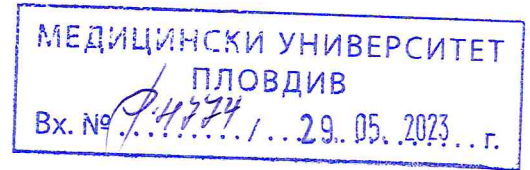


To the **Chairman of the Scientific Jury**,
Appointed by Order No. R - 1186/ 05.05.2023
of the Rector
of Medical University - Plovdiv



Statement of opinion
from

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Member of the Scientific Jury appointed by Order No. P – 1186/05.05.2023 of the
Rector of Medical University - Plovdiv

Re: competition for the academic position of "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR"

From the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction
7.1. Medicine: scientific specialty "Urology" at the Department of Urology and
General Medicine for teaching in Bulgarian and English, Faculty of Medicine,
Medical University - Plovdiv, announced in the State Gazette issue 15/14.02.2023
and on the website of MU-Plovdiv

with candidate: **Chief Asst. Prof. Dr. Mladen Ilianov Doykov, PhD**

All the necessary documents have been submitted by one candidate within the
deadline, in accordance with the requirements of the Law on the development of the
academic staff in the republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its application and
the Regulations for academic development at MU-Plovdiv for the occupation of the
academic position "Associate Professor".

**1. General characteristics of the candidate's research and applied scientific
activity**

Dr. Mladen Doykov, PhD, has submitted 50 scientific works for participation in the
competition, of which a dissertation work for the acquisition of the PhD scientific
degree on the topic "Clinical application of minimally invasive percutaneous

the topic "Emergencies in Urology" (ISBN 978-619-7205-25-1). The remaining scientific works are as follows:

- 12 works in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-known databases with scientific information (Scopus and Web of science), of which 7 with IF
- 36 publications and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals

Works in scientific publications, referenced and indexed Scopus and Web of science reach a total IF of 26,775.

All publications resulted in 18 citations presented, including:

- 10 citations in works in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information (Scopus и Web of science);
- 1 citation in monographs and peer-reviewed collective volumes;
- 7 citations in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals.

The candidate also participates in a scientific national project on "Multiparametric MRI of patients with prostate cancer - new possibilities for staging using PI-RADS 2" (2021).

The general assessment of the presented scientific works is that they meet all the requirements and fully cover the scientometric indicators according to the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for its Application and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of MU-Plovdiv.

Dr. Doykov is constantly upgrading his knowledge and skills, periodically taking additional courses and specializations. So far he has participated in 11 specializations in Bulgaria and abroad.

He is a member of national and international associations, including the Bulgarian Association of Urology, European Association of Urology, Bulgarian Association of Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery, World Endourological Society, Society of Robotic Surgery.

2. Evaluation of the pedagogical training and activity of the candidate

The teaching workload of Dr. Mladen Doykov (auditory and non-auditory) is certified with the necessary documents, according to which he meets and exceeds the regulatory requirements. Dr. Doykov conducts exercises and lectures for medical students (Bulgarian and English language training), as well as for trainee doctors in the 6th medical course. Dr. Doykov also participates in the teaching activities at the postgraduate training, conducting theoretical and practical training of residents.

3. Basic scientific and applied scientific contributions

Dr. Mladen Doykov is a young teacher and scientist with an impressive overall scientific output and significant scientific contributions for the country. For the first time in the country, a complex study was conducted on the treatment of

kidney stones with minimally invasive percutaneous nephrolithotomy. Several instruments, access shafts, and calcification techniques are compared.

4. Critical notes and recommendations

I have no critical notes and recommendations.

5. Conclusion

Based on the overall assessment and analysis of the candidate's activity from the submitted documents, I categorically give my positive assessment and propose to the Scientific Jury to vote positively for awarding the academic position of "Associate Professor" to Dr. Mladen Doykov, PhD, according to the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations of the MU - Plovdiv.

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