



TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCIENTIFIC JURY
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THE VICE -RECTOR OF MU-PLOVDIV

STATEMENT

from

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REGARDING: PROCEDURE FOR ACADEMIC POSITION "ASSOCENT PROFESSOR" IN UROLOGY, State Gazette 35/19.04.2024

I. DETAILS OF THE PROCEDURE.

According to the decision of the Academic Council of the MU, Plovdiv, a competition has been announced for the academic position "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, in the scientific specialty "Urology" for the needs of the Department of Urology and General Medicine of the Medical University of Plovdiv in SG 35/19.04.24. The scientific jury (SJ) was determined by Order No. 2391/ 12.07.24. On 22.07.2024 The SJ held a meeting on the eligibility of the candidate and the election of the chairman, reviewers and drafters of opinions.

Dr. Atanas Slavchev Ivanov, PhD from the Department of Urology and General Medicine of the MU, Plovdiv is the only candidate.

II. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA, THE SCIENTIFIC-PRACTICAL ACTIVITY RELATIONSHIP OF THE CANDIDATE.

Dr. Atanas Slavchev Ivanov, PhD graduated in medicine from the Medical University, Plovdiv in 2011 with very good result in the training course and excellent result in the state

exams. From 2012 until now, he has been working at St. George UMBAL, Plovdiv, after winning a competition for specialization in urology. Since 2018, there is a recognized specialty in urology. In 2015, he began his academic career as an "Assistant", and from 2021 as a "Chief Assistant" in urology. He successfully defended his dissertation on "RENAL CELL CANCER CLINICAL-GENETIC ASPECTS" and obtained the scientific and educational degree "doctor" in 2020. Dr. Atanas Ivanov, PhD, also has an outpatient practice as a urologist.

Dr. A. Ivanov, MD, has a diagnostic, treatment, surgical and educational workload. He is fluent in written and spoken English (C1), Spanish and German languages (A2) and has excellent computer literacy.

His scientific interests are wide-ranging - oncology, urolithiasis, BPH, andrology, etc. He completed a number of qualification courses at home and abroad and participated in 4 international scientific projects. For all of them, he presented detailed references and relevant certificates.

He is a recipient of a distinction from a scientific forum.

Memberships in scientific organizations

Dr. A. Ivanov is a member of European Association of Urology (EAU), the Bulgarian Urological Society and the Bulgarian Medical Union

III. ANALYSIS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PRODUCTION AND FORMULATION OF SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS.

A. Scientific output in a scientometric aspect - The candidate is the author of 50 publications, 24 of which are after holding the AP "Chief Assistant", of which 14 are referenced in the Scopus / Web databases of Science, and 9 are in Impact journals Factor (Journal Citation Reports - Clarivate). Sole author of 1 monograph on " Transurethral surgery of benign prostatic hyperplasia" and co-author of Handbook of Urology - in Bulgarian and English. The candidate's scientific activity also includes numerous participations in scientific forums at home and abroad. He has reviewed 6 manuscripts for journals indexed and referenced in Sc / WofSc .

B. Total number of citations - the publications are cited sufficiently and above the required ones - a total of 11 times

- in Scopus / Web of Sc – 9

- in Bulgarian editions – 2

C. Authorship in full-text publications

- first author – 11

- second author – 5
- third and subsequent author – 9

D. Participation in textbooks and manuals – 2

IV. EDUCATIONAL AND TEACHING ACTIVITY.

Dr. Atanas Ivanov, MD participates in the training of medical students in the discipline "Urology", both in Bulgarian and in English. Participates in the training of students under the Erasmus and Erasmus+ programs.

The candidate has submitted a detailed report on his educational and teaching activities for three previous academic years. It includes classroom, non-auditory and scientific employment at the MU Plovdiv - for the academic **year 20/21** - a total of 405 hours, for **21/22** - 469 hours and for **22/23** - 606 hours. His last attestation grade for the period - 2020-2022 (inclusive) is - *Very good* , which is the highest according to the rules of the MU Plovdiv. The recommendations given by the attestation commission have been fulfilled - to increase its publication activity and to participate in the writing of a teaching aid.

Dr. A. Ivanov was a member of the Commission for the State Examination in Surgical Diseases and is responsible for training the intern-doctors from the 6th year.

Together with students, he participates in scientific conferences and publications.

IV. ANALYSIS OF THE PROCEDURE AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

All required documents are submitted. They are ordered, comprehensive and informative for the needs of this opinion. I have no critical remarks.

The candidate meets and exceeds the requirements for the position of "Associate Professor" under direction 7.1 Medicine, Regulations for Academic Development in the Medical University of Plovdiv, Annex 1, Part II Scientific-indicators for units with clinical-diagnostic activity:

- ✓ Has a defended dissertation on the scientific specialty of the competition;
- ✓ He occupied AD "Assistant" and "Chief Assistant" in the required terms;
- ✓ Has a medical specialty in the scientific direction of the competition;
- ✓ Presents a list of over 15 full-text publications, over 10 referenced in databases – Sc/Web of Sc, over 3 with IF (Journal Citation Reports);
- ✓ Evidence of over 7 citations in databases - Sc/Web of Sc is presented

- ✓ Participated in 4 national and 4 international scientific projects, which is more than the required 1 scientific project;
- ✓ There are points for study load and occupied academic position, above those required according to the Regulations for Academic Development;
- ✓ Presents data on the total number of points in the individual categories – 1402.89 points, which is more than the required 810 points.

V. CONCLUSION.

Dr. Atanas Slavchev Ivanov, PhD has over 10 years of work experience in the field of urology. He successively went through all the necessary steps and academic positions until the current competition - specialization, assistant, doctoral student and chief assistant. He is a reliable and active Bulgarian urologist, very persistent and thorough in his scientific pursuits. He knows all the basic diagnostic methods and treatment techniques according to his specialty of urology , he has a high sense of personal responsibility and self-criticism, which is a particularly important quality for any surgeon.

Based on the information provided to me about the scientific volume and scientific-practical value of Dr. A. Ivanov's scientific publications, which present him as a proven specialist, scientist and innovator, my assessment is positive and I consider his candidacy for participation in the announced competition for the academic position "Associate Professor" as fully justified. It meets and exceeds the required indicators both in the Law, the Regulations for its implementation, and also the specific indicators of the Medical University of Plovdiv.

All this gives me the reason to vote positively for awarding Dr. Atanas Slavchev Ivanov, PhD the academic position of "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" at the Department of Urology and General Medicine of the Medical University of Plovdiv, in connection with a competition announced in State Gazette No. 35/19.04 .24 years

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