

To
The Scientific Jury, as determined by
Order No. 15-03-60#1/13.02.2024
issued by the Executive Director and
Attorney-in-fact of Acibadem City
Clinic Tokuda University Hospital,
Sofia.

STATEMENT

by

Prof. Dr. Vasil Tsankov Yablanski, MD

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Subject: Competition for the Academic Position of "Associate Professor" in the Field of Higher Education 7. "Healthcare and Sports", under professional direction 7.1. "Medicine" and scientific specialty "Anesthesiology and Intensive Care" for the needs of the Clinic of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care at Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda University Hospital, Sofia, announced in the "State Gazette", issue 104/15.12..2023.

By Order No.15-03-65#1/13.02.2024 issued by the Executive Director and the Procurator of Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda University Hospital, Sofia, and at a meeting of the scientific council of the same organization (Protocol No. 49/01.11.23), I have been appointed as a member of the Scientific Jury for the announced competition. At the first remote meeting of the Scientific Jury, a decision was made for me to prepare a statement.

Candidate:

Dr. Bilyana Petkova Kamenova, MD, a physician at the Clinic of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care at Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda University Hospital, Sofia, is the sole candidate who submitted documents for participation in the competition within the legally defined deadline. She meets the requirements of the Regulations for the Application of the Law on Higher Education, its Implementing Rules, and the Regulations on the Conditions and Procedure for Obtaining Scientific Degrees and Occupying Academic Positions at Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda University Hospital, Sofia. Based on meeting the necessary requirements, Dr. Kamenova has been admitted for participation in the competition and evaluation by the Scientific Jury.

I. Biographical Data and Career Profile of the Candidate

Dr. Bilyana Kamenova was born on June 18, 1973. In 1991, she completed her secondary education at the Natural Sciences and Mathematics High School in Vidin. In 1997, she graduated from the Medical University of Sofia, and in 2003, after successfully passing the exam, she obtained a specialty in anesthesiology and intensive care. During this period, she also underwent specialization at Claude Huriez Hospital in Lille, France. On October 20, 2020, after successfully defending her dissertation on the topic "Anesthesia and Intraoperative Neurophysiological Monitoring in Surgical Corrections of Scoliosis in Childhood", she obtained the educational and scientific degree of "Doctor".

From 2016 to the present, she has held the position of medical resident and worked as an anesthesiologist in orthopedics, abdominal surgery, ophthalmic surgery, neurosurgery, ENT surgery, general surgery, pediatric surgery, urology, Central Intensive Care Unit, and others at Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda University Hospital, Sofia. Prior to this, she worked as an anesthesiologist and intensivist at University Hospital Tsaritsa Yoanna - ISUL, Sofia.

Throughout her professional journey, she has established herself as an excellent specialist, respected not only by patients but also by her colleagues in anesthesiology and intensive care, as well as other specialties.

II. Evaluation of educational and teaching activities.

Dr. B. Kamenova presents a report indicating that the average annual workload for the past five years is 1468 equivalent hours. I have known the candidate in their work for many

years and can confirm the tremendous dedication and active participation with which they engage in the process of working with students, residents, course participants, and doctoral candidates.

III. Assessment of the candidate's scientific works.

Dr. Bilyana Petkova Kamenova participates in the competition with a total of 12 scientific works, including 1 monograph and 4 articles - referenced and indexed in SCOPUS or Web of Science. Among them, she is the first author in 7 and the second or subsequent author in 5. Additionally, she has presented 11 participations in congresses and conferences, including 1 abroad, 9 participations in congresses in Bulgaria with international participation, and 1 without international participation.

According to a reference from the National Library "St. St. Cyril and Methodius", Dr. Bilyana Kamenova has a presence of 10 citations in international databases up to 2024.

The thematic directions in the publications cover current issues in the following areas:

- Electrophysiological monitoring in surgical corrections of scoliosis in childhood;
- Anesthesia peculiarities in the application of intraoperative neurophysiological monitoring;
- Perioperative period and anesthesia in surgical corrections of idiopathic scoliosis in childhood;
- Perioperative period and electrophysiological monitoring in pediatric patients with neuromuscular scoliosis;
- Organic acidemias - perioperative care in pediatric patients.

In total, based on all criteria, a score of 424.29 points is generated, meeting the minimum requirements for appointment to the academic position of "Associate Professor", according to the Regulations on Academic Staff of Higher Education Institutions, its Implementing Rules, and the Regulations on the Conditions and Procedure for Obtaining Scientific Degrees and Occupying Academic Positions at Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda University Hospital, Sofia.

IV. Conclusion

I believe that with her qualifications, scientific research, teaching, and diagnostic-therapeutic activities, Dr. Bilyana Petkova Kamenova, MD, meets the minimum requirements for the advertised position. This gives me grounds to vote in favor and propose to the esteemed members of the Scientific Jury to support her appointment as an Associate Professor in

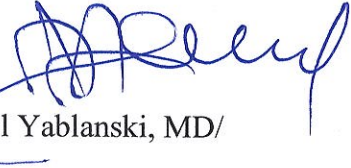
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March 18, 2024

Sofia

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'V. Yablanski', written over the printed name.