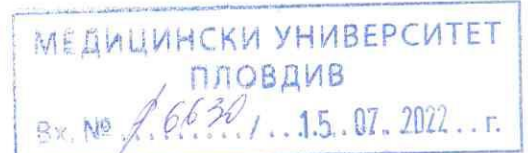


To the chairman of the Scientific Jury
Order № P – 1319/06.06.2022
Of the Rector of the Medical University-
Plovdiv.



According to the protocol number 1/17.06.22

I present to you my report about the contest for the title “Associated Professor”, scientific specialty “General Surgery”, Department of “Propaedeutic of Surgery”, Medical Faculty, Medical University-Plovdiv, Bulgaria. The contest is announced in “State newspaper”, number 20/11.03.22

REPORT

from

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Regarding: Announced contest for "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty "General Surgery" for the needs of the Department of Propedeutics of Surgical Diseases, Section "General Surgery" at the Medical University of Plovdiv, announced in the Official Gazette. No. 20/11/03/2022

I present this report in my capacity as a member of the Scientific Jury, confirmed by order P-1319/06.06.2022 of the Rector of the Medical University of Plovdiv.

According to the announced contest, only documents were submitted by Dr. Boyko Chavdarov Atanasov, MD - Chief Administrative Assistant at the Department of Propedeutics of Surgery, Medical Faculty of Medical University-Plovdiv,Bulgaria.

I. Brief biographical data of the applicant.

- born in 1978 in the city of Plovdiv.
- secondary education in Plovdiv in 1995
- graduation from the Medical University of Sofia. 2005
- resident in the 1st surgery-clinic of General surgery with coloproctology- 2001-2012

- 01.2008, specialty in surgery.

- The surgical department of "Eurohospital" UMBAL, Plovdiv. from 2012 until now

Academic development:

AD "Assistant" since 2011.

AD "Chief Assistant" in the Department of "Propaedeutics of Surgical Diseases" since 2018

Defense thesis before a scientific jury on the topic: "Modern treatment of distal rectal cancer with conventional and laparoscopic operations after neoadjuvant radiochemotherapy"- 2017

- master's degree in Health Management at VUARR - Plovdiv 2019

Dr. Boyko Atanasov, PhD, is fluent in written and spoken English and Russian.

Memberships: co-founder and member of the Bulgarian Association for Emergency Surgery and Traumatology. the Bulgarian Medical Union; member of BCD/ Bulgarian Surgical Society/; Union of Scientists in Bulgaria; member of WSES (World Society of Emergency Surgery); member of ESCP (European Society of Coloproctology); member of IASGO (International Association of Surgeons, Gastroenterologists and Oncologists); member of IHPBA (International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association).

II. General description of the submitted materials for the contest

The submitted materials and documents for the academic position "Associate Professor" are in full compliance with the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its application and the Regulations for Academic Development at the MU Plovdiv.

III. Evaluation of the scientific works of the candidate for the overall academic development

Dr. Atanasov is the author of a dissertation and a corresponding abstract for the acquisition of the "Ph.D".

The dissertation examines the safety and applicability of minimally invasive methods in the treatment of rectal carcinoma after the application of neoadjuvant therapy. This is a very important surgical problem of enormous practical importance and application.

A habilitation thesis on the topic: "Patient safety and therapeutic approaches in the treatment of colonoscopic iatrogenic perforations" is presented, containing 140 pages and scientifically peer-reviewed. The monograph examines modern algorithms in diagnosis and surgical treatment of colon perforations during diagnostic and therapeutic colonoscopies.

The candidate presents a total of 108 scientific publications and reports.

The scientific works referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information (only Scopus and Web of science) are a total of 20. Of them, 19 are in journals with an Impact factor (Clarivate Analytics). Publications can be summarized in the following thematic categories: emergency and planned colon and rectal surgery; surgical and antibiotic treatment of cases of abdominal sepsis, applicability of the "Open Abdomen" methodology; role and impact of SARS-CoV-2 infection in surgery; A global incidence study of acute appendicitis.

88 are the publications and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals. In summary, they consider the possibilities for applicability of mini-invasive surgical methods in: planned and emergency abdominal surgery; gastric; hepatobiliary surgery and in coloproctology.

Regarding participation in scientific or educational projects, Dr. Atanasov presents data on two such projects.

1) International scientific or educational project: Project with CNR-Institute of Translational Pharmacology, Rome and Institute of Biomembranes and Bioenergetics, Bari, Italy, aimed at examining the link between colorectal cancer and microbiota

2) National scientific or educational project: Project BG05M2OP001-2.013-0001 of the Ministry of Education and Culture "Student practices - Phase 2" financed by OP NOIR

IV. Citation of the candidate's publications in the national and foreign literature

Dr. Atanasov has provided evidence for 253 citations in scientific publications referenced and indexed in Scopus and Web of science and 57 in other databases. This fully meets the requirements and the Regulations for Academic Development at the Medical University – Plovdiv.

V. Complex, qualitative evaluation of the teaching-methodical and teaching activity, incl. scientific guidance of students, doctoral students, specialists.

The report on the candidate's study load for the last 3 years shows an excess of the required minimum hours for the relevant units performing medical activity.

Dr. Boyko Atanasov gives lectures at Medical University - Plovdiv to third-year Bulgarian students and conducts practical classes in the discipline - Propedeutics of surgical diseases.

In 2020, the candidate became part of the research team of the Scientific Research Institute of MU-Plovdiv (NIMU) in the field of Patient Safety in Surgery. At the Department of Propedeutics of Surgical Diseases, Dr. Atanasov is responsible for Scientific Activities and from 2022 he holds the position of Chief Administrative Assistant.

The latest attestation presented is for the period from 2018-2020 and has a very good attestation rating. This is proof of the good academic development of the candidate, as well as the excellent handling of scientific and teaching activities

Dr. Atanasov has participated in numerous specialized courses in the country: course on laparoscopic surgery and basics of laparoscopic surgery; course for teachers in "Laparoscopic surgery" - "LAPCO TT TRAIN THE TRAINER LAPAROSCOPIC COLORECTAL SURGERY"; basics of ultrasound diagnostics; "Surgical treatment of diseases of the

hepatobiliary system and pancreas"; "Pancreatic cancer-multidisciplinary approach" - postgraduate course.

VI. Critical notes and recommendations.

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VII. General assessment of the applicant's compliance with the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3, respectively, to the requirements under Art. 2b, para. 5 and the requirements specific to MU - Plovdiv by direction and for units with/without clinical activity, defined in the Regulations for Academic Development at the Medical University - Plovdiv.

Provided by Chief Adm. Asst. Dr. Boyko Atanasov materials correspond and fully cover the minimum required indicators. With a minimum of 810 points stipulated in the university regulations, candidate Dr. Atanasov covers 8923 points. When analyzing the indicators:

Available documents proving completed Higher Medical Education and acquired specialty in Surgery

- Documents for ONS "Doctor" in the relevant specialty
- Presented monograph
- 20 articles referenced in Scopus and Web of Science, exceeding the minimum requirements of 10, incl. 3 with an impact factor.
- 253 citations of the scientific publications in publications included in world-renowned databases with a set minimum of 7
- Participation in 2 scientific and educational projects

VIII. Conclusion:

In conclusion, I express my opinion that Dr. Boyko Atanasov, MD, meets and exceeds the required minimum criteria for occupying the academic position "Associated Professor". In this

sense, I vote positively and call on the other members of the jury to give their positive vote for awarding Dr. Atanasov the academic position of "Associate Professor".

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