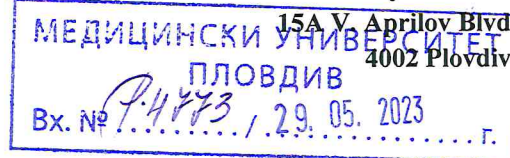




To the Chairman of the Scientific Jury,
appointed by Order No. R - 1186/ 05.05.2023
of the Rector of Medical University - Plovdiv



Hereby I present: Statement of OPINION

on a competition for the academic position of "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" in the scientific specialty "Urology", announced for the needs of MU-Plovdiv, Department of Urology and General Medicine in SG no. 15/14.02.2023

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STATEMENT OF OPINION

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Regarding

Competition for the occupation of the academic position "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" in the field of higher education 7. "Health and sport", professional direction 7.1. "Medicine" and scientific specialty "Urology", announced for the needs of MU-Plovdiv, Department of Urology and General Medicine in the State Gazette, no. 15/14.02.2023

Information about the competition

The competition was announced in SG No. 15/14.02.2023 and on the website of MU - Plovdiv.

One candidate participated in the competition - Dr. Mladen Ilianov Doykov, PhD - Chief Assistant in Urology at the Department of Urology and General Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine, Medical University of Plovdiv.

Grounds for presenting the opinion

Chairman of the scientific jury for the competition, according to Order No. R-1186/05.05.2023. of the Rector of the Medical University - Plovdiv. The opinion has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Law on the development of the academic staff in the republic of Bulgaria, and the Regulations for Academic Development of MU-Plovdiv.

Career profile of the candidate

Dr. Mladen Doykov was born in 1990 in the city of Plovdiv. In 2015 he graduated in medicine at the Medical University - Plovdiv with excellent results. From the same year on, he started work as a resident in the Urology clinic at Kaspela University Hospital, Plovdiv. In 2021, he successfully acquired a medical specialty in Urology.

In 2015, after a competition, he was enrolled as a full-time doctoral student at the Department of Urology and General Medicine. In 2017, after a competition, he took the academic position of "Assistant" in the Department of Urology and General Medicine, MF, MU-Plovdiv. In 2019, he acquired the PhD title after successfully defending his dissertation on the topic "Clinical application of minimally invasive percutaneous nephrolithotomy for the treatment of kidney stones".

Since 2020, he has held the position of "Chief Assistant" at the Department of Urology and General Medicine and is responsible for the doctoral students enrolled at the department.

Dr. Mladen Doykov, dm, has attended numerous courses and trainings both in Bulgaria and abroad - "Fundamentals of diagnostic ultrasound", Medical University - Plovdiv, "Fundamentals of laparoscopic surgery", Medical University - Pleven, "Laparoscopic surgery in urology", Medical University - Pleven, "Fundamentals of laparoscopic surgery" - European Congress of Urology, London, England, "Semirigid and flexible ureteroscopy" - Vienna, Austria, "Laparoscopic surgery of the upper urinary tract" - Ljubljana, Slovenia, "Flexible ureteroscopy" - Milan, Italy, "PCNL" – Patra, Greece, EUREP21 "Postgraduate qualification for young urologists" – Prague, Czech Republic, "Robotic Surgeon Certificate" – Orsi Academy, Ghent, Belgium, Open Medical Institute Urology Master Class – Salzburg, Austria.

Dr. Doykov holds the award for Best Presentation by a Young Urologist at the Annual Urology and Endourology Symposium in Sandanski, Bulgaria in 2019.

Dr. Mladen Doykov's scientific interests are related to kidney stone disease, benign prostatic hyperplasia, as well as laparoscopic and robot-assisted surgery in malignant diseases of the urogenital system..

Dr. Doykov is a member of the Bulgarian Association of Urology, European Association of Urology, Bulgarian Association of Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery, World Endourological Society, Society of Robotic Surgery.

In 2019, at a regular meeting of the Faculty of Medicine, MU-Plovdiv, he was elected as a member of the faculty council from the quota of non-habilitated teachers.

Fluent in written and spoken English.

Meeting the requirements for holding the academic position Associate Professor

The candidate, Dr. Mladen Doykov, has submitted a complete set of documents on time and according to the requirements of MU Plovdiv. The set includes documents certifying the academic development and experience of the candidate, the academic teaching load; diplomas for completed higher education, recognized medical specialty, PhD diploma; documents certifying scientific activity - articles, citations, monograph, national scientific project.

