

To

**The chairman of the scientific jury,
determined by Order No. R -
1319/06.06.2022.
of the Rector of the MU - Plovdiv
V. Aprilov Blvd. N215A 4002
Plovdiv**

On your Protocol No. 1/ from 17, june 2022

(Date of the 1st meeting)

Attached I present: Statement

In a competition for the academic position "Associate Professor"

in the scientific specialty "General and operative surgery"

announced for the needs of MU-Plovdiv, Department "Propaedeutics of Surgical Diseases",
Section "General Surgery"

in SG No. 20/11.03.2022

Reviewer: Associate Professor Georgi Paskalev Safev, dm

Scientific specialty/s General surgery; Thoracic surgery

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Чл.5 §1, б. "В" Регламент (ЕС)2016/679**

STATEMENT
from
Associate Professor Georgi Paskalev Safev, DM

Regarding: Announced election for JSC "Associated Professor" in the scientific specialty "General Surgery" for the needs of the Department of Propaedeutics 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 statement 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.

The only candidate in the announced election is Dr. Boyko Chavdarov Atanasov, MD, PhD - Chief Administrative Assistant Professor in the Department of Propaedeutics of Surgical Diseases, Medical University of Plovdiv.

I. Biographical data of the candidate.

Dr. Boyko Chavdarov Atanasov was born in 1978 in the city of Plovdiv. He finished secondary school in Plovdiv and graduated with honors from the Medical University of Sofia.

His professional practice started in the Clinic of General Surgery with Coloproctology, where he worked from 2001 to 2012. In 2008, Dr. Atanasov acquired an MD in General Surgery.

In 2012, he started working as a staff surgeon in the Surgical Department of the UMHAT "Eurohospital", Plovdiv, where he is still working.

In his academic career, Dr. Atanasov successively passed through all scientific positions - part-time assistant professor, assistant professor, and chief assistant professor in the Department of "Propaedeutics of Surgical Diseases".

In 2017, Dr. Atanasov successfully gained a PhD degree with a dissertation on the topic: "Modern treatment of distal rectal cancer with conventional and laparoscopic operations after neoadjuvant radio chemotherapy".

From 2022, the candidate has been elected as the chief administrative assistant professor in the same department.

Dr. Atanasov has conducted many surgical qualification courses and is a member of the following associations: the Bulgarian Medical Association/BMA/, the Bulgarian Surgical Society/BSS/, the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria/USB/, a member of the World Society of Emergency Surgery /WSES/; European Society of Coloproctology (ESCP), International Association of Surgeons Gastroenterologists and Oncologists (IASGO), International Hepato-Pancreato-

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Biliary Association (IHPBA) Association)/, Bulgarian Emergency Surgery and Trauma Society/ BESTS/, where he is a co - founder and member. He is fluent in written and spoken English and Russian.

II. General description of the submitted materials for the competition

The materials and documents submitted by Dr Atanasov for the election procedure fully meet the requirements of Art. 108 of the regulations for Academic Development at MU-Plovdiv and are in accordance with the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for its application.

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

Indicator groups:

Group A: Dr. Atanasov is the author of a PhD dissertation and the corresponding abstract to it, defended before a scientific jury for the acquisition of the ONS "Doctor"(PhD).

Group C: The candidate is the author of a habilitation thesis "Patient safety and therapeutic approaches in the treatment of colonoscopic iatrogenic perforations". It is a scientifically peer-reviewed monograph of 140 pages, which concerns different topic from his PhD dissertation work.

Group D: Dr. Atanasov presents 20 scientific papers published in scientific publications, referenced, and indexed in world-famous databases Scopus and Web of science. There are 19 of them in English, in journals with an impact factor (Clarivate Analytics). The publications are on significant topics - colorectal cancer, acute appendicitis, laparostomies, impact of COVID-19 on surgically treated patients.

Dr. Atanasov has authored or co-authored a total of 88 scientific publications and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or edited collective volumes. They cover a wide range of conventional and minimally invasive abdominal surgery topics.

IV. Evaluation of the monographic work submitted by the candidate for participation in the competition for "ASSISTANT PROFESSOR".

His main habilitation work - a monograph, analyzes the problem of iatrogenic injuries of the colon during endoscopic procedures. Modern algorithms for the diagnosis and treatment of these conditions are presented, as well as 11 own cases.

V. Reflection (citation) of the candidate's publications in the national and foreign literature.

The candidate has 310 citations, of which 253 are in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in Scopus and Web of Science. According to this indicator, the candidate exceeds the requirements in PPZRASRB and the Regulations for academic development at Medical University - Plovdiv.

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

Dr. Atanasov demonstrates considerable educational and teaching activities in the Department of Propaedeutics of Surgical Diseases. He lectures and teaches third-year Bulgarian medical students and supervises interns and specialists in surgery. Since this year, he holds the position of Chief Administrative Assistant Professor in the same department.

Dr. Atanasov's academic employment exceeds the required minimum. Attestation score from the applicant's most recent attestation is very good. In his pursuit of high professional and scientific development, the candidate participates in courses for minimally invasive and hepatobiliary surgery, as well as courses for teachers in laparoscopic surgery.

VII. Critical notes and recommendations.

I have no critical notes. My recommendation to Dr. Boyko Atanasov is to continue his active scientific, publishing and teaching activities among students, trainees, and specialists.

VIII. 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 of the ZRASRB 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.

The summary assessment of the provided set of documents:

- Acquired ONS "Doctor"(PhD)
- Defense thesis
- Presented habilitation thesis
- Acquired specialty in Surgery
- Participation in projects- 1 national scientific or educational project
- 1 international scientific and educational project

show full compliance and coverage of the legal requirements for the country and for the Medical University-Plovdiv.

Indicators exceeding the minimum requirements are:

- Occupation of AD "Assistant Professor" - 7 years; AD "Chief Assistant Professor" - 4 years
- Journal publications referenced in Scopus and Web of Science-20, of which 19 are with IF , with a required minimum of 10, including 3 articles with IF
- Cited 253 with a minimum requirement of 7

IX. Conclusion

Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Boyko Atanasov, MD, PhD, has become erudite scientist and respected surgeon with significant professional, research, and teaching experience. His diverse scientific interests and publications mark a progressive trend of consecutiveness and sustainable development in his scientific and professional career.

Based on the documents submitted for this election procedure and my findings, as a member of the Scientific Jury, I give my positive vote to Dr Atanasov and will kindly invite the esteemed jury to also vote for Dr Boyko Chavdarov Atanasov positively, MD, PhD, to gain the administrative and academic position of "Associated Professor in General Surgery" at Medical University Plovdiv.

July 8, 2022
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