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Attached I present : REVIEW

by competition for the academic position "Associate Professor"
in scientific specialty : Urology
announced for the needs of MU-Plovdiv, Department of Urology and General Medicine
in SG, no. 35 from 19/04/2024

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REVIEW

from

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Regarding : Announced competition for an academic position "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty "Urology" for the needs of the Department of Urology and General Medicine at the Medical University of Plovdiv, announced in the State Gazette no. 35 from 19/04/2024.

The only candidate in the competition is Chief assistant professor Dr. Atanas Slavchev Ivanov, PhD, from the Department of Urology and General Medicine of the Medical University of Plovdiv, who holds the title of "Doctor" in professional field 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty "Urology". The candidate meets the legally defined requirements in the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and in Art. 107 of the Regulations for Academic Development at MU-Plovdiv and was admitted to the competition.

The recruitment competition for the academic position "Associate Professor" and its procedure are based on Art. 2b paragraphs 1 and 2 and Art. 24 of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria; Art. 1a paragraph 1, Art. 2, para. 1, art. 53 and 54 of the Regulations for the implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria; Articles 105 and 106 of the Regulations for Academic Development at Medical University-Plovdiv. The terms and conditions of the procedure for the acquisition of academic position "Associate Professor" have been observed and complied with the regulatory documents.

1. Analysis of the candidate's career profile

Chief assistant professor Dr. Atanas Ivanov, PhD, was born in 1986 in Pazardzhik.

He successively acquired the following education and qualifications :

- graduated from the Medical University of Plovdiv with honors in 2011 ;
- in 2019, studies for a second master's degree in "Health Management" in VUARR - Plovdiv, which ends in 2021;
- post-graduate specialization in urology started in 2012 until 2017 at the UMBAL "St. George" Plovdiv city;
- in 2016 he started independent doctoral studies at the Medical University of Plovdiv with the topic "Renal-cell carcinoma- clinical -genetic aspects", defended in front of a Scientific Jury in 2020.

His professional medical training was spent in the following medical institutions:

- 2011 to 2012 in Center for Emergency Medicine - Plovdiv,
- 2012 until now at the Urology Clinic of the "St. George" UMBAL, Plovdiv,
- 2018 to 2019 in DKC-4, Plovdiv
- 2019 to 2022 in DKC-2, Plovdiv
- 2022 until now at Dr. Atanas Ivanov AIPSMP po Urologiq EOOD

Academic-teaching career development includes:

- from 2015 to 2021 he held the position of "Assistant professor" in urology;
- from 2021 he holds the "Chief Assistant Professor" position in urology;

During his years of professional growth and improvement, he has conducted numerous courses in the country and abroad: abdominal ultrasound, good clinical practice, extracorporeal lithotripsy, endourology, laparoscopic urology, surgical treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia, application of

lasers in urology, application of Onabotulinumtoxin A for the treatment of overactive bladder and oncurology .

In 2016, he was an exchange participant under the Erasmus program at the University of Lille, France. In 2019, he participated in the Master class in urology in Salzburg, which was organized by the European Association of Urology. In addition to participating in the training of students under the Erasmus program, Dr. Atanas Ivanov has also conducted an international scientific exchange at the University of Tokai , Japan following a selection by the Ministry of Education and Science.

Dr. Atanas Ivanov, PhD speaks English, German and Spanish and is a member of the European Urological Association, the Bulgarian Urological Society and the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria.

2. General description of the submitted materials for the competition.

All required administrative documents, evidence of professional and career development - diplomas, references and certificates have been provided; copies of scientific publications, references for scientific contributions and citations, as well as documents certifying his educational and teaching activity. All the materials provided meet the requirements of Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for Academic Development at the MU - Plovdiv.

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

In the current competition, Dr. Atanas Ivanov participated with 24 full-text scientific papers, respectively 14 of them referenced in Scopus/Web of Science (9 of them with IF – Clarivate Analytics) and 10 in non-refereed journals but available in the national reference list of modern Bulgarian scientific publications with scientific peer review by NACID.

Data are provided for 9 citations in journals that are referenced in the Scopus/Web of Science databases , as well as 2 citations in non-refereed journals and 6 reviews in journals that are referenced in the Scopus/Web of Science databases .

The candidate participated in 4 national scientific and educational projects and 4 international ones.

GROUP INDICATOR AND A:

Dissertation labor for awarding on educational and scientific PhD degree : The candidate there is protected dissertation labor by the scientific specialty " Urology " pre Scientifically jury on topic " Renal-cell carcinoma- clinical -genetic aspects " - 50 points.

GROUP OF INDICATORS B:

Transurethral surgery of benign prostatic hyperplasia - monograph was presented for the habilitation thesis . The presented monographic work does not repeat and is not part of the topic of his dissertation acquisition for degree of "Doctor" - 100 points.

GROUP OF INDICATORS C:

Publications and reports published in scientific journals, **refereed and indexed** in world famous data bases with scientific information (only Scopus and Web of science) – 15 scientific works are presented, with one of them Dr. Ivanov participated in a previous procedure. This was also indicated by the candidate himself, whereby 14 publications remain for review for the current procedure. The publications are in authoritative scientific journals, and many scientific areas are affected: oncurology ; urolithiasis and endourology ; impact of symptoms of benign prostatic hyperplasia in patients who have recovered from COVID-19; prostate carcinoma and problems of its screening.

