

Professional review

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Subject of review:

Competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7.1 "Healthcare and Sports", in the professional field "Medicine" in the scientific specialty "Pediatrics" for the needs of the Pediatrics Clinic based on "Acibadem University Hospital Tokuda", announced in the State Newspaper No. 105/13.12.2024 with one candidate - Dr. Vesselina Ivanova Kenderova.

Procedure issues:

At a meeting of the Committee for the admission of candidates to participate in the competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" for the needs of the Pediatrics Clinic - "Acibadem UMHAL Tokuda" one candidate was admitted to the next stage of the competition procedure - Dr. Vesselina Ivanova Kenderova, in accordance with the eligibility requirements under the ZRASRB, Art. 2, para. 2, Art. 57, para. 1 and para. 2 of the PPZRASRB and the Regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at "Acibadem UMHAL Tokuda" EAD. As part of the Scientific Jury according to Order 15-05-31/11.02.2025 I present a statement on the competition.

Professional development and qualities:

- Dr. Vesselina Ivanova Kenderova graduated from medical school in 1997 at the Medical University of Sofia, Diploma No. 1933 /10.12.1997
 - In 2004, she obtained a specialty in Pediatrics- Diploma No. AC 010444/Reg. No:010567
 - In 2014, she obtained a second specialty in Pediatric Pulmonology - AC 014586, Reg. No: 018709/05.03.2015
 - In 2006 she successfully completed her PhD thesis on the topic "Hemorrhagic Diatheses in Childhood" and obtained a scientific qualification degree - "Doctor" - Diploma 30135/09.01.2006
 - In 2015 obtained a master's degree in "Public Health and Health Management" - FCH - MU - Sofia
 - Dr. Kenderova worked successfully in the Clinic of Pediatric Surgery of the N. Pirogov University Hospital, the Aleksandrovska Children's Clinic for the period 2001-2006 and since 2006 she has been currently a pediatrician and pediatric pulmonologist in the Pediatric Clinic of Acibadem University Hospital Tokuda EAD.
- Dr. Vesselina Kenderova is a graduate of the Tsanko Tserkovski Secondary School in Polski Trambez.

Dr. Vesselina Kenderova is a very responsible and dedicated person in terms of her personal life. She is distinguished by a thorough diagnostic and therapeutic approach in the field of

general pediatrics, pediatric pulmonology and hematology. The defended PhD thesis significantly enriches her theoretical training in the field of benign pediatric hematology. Joint clinical work with Assoc. Prof. Kalin Lisichki as Head of the Pediatrics Clinic leads to interest and in-depth knowledge in rheumatological pathology. Dr. Kenderova, as a pediatric pulmonologist, has interests in the field of pediatric asthma, acute and chronic lung diseases. Dr. Kenderova has a broad general pediatric culture and expertise. She demonstrates the ability to make independent, timely decisions. She has mastered all diagnostic and therapeutic manipulations in pediatrics. She shows initiative in difficult diagnostic clinical cases. Dr. Vesselina Kenderova has the necessary computer literacy. She speaks English, both written and spoken, at a very good level.

Specializations and memberships:

- Member of BMA, BPA, BDRD, ESR

Scientific and research activity:

For this competition, Dr. Vesselina Kenderova presents 27 scientific works: 1 dissertation and 26 scientific publications and communications. Of the 26 publications presented, 11 are in refereed and indexed scientific journals – 10 Bulgarian and 1 international; 15 are in non-refereed and indexed, with 14 being 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. The official reference of the CMB has identified 396 citations – 18 in Bulgarian sources, 378 – in foreign ones: 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 the 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.

Scientific research activity is focused on several directions:

I. Pediatric hematology

1. Hemorrhagic diatheses
2. Anemias in childhood

II. Pediatric pulmonology

1. Acute respiratory infections
2. Bronchial asthma
3. Foreign bodies in the lung
4. Non-traumatic chest pain

III. Pediatric rheumatology

1. Macrophage activation syndrome
2. Childhood myositis
3. Vasculitis
4. Rare clinical cases
5. Pulmonary manifestations in rheumatic diseases, febrile conditions

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According to the assessment indicators of Annex 3 of the Career Development Regulations of MU - Sofia, the candidate has enough points as follows (tab.1):

Teaching activity:

Dr. Kenderova is a part-time lecturer at the Faculty of Medicine of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". For the last four years she has been teaching as an assistant and has trained interns and specialists in pediatric diseases. For 2019/2020, there is a reference for 210 academic hours of classroom work; for 2021/2022, there are 420 classroom hours, for 2022/2023, there are 360 classroom hours, for 2023/2024, there are 420 classroom hours.

Dr. Vesselina Kenderova prepares and delivers presentations at scientific collegiums and pediatric forums.

Conclusion:

Dr. Vesselina Kenderova is a rare combination of professional competence, diverse scientific interests and teaching qualities. Our joint work over the years has shown that she is a person with great charisma, empathy and commitment to the treatment and educational process. The professional and scientific development of Dr. Vesselina Ivanova Kenderova and her proven qualities for clinical, scientific and teaching activities, teamwork and communication skills make her completely suitable for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor". I give my positive assessment and recommendation to the esteemed members of the scientific jury for a positive vote.

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