Dr. Mladen Doykov presents 50 scientific works, which include: an abstract of the dissertation work for the acquisition of the PhD degree, a habilitation work - a monograph, 12 papers in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information (Scopus and Web of science), 7 of which with IF (total IF 26,775), 36 publications published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals. The scientific developments presented by Dr. Doykov concern a wide range of diseases from different specialties. They are up-to-date, innovative and with an original contribution. A large part of them are new to the country and are related to personal research and collaborative work with specialists in different fields of medicine.

The candidate participates in examination committees of medical students in Bulgarian and English.

Dr. Doykov participated in a scientific project on "Multiparametric MRI of patients with prostate cancer - new possibilities for staging using the PI-RADS2 system"

Dr. Mladen Doykov presents for the competition his monograph "Emergencies in Urology". It thoroughly analyzes and describes the emergency conditions of a wide range of urological diseases and conditions, divided into three major chapters - acute infectious-inflammatory diseases of the genitourinary system, traumas of the genitourinary system and laparoscopic and robot-assisted surgery.

Dr. Mladen Doikov presents 18 citations, of which: 10 citations in publications in scientific proceedings, referenced and indexed in worldrenowned databases with scientific information (Scopus/Web of Science); 1 citation in monographs and peer-reviewed collective volumes; 7 citations in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals.

In conclusion,

Dr. Mladen Doykov, PhD, has 2130.4 points in scientometric indicators, with which he fulfills and greatly exceeds the required number of points in the various fields, according to the Regulations for Academic Development of MU- Plovdiv.

Group of indicators	Contents	Academic position „Associate professor “ (number of points)	Dr. Mladen Doikov, PhD (number of points)
A	Indicator 1	50	50
B	Indicator 2	-	-
C	Indicators 3,4	100	100

D	Indicators 5-9	200	1152.6
E	Indicators 10-12	100	195
F	Indicators 13-22	60	87.8
G	Teaching activity	300	545
	Total	810	2130.4

A summarised evaluation of the main scientific and scientific-applied contributions

Dr. Mladen Doykov, PhD has extensive clinical and diagnostic experience in various fields of urology. His research interests are focused primarily in the treatment of kidney stone disease, and the submitted publications show an enviable level of work in this field, emphasized in new minimally invasive techniques and their application. His developments have been highly appreciated at national and international scientific forums. The joint scientific research, involving the role of oxidative stress and its influence on a man's fertility capabilities, is of a contributing nature.

Evaluation of educational and teaching activities

Dr. Mladen Doykov is a teacher of medical students in Bulgarian and English, after winning a competition for the academic position of "Assistant" in 2017. Since same year, he has also taught trainee doctors in the 6th medical course. The submitted report for the applicant's workload exceeds the normatively defined 200h annual teaching workload of MU-Plovdiv for non-habilitated teachers.

Dr. Doykov participates in the training of international scientific exchange students under the Erasmus and Erasmus+ programs, the international student and teacher exchange program CEEPUS (Central European Exchange Program for University Studies). Dr. Mladen Doykov is also assigned to the Department of Postgraduate Education, where he actively participates in conducting theoretical and practical training on transurethral surgery for urological diseases and modern treatment of kidney stone disease for urology residents. Dr. Doykov has conducted several courses for individual training of general practitioners at the practical training base of Kaspela University Hospital, where he uses the most modern ultrasound and computed tomography devices and applications.

Critical notes and recommendations

I have no critical remarks on the documents presented in the procedure by Dr. Mladen Doykov, PhD.

Conclusion

Dr. Mladen Doykov, PhD, is an established specialist, experienced teacher and scientist with an affinity for scientific work. The documents, publications, citations and evidentiary material presented for the competition convincingly show that Dr. Mladen Doykov, PhD, meets the requirements for quantitative and qualitative indicators for scientific and teaching activities for the occupation of the academic position of "associate professor", in accordance with the requirements of the Law on the development of the academic staff in the republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for academic development of MU-Plovdiv.

Based on the above arguments and evidence, I give my positive vote and recommend to the respected members of the scientific jury to vote "for" the awarding of Mladen Doykov, PhD, the academic position of "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" in the field of higher education 7. ", professional direction 7.1. "Medicine", scientific specialty "Urology", MF, MU-Plovdiv.

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