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Plovdiv**

According to protocol number 1/ of May 10, 2024 .

(date of the 1st meeting)

Attached I present:

OPINION

**by competition for the academic position "Associate Professor"
in scientific specialty "General and operative surgery"
announced for the needs of MU-Plovdiv, department "Propaedeutics of surgical
diseases", section "General surgery"
in SG No. 16/23.02.2024**

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OPINION

from

Assoc. Prof. **BOYKO CHAVDAROV ATANASOV, PhD**

Regarding: Announced competition for academic position "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty "General and Operative Surgery" for the needs of the Department of Propaedeutics of Surgical Diseases, Section "General Surgery" at the Medical University of Plovdiv, announced in the State Gazette. No. 16/23.02.2024

I present this opinion in my capacity as a member of the Scientific Jury, confirmed by order P-1346/29.04.2024 of the Rector of the Medical University of Plovdiv.

The only candidate in the announced competition is Dr. Atanas Iliev Batashki, PhD - chief assistant at the Department of Special Surgery, Medical University of Plovdiv.

I. Analysis of the candidate's career profile (brief biographical data).

Dr. Atanas Iliev Batashki was born in 1982 in Plovdiv.

He finished his secondary education in Plovdiv in 2000 and graduated from the Medical University - Plovdiv in 2006.

Since 2007, the candidate has been a resident surgeon at the Second Surgery Clinic of University Hospital "St. George" EAD - Plovdiv. The colleague's academic development began with AD "Assistant" from 2008-2016. Since 2016 he has held the position of AD "Chief Assistant" in the Department of "Special Surgery". In 2016, Dr. Batashki obtained the educational and scientific degree "doctor" after a successfully defended dissertation on the topic: "Problems in homeostasis during extensive intestinal resections and an approach to correction in the adaptation period"

From 2022, the candidate holds the position of Associate Professor at the Medical Institute of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Dr. Atanas Batashki, MD, speaks English and Russian at B2 level and German at A2 level. He is a co-founder and member of the Bulgarian Society of Dermatological Surgery. He is also a member of the Bulgarian Medical Union; member of Bulgarian Surgical Society; member of the editorial board of journal "Contemporary Medical Problems".

II. General description of the submitted materials for the competition

Ch. assistant professor Atanas Iliev Batashki, PhD, has all the necessary documents to participate in the academic position "Associate Professor", in accordance 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 MU Plovdiv .

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

Dr. At. Batashki, PhD, is the author of a dissertation work and a corresponding abstract to it for the acquisition of the ONS "Doctor". As a habilitation work, in the form of scientific publications, 12 articles are presented in publications that are referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information. He is a co-author of a monograph on: "Abdominal pain and nuclear medicine diagnostic possibilities". in 2019. For the competition, the candidate submitted a total of 63 scientific works in which he is the author and co-author. His dissertation work on "CHANGES IN HOMEOSTASIS DURING EXTENSIVE BOWEL RESECTIONS AND APPROACH TO CORRECTION DURING THE ADAPTATION PERIOD" is a modern look at the complications accompanying large-scale surgical interventions accompanied by intestinal resections. The scientific work offers a number of solutions to the problems arising in the early postoperative period regarding homeostasis disorders and their corrections.

Dr. Batashki has 15 publications in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in the world-famous databases Scopus and Web of science, such as 3 of these are in journals with an Impact factor (Clarivate Analytics). The candidate shows scientific interest in several areas: abdominal surgery; thoracic surgery; surgical emergencies and dermatosurgery. Significant publications of global interest are: "Artificial Intelligence in the Diagnosis of Colorectal Cancer: A Literature Review" ; "Surgical Innovations in Tracheal Reconstruction: A Review on Synthetic Material Fabrication"; "Erosive pustular dermatosis of the scalp: A pathogenetic mystery and therapeutic challenge"; "Late onset achromatic melanoma arising in a giant congenital melanocytic nevus"; "Basal cell carcinoma surgery: Simple undermining approach in two patients with different tumor locations" and others.

After obtaining the ONS "Doctor", the candidate submitted 48 publications and reports in non-refereed journals with scientific peer review. They can be grouped into several categories: oncological lung diseases; elective and emergency surgery, plastic surgery, hepatobiliary and coloproctological surgery.

Dr. Atanas Batashki provides documents for participation in one intra-university project: No. HO-24/2012; Topic: "A prospective randomized trial comparing video-assisted povidone-iodine pleurodesis and apical pleurectomy in patients with recurrent spontaneous pneumothorax."

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

The habilitation thesis is presented in the form of 12 scientific publications in refereed and indexed Scopus and Web of science. Of these, 8 are related to the issues of lung cancer - diagnosis, treatment and prognostic factors. One scientific work is devoted to the current problem of surgical treatment of pneumothorax in patients with COVID-19. In the field of dermatosurgery, three scientific articles are presented.

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

Dr. Atanas Batashki has provided a reference from NACID for a total number of 42 citations in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in Scopus and Web of science and other databases. These indicators cover the requirements in the PPZRASRB and the Regulations for Academic Development at Medical University - Plovdiv.

VI. Comprehensive, qualitative evaluation of the educational and methodological activities, including scientific guidance of students, doctoral students, specialists.

The teaching workload for the past three years of Ch. assistant Dr. Atanas Batashki, MD, exceeds the required minimum for the relevant category of teachers at Medical University - Plovdiv.

The candidate leads practical classes and seminars in Bulgarian and English. Participates in committees for conducting semester exams in the discipline "Special Surgery" at Medical University - Plovdiv. He is a member of the commission for acquiring a specialty in "Surgery". Member of the editorial board of the scientific journal "Contemporary Medical Problems". Co-founder and member of the "Bulgarian Society of Dermatological Surgery". Conducts training for students under the Erasmus+ program at the Medical University - Plovdiv for the period 2016-2019 and Training for students under the Erasmus+ program at the Medical University - Plovdiv for the period 2019-2021.

His attestation grade from protocol No. 18/07.12.2020 is -good.

Dr. Batashki demonstrates a constant desire to improve his professional qualification by participating in a number of courses: "Ultrasound diagnostics" - 1st and 2nd level; "Abdominal ultrasound diagnostics" and "Emergency ultrasound diagnostics"; "Surgical implantation of a peritodialysis catheter" - Maribor, Slovenia; Doctoral Training at MU - Plovdiv for "Competence, Creativity, Originality, Implementation and Academicism in Science and Technology" BG051P0001-3.3.06-0011. Participation in 13 national and international congresses, conferences and symposiums. This guarantees that the candidate practices, teaches and continuously introduces new methods of modern diagnosis and treatment of surgical diseases.

VII. Critical notes and recommendations.

I have no critical notes/remarks.

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 evidence provided by the applicant in electronic form shows full compliance and coverage of the minimum required indicators. With a minimum of 810 points set in the university regulations, candidate Dr. Batashki covers 2351.55 points. In the analysis of the indicators: Dr. Atanas Batashki fully meets the general conditions for: completed Higher Medical Education; acquired specialties in General and Thoracic Surgery; ONS "Doctor" in the relevant scientific specialty; meets the mandatory requirements for the Habilitation thesis - scientific publications (not less than 10) in publications that are referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information and minimum requirements for the presence of a minimum of 10 articles referenced in Scopus and Web of Science , including. 3 with an impact factor. For the current competition, the refereed articles presented by the candidate in Scopus and Web of Science are 15 , and 3 of them have an impact factor. The number of citations of scientific publications in publications included in world-renowned databases is 42 , which exceeds the set criterion of a minimum of 7.

IX. Conclusion

Ch. Assistant Dr. Atanas Batashki, PhD, is an established surgeon, a good teacher and scientific researcher, enjoying authority among colleagues and students. He has good theoretical training combined with significant practical skills. This determines an excellent potential for future academic development. In the current competition, the candidate participates with a sufficient number of scientific works, citations and projects, fully covering the minimum requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at the Medical University - Plovdiv for the occupation of the academic position "Assoc. Prof“.

As a member of the Scientific Jury, I give a positive opinion and recommend to my colleagues from the esteemed jury to support Ch. Assistant Professor Atanas Iliev Batashki, Ph.D. for the academic position of Associate Professor in General and Operative Surgery at the Medical University of Plovdiv.

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