

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ON A DECISION

of the Accreditation Council on the results of the evaluation carried out under a programme accreditation procedure of a doctoral programme "Immunology" in a professional field 7.1 Medicine, an area of higher education 7. Healthcare and sport, at the Medical University - Plovdiv

The procedure was opened by the Accreditation Council on 19.01.2017 at the request of the Rector of the Medical University – Varna. The Expert panel, approved by the AC on 08.11.2018, carried out an inspection of the institution under accreditation on **22.01.2019**.

At a meeting held on **12.02.2019**, the Standing Committee on Healthcare and Sport adopted the Expert panel's report and, on its basis, prepared a report on the results of the evaluation carried out under the programme accreditation procedure of the doctoral program "**Immunology**" in a professional field 7.1. Medicine at the Medical University – Plovdiv. The decision reflects **findings and assessments on the implementation of the requirements of the Criteria System in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG) - Part 1 / 1-10 / and pursuant to Art. 78, para. 3 of the HEA (Table 5).**

On 07.03.2019 the Accreditation Council approved the report of the Standing Committee and voted on the basis of the "Rules for voting on procedures for accreditation and project evaluation" adopted by NEAA.

After summarising the results of the vote, the Accreditation Council took the following decisions:

1. Awards program accreditation to a doctoral programme "Immunology" in a professional field 7.1. Medicine, an area of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sport at the Medical University – Plovdiv on the grounds of an overall assessment on the criteria of 9.03 (nine, point three hundredths).

2. Determines a period of validity of accreditation 6 (SIX) years, in accordance with Art. 79, para. 4, item 2 of the Higher Education Act.

The Accreditation Council formulates the following recommendations:

1. The Medical University of Plovdiv and the departments of Medical Biology and Microbiology and Immunology should take action to attract more PhD students.

Deadline: permanent

2. The PhD student in Immunology at the Department of Medical Biology should have a scientific tutor , a habilitated lecturer in the scientific specialty of Immunology, therefor this issue should be discussed and a decision tshould be aken accordingly.

Deadline: September 2019

President of NEAA

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