

To the Chairman of the Scientific Jury,
determined by Order No. R - 2391 / 12.07.2024
of the Vice-Rector of the Medical University - Plovdiv
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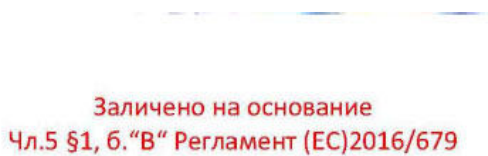
Attached I present : Statement of opinion

by 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. 35 / 19.04.2024

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OPINION

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Regarding

Competition for the occupation of the academic position of " ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR"
in the field of higher education 7. "Health and sport", by 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. 35 / 19.04.2024

Information about the contest

The competition was announced in State Gazette, no. 35/ 19.04.2024 and on the website of
MU - Plovdiv .

One candidate participated in the competition - Dr. Atanas Slavchev Ivanov, MD - chief assistant in Urology at the Department of Urology and General Medicine at the Medical Faculty of the Medical University of Plovdiv .

Grounds for presenting the opinion

Part of the scientific jury for the competition, according to Order No. R - 2391/ 12.07.2024. of the Vice-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, the Regulations for Academic Development of MU-Plovdiv.

Candidate's career profile

Dr. Atanas Ivanov was born in 1986 in the city of Pazardzhik. In 2011, he graduated in medicine at the Medical University - Plovdiv with excellent results. After graduation, he started working at CSMP-Plovdiv. In 2012, after a competition, specialization in Urology began at UMBAL "St. Georgi" - Plovdiv. In 2017, he successfully acquired a medical specialty in Urology.

In 2015, after a competition, he held the academic position of "Assistant professor" in the Department of Urology and General Medicine, Medical Faculty, Medical University-Plovdiv. In 2016, after a competition, he was enrolled as a full-time doctoral student