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROCEDURE: The competition for the academic position of "Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, in the professional field 7.1. Medicine – medical-clinical area and scientific specialty Dermatology and Venereology, was announced in the State Gazette No. 106 of 17.12.2024. The opinion has been prepared based on Protocol No. 55 of 28.11.2024, according to the decision of the Scientific Council of "Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda University Hospital JSC" regarding the competition published in the State Gazette No. 106/17.12.2024 – Sofia. Based on this order, I was appointed as a member of the Scientific Jury. All procedural requirements regarding the announcement of the competition, the application deadline, and the selection of the Scientific Jury have been met. The opinion has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB), its implementing regulations, and the Regulations on the Conditions and Procedures for Acquiring Academic Degrees and Holding Academic Positions at "Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda University Hospital JSC."

The documents for participation in the competition submitted by the candidate Associate Professor Dr. Jana Stoyanova Kazandjieva-Tzankova meet the requirements of the ZRASRB and the Regulations on the Conditions and Procedures for Acquiring Academic Degrees and Holding Academic Positions. I have no objections regarding the materials provided for review. I have no conflicts of interest in this competition.

II. BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL DATA, EDUCATION, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Assoc. Prof. Jana Kazandjieva graduated in medicine at the University of Medical Sciences - Pleven, diploma № 001053/1985. Immediately after graduation she started working at the Department of Dermatology and Venereology, VMI - Pleven as an assistant professor. In 1986 she moved to the City Skin Dispensary - Sofia, where she worked as a medical doctor until 1994. In 1992 she acquired a speciality in Skin and Venereal diseases - diploma № 39016/15.01.1992. In 1994, after a competition, she was appointed Assistant Professor at the Department of Dermatology and Venereology, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University - Sofia. In 2005 she successfully defended her dissertation on "Exogenous pigmentary disorders - dermatological aspects and therapeutic possibilities" with Diploma number: 29702 / 05.05.2005 / VAK. In 2008 she was elected Associate Professor at the same Department. Since 2021 she is a Master in Health Management, with Diploma of TRU №350521/reg.6811 dated 26.10.2021.

III. RESEARCH ACTIVITY: Jana Stoyanova Kazandjieva - Tsankova submits for review 281 scientific works published after acquiring the academic rank "Associate Professor". She presents 79 actual publications (outside the PhD and Associate Professor), refereed in Scopus and Web of Science, of which 39 published in journals with impact factor (outside the PhD and Associate Professor) and 40 in journals refereed in Scopus and Web of Science without impact factor (outside the PhD and Associate Professor); 171 publications printed in Bulgarian journals (beyond PhD and Associate Professor), refereed in the national reference list of NACID; 1 independent monograph; co-authorship in 17 chapters of monographs, of which 13 in English; co-authorship in 7 chapters of textbooks and 5 textbooks, of which 1 textbook in English. Assoc. Prof. Kazandjieva has 462 participations in scientific forums with lectures and posters after acquiring the academic title "Associate Professor", of which 72 lectures delivered as an invited lecturer at prestigious international forums abroad (after acquiring the academic title "Associate Professor").

h index, g index, Импакт фактор

The reference of the NACID dated 12.02.2025 and the reference of the Central Medical Library, Sofia dated 20.01.2025 are quoted.

h-index - 22; g-index - 40.

The total impact factor of the candidate's research articles after obtaining the academic rank of Associate professor is 94.988, according to the reference of NACID.

Citations

The NACID reference lists 1774 citations abroad in WEB of Science and SCOPUS databases. The reference of the Central Medical Library, Medical University - Sofia shows 280 citations in Bulgarian sources.

The habilitation work is formed by 10 articles with impact factor, published in prestigious international journals. The description of the scientific contributions in the habilitation report is structured according to the research areas of the candidate. The articles cover contributions in the field of dermatoallergy; therapy of infantile haemangiomas and important aspects of drug-induced dermatoses, skin diseases of systemic nature and dermatological features in COVID-pandemic.

The major contributions of the candidate are in the areas of dermatoallergy, infantile hemangiomas, systemic skin diseases, drug-induced diseases, and exogenous pigment disorders. In the field of contact allergy Assoc. Prof. Kazandjieva presented 97 scientific papers after obtaining the academic rank of Associate professor, including 1 independent monograph in which the basic principles of diagnosis and treatment of contact allergy due to cosmetic products are discussed.

In the field of atopic dermatitis, 30 scientific papers have been published after the acquisition of the academic rank of Associate professor, with the candidate being the lead author in all national consensus papers on the topic, lead author in the Bulgarian white paper on dermatology for atopic dermatitis; lead author in the standard of medical care for patients with atopic dermatitis.

In the field of infantile hemangiomas, after obtaining the academic title of Associate Professor, 13 articles have been published in English; 15 in Bulgarian; 1 chapter in the English monograph "Skin and the Heart", 2021. She participated as a lead author in the first National Consensus on the Treatment

of Haemangiomas in Infancy and Early Childhood of the Bulgarian Dermatological Society and the Paediatric Society, 2017.

In the field of drug induced dermatoses, 25 scientific papers (9 in English) have been presented after obtaining the academic rank of Associate Professor. The articles are on drug-induced psoriasis, drug induced lupus erythematosus and drug induced acne. The three publications have a total of 382 citations (reference NACID, 2025). For the first time in the world, a case series of granulomas after injection of vitamins into the lips was described.

A total of 10 papers have been dedicated to the topic of exogenous pigmentary disorders since the acquisition of the academic rank of Associate Professor. The article "Skin Cryobranding" describes for the first time in the world the skin changes in this "new technique" of tattooing.

The relationship between skin and systemic internal diseases is a subject of 12 publications in prestigious journals, 1 textbook in English and 2 chapters of monographs. These articles are among the first in the world to discuss the systemic nature of skin diseases.

A total of 13 articles (4 in English and 9 in Bulgarian) have been published on the topic of skin changes and COVID. The articles have been cited many times (75 citations according to the references) and discuss the side effects of vaccines on the skin, telogen effluvium and the measures needed to prevent hand and facial eczema.

IV. TEACHING AND LEARNING ACTIVITY: For the last 2 years (2023, 2024) the teaching load is 870 hours and for the 6-year period from 2019 - a total of 4272 hours. Assoc. Kazandjieva is a scientific supervisor of 5 successfully defended PhD students: Dr. Ban Kamuna, Dr. Klimentina Gospodinova, Dr. Kristina Semkova (together with prof. S. Marina), Dr. Joanna Velevska (together with prof. S. Marina), Dr. Bisera Kotevska (together with prof. Z. Demerdzhieva) .

V. MEDICAL - DIAGNOSTIC ACTIVITY. A/Prof. Kazandjieva has been working at the University Hospital of Alexandrovska as an Associate Professor and medical doctor in the 1st ward of the Clinic of Dermatology and Venereology for 29 years. She is the organizer and head of the Bulgarian Dermatoallergy Network, organizing annual campaigns for free allergy testing (from 2009 to 2024), on the basis of which the national database on contact hypersensitivity to various allergens in Bulgaria was created.

VI. MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND EDITORIAL BOARDS. A/Prof. Jana Kazandjieva is a member of the Board of the Bulgarian Dermatological Society, Head of the Section of Dermatoallergology at the Bulgarian Dermatological Society - since 2010, and Head of the Section of Vascular Dermatoses at the BDS. She is a member of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) - board member (2012-2018); member of the Ethics Committee of the EADV (2011-2015); of the German-Bulgarian Dermatological Society - secretary of the society (2001-2012); Honorary member of the Serbian Dermatological Society; Honorary member of the Macedonian Dermatological Society.

Participation in editorial boards: Editorial board member: Serbian Journal of Dermatology; Clinics in Dermatology. Guest editor. Are Skin Diseases Systemic Ones?: I, II, III 2019, 2015 and 2014 respectively. Bulgarian journals: member of the editorial board of the Dermatology and Venereology journal ISSN 0417-0792; member of the editorial board of the Academic Journal Dermatology Oncology - 2023/2024 ISSN 2815-4223.

VII. COMPLIANCE WITH THE MINIMUM NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF MU-SOFIA FOR THE ACADEMIC POSITION OF ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR:

With the above scientific production and teaching activities, Assoc. Prof. Kazandjieva meets and far exceeds the criteria for the award of the scientific and academic position of "Professor".

CONCLUSION: The candidate's research activity meets and exceeds many times in volume and quality the requirements for the academic position of "professor" in a clinical discipline.

Based on the above, I recommend the scientific jury to award Assoc. Prof. Jana Stoyanova Kazandjieva - Tsankova the academic position of "Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sport in the professional field 7.1. Medicine and scientific specialty "Dermatology and Venereology" for the needs of the external organization "ASMP - Group Practice of Dermatology - Euroderma Clinic" Ltd.

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