Publications and and papers published in **non-refereed** journals with scientific reviewing or in edited collective volumes. Dr. Atanas Ivanov, PhD is the author of 55 scientific works, but after "Doctor" degree and "Chief Assistant Professor" academic position there are 24 publications, which include all questions and topics from urology - emergency conditions in urology, oncurology , urogynecology , BPH, erectile dysfunction, urolithiasis , etc. – 336.18 points.

GROUP OF INDICATORS D:

Citations or reviews in scientific editions , **referenced and indexed** in world famous data bases with scientific information (only Scopus and Web of science). The candidate Dr. Atanas Ivanov, PhD has a very good citation rate of his scientific publications. Two of the publications are accepted in print, which means that once they are printed, the number of citations is expected to increase. – 235 points

GROUP OF INDICATORS E:

Participation in a scientific or educational project . Dr. Atanas Ivanov, participated in 4 national scientific and educational projects, as well as in 4 international scientific and educational projects.

Dr. Ivanov holds a medical specialty in Urology since 2017.

Documents have been provided for participation in the training of specialists and students, as well as participation in exams - for the state exam in surgical diseases, semester exams in urology. 215.71 points

GROUP OF INDICATORS F:

Dr. Ivanov has held the academic position of "Chief Assistant Professor" since 2021 (over 3 years), and for the last 3 years information has been provided for 1506 hours. – 466 points

4. Evaluation of the monographic work or equivalent publications submitted by the candidate for participation in the "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" competition.

The monograph presented by the candidate on the topic " Transurethral surgery of benign prostatic hyperplasia" I know before my participation in this procedure, in my capacity as a reviewer of his monograph.

The first few chapters present fundamental information about the prostate gland (embryology, anatomy and physiology), BPH (with an emphasis on the significance of the disease and the need for a personalized approach in its treatment) and the development of the surgical methods for its treatment during the different historical eras.

In the following chapters, a detailed review of what has been accepted as the "gold standard" in the treatment of BPH-TURP is carried out. Besides the main advantages of the method and the achieved results (including his own experience), the author comprehensively presents all possible complications and disadvantages of the procedure, making the search for new surgical techniques a necessity.

In the other chapters all techniques for transurethral BPH surgery are presented systematically and in detail. An important practical focus of the present monograph is the detailed description of the various surgical techniques, illustrated through rich photographic material. The high scientific value of the presented information is supported by the cited large-scale studies and meta-analyses regarding the results and complications of each presented surgical technique.

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

Dr. Ivanov began his teaching career in 2015, when, after winning a competition, he held the position of "Assistant Professor", and from 2021 he held the position of "Chief Assistant Professor". Since then, he has been conducting practical training in urology for medical students, both in Bulgarian and in English. Dr. Ivanov is responsible for the training of the intern-doctors from the 6th year during their internship in urology. He is a member of the Commission for the State Examination in Surgical Diseases. Participates in semester exams in urology, exams for assistants. He also participates in the training of Erasmus students

The documents provided in the competition by Dr. Atanas Ivanov, PhD, show that he has the academic-teaching experience required by the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for Academic Development of MU-Plovdiv. Information on academic employment for the last 3 years is presented, which exceeds the requirements for the relevant category of teachers at Medical University - Plovdiv.

- Academic year 2020/21: 405 hours of classroom, scientific and non-auditory employment (normatively required 200 hours of classroom employment);
- Academic year 2021/22: 495 hours of classroom and non-auditory employment (normatively required 200 hours of classroom employment);
- Academic year 2022/23: 606 hours of classroom and non-auditory employment (normatively required 200 hours of classroom employment).

Dr. Ivanov provides a certificate for participation and leadership of students in an international student conference in Bucharest, Romania (The International Medical Student's Summit of Bucharest - 2021) and 1 publication together with students (Science and Youth -2021) that show commitment and support for outstanding students.

6. Critical notes and recommendations.

I have no critical notes. The submitted documents and evidence for the procedure are complete, correct and systematically arranged.

7. General assessment of the candidate's compliance with the minimum national requirements and the requirements specific to the Medical University - Plovdiv by fields and for units with clinical activity, defined in the Regulations for Academic Development at the Medical University - Plovdiv.

The evidence provided shows full compliance, meeting and exceeding the minimum required indicators.

GROUP	Indicator	Specific for MU Plovdiv	DR ATANAS IVANOV
A	Indicator 1	50	50
B	Indicator 3 or 4	100	100
C	Indicator 5 to 9	200 points	336.18
		15 articles	24 articles
		10 in Scopus/Web of Sc	14 in Scopus/Web of Sc
		3 with IF	9 IF
D	Indicator 10 to 12	110 points	235 points
		7 citations	9 citations
E	Index 13 to 22	60 points	215.71 points
		1 science project	4 scientific projects and 4 educational projects
		Acquired specialty	Specialty in urology
F		100 points for study load	166 points
		200 points for an academic position	300 points
	TOTAL	810 points	1402.89

8. Conclusion

Chief Assistant Professor Atanas Ivanov, PhD., presents himself in the current competition with a sufficient number of scientific works, citations and projects, exceeding the minimum requirements for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" according to the Regulations for Academic Development at Medical University - Plovdiv . His publications are in-depth, purposeful and very oriented in the scientific field of the announced competition. His scientific output has a high share of personal contribution and shows high scientific competences, skills and interests. He is a built and an established specialist with accumulated high professional, research and teaching experience. Able to work effectively in a team, incl. and in interdisciplinary one.

On the basis of the presented documents, publications, citations and evidence of the current competition, as well as my personal impressions, I declare **that I will support** the election of Dr. Atanas Slavchev Ivanov, PhD as an Associate professor for the needs of the Department of Urology and General Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University - Plovdiv.

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