

**To the members of the scientific jury
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OF

**PROF. IVA STEFANOVA CHRISTOVA, MD, PhD, DSc
NATIONAL CENTER OF INFECTIOUS AND PARASITIC DISEASES**

Competition to hold the academic position ASSOCIATED PROFESSOR

**Scientific specialty “Epidemiology”
Field of higher education 7 “Healthcare and sport”
Professional direction 7.1. Meidicine
Specialty “Epidemiology”**

For the needs of

Department of Epidemiology and surveillance of communicable diseases

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With a single candidate

**LILI EMILOVA RAHAMIMOVA-MARINOVA
DOCTOR OF EPIDEMIOLOGY**

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Lili Marinova graduated as a Master of Medicine with excellent results from the state exams at the Medical University - Sofia in 1995. She started working at Department of Epidemiology and surveillance of communicable diseases of the National Center of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases in 2001, successively working as a research associate of III, II and I degree. In 2005, she acquired a specialty in Epidemiology of infectious diseases. Since 2010, she has been appointed as a chief assistant in the same department.

In 2012, she successfully defended her dissertation entitled "Epidemiology of Measles in Bulgaria in the Conditions of Elimination and Opportunities for Effective Surveillance". In 2015, she was elected as an associate professor, and since 2016, she has headed the Department of Epidemiology and Surveillance of Communicable Diseases at the National Center of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases.

Since 2016, she has been working at Sofia Regional Health Inspectorate, where she has been successively chief expert, chief inspector, head of sector, head of department and deputy director.

Since December 2025, she has been working again at the National Center of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases. Given her expertise and professionalism, she has been appointed Head of the "Epidemiology and Surveillance of Communicable Diseases" department.

Dr. Lili Marinova has a second master's degree - in "Public Health and Health Management" at MU-Sofia. She has conducted numerous specializations and trainings in the country and abroad. She is the author of 5 documented implementations.

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

In the competition for associate professor, Dr. Lili Marinova presents a list of 38 publications in domestic and international journals and 20 full-length reports or summaries of reports printed in specialized scientific publications, published after obtaining the educational and scientific degree "Doctor". Dr. Marinova is the lead author of Practical Guide for Health Workers and Health Mediators, 2013. Her monograph "Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Implementation of the National Immunization Program in Sofia City District, 2026" is in print.

Dr. Lili Marinova has published articles in leading European publications - Eurosurveillance, European Journal of Public Health and in Bulgarian authoritative publications - Comptes rendus de l'Academie bulgare des Sciences, Problems of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases, Pediatriya.

The total impact factor of her articles is 27,079. The impact factor of only the articles after acquiring the degree "Doctor" is 9,945.

We judge the interest in the published articles by their citations in prestigious international publications - 10 of her articles have been cited a total of 236 times in publications with an impact factor.

Dr. Marinova is a leader or participant in 15 international projects funded by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, the European Commission, and the World Health Organization.

The main scientific directions and contributions

Dr. Marinova is involved in the epidemiological surveillance of respiratory infections - influenza, legionellosis, whooping cough, respiratory syncytial virus infection and other respiratory viruses. A central place in her scientific research activities is occupied by studies on the epidemiology of measles, mumps and rubella. She carries out research on immunization policy and the effects of its implementation in the country.

She has made significant contributions of an original nature for the country, including a detailed study of the COVID-19 pandemic in Sofia-city and its impact on the implementation of the National Immunization Program; a study of the influence of socio-economic factors on the severity of the course and the frequency of severe complications in measles; a study on the attitudes of target groups of the population regarding vaccines and immunizations in order to establish the reasons for the presence of a non-immune population.

EDUCATIONAL AND TEACHING ACTIVITY

Dr. Lili Marinova actively participates in the conduct of lectures and exercises at the Medical College "Y. Filaretova" at MU-Sofia. A certificate for 2 academic years with a total of 180 hours of lectures and 150 hours of exercises has been presented. The additional study load includes 21 hours of semester exams and 31 hours of state exams.

CONCLUSION

Dr. Lili Marinova, Doctor of Epidemiology, is among the most authoritative and established experts in epidemiology in our country. She is a well-known and respected scientist with international recognition, with participation in many research projects and prestigious scientific publications.

Summarizing the scientific contributions of her scientific works - original for the country and scientifically applied in nature, appreciated by the scientific community, as evidenced by their citations, I can confidently state that they fully satisfy and exceed the quantitative and qualitative criteria of the Act on the Promotion of Research and Development of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its implementation and the Regulations of the National Center of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases for the academic position of "Associate Professor".

Based on all this, I recommend to the esteemed members of the scientific jury to support the candidacy and propose to the Scientific Council of the National Center of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases **Dr. Lili Emilova Rahamimova-Marinova, Doctor of epidemiology**, to be elected to the academic position of "**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**" in the scientific specialty "**EPIDEMIOLOGY**" for the needs of the Department of "Epidemiology and Surveillance of Communicable Diseases" at the National Center of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases.

Signature:

/ Prof. Iva Christova, MD, PhD, DSc./