

STANDPOINT

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Regarding the contest for the academic position of
'PROFESSOR' in the field of 4.3 'Biological sciences', 'Immunology', due to the
demand in the Laboratory of Experimental Immunology, Department of
The Stephan Angeloff Institute of Microbiology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
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1. Education and professional development

Associate Professor Andrey Tchorbanov graduates from the Faculty of Biology of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" with a specialization in genetic and cellular engineering. From 1992 until 1999 he works at The National Centre of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases developing bacterial vaccines. In 1999 Andrey Tchorbanov accepted a place in at the laboratory of Experimental Immunology, Institute of Microbiology at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. In 2002 he presents his PhD thesis on the topic of "Engineered and genetically engineered chimeric molecules as antigens", which he had developed under the guidance of Prof. Tchavdar Vassilev, PhD.

During his undergraduate study and further professional development Assoc. Prof. Tchorbanov has participated in many additional courses at the National Center of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases primarily connected to immunology diagnostics of infectious diseases. He has also undertaken courses abroad involving fundamental immunology such as "Molecular immunology" in Rumania, "European summer school" in Czech Republic, "Self-tolerance and self-recognition" in Romania. In the period 1996-1997 he specializes at Utrecht University, Netherlands, whereas in 2003 at the National University of Taiwan.

In 2009 Andrey Tchorbanov becomes an associate professor at the Institute of Microbiology, Bulgarian Academy of Science. In 2016 he becomes the head of the immunology department at the Institute of Microbiology. In 2011 he is a guest-lecturer at the University of Niš, Serbia.

2. Research activity

When analysing Assoc. Prof. Andrey Tchorbanov's research activity, it is hard to find balance. Either, one must speak long and wide, or let the facts speak for themselves. For the period 2009- 2019 he has introduced 16 scientific papers as habilitation work which can be classified into three different, but logically and applicably connected themes. Each one of is included in renowned and famous scientific journals with high impact factors (IF), which are either in Q1 or Q2 quartiles. My honest opinion is that the presented scientific papers as habilitation work are an excellent example of a scientific research at the highest level.

In terms of the scientific publications, after obtaining the title "associate professor", Andrey Tchorbanov has introduced 33 scientific papers with impact factor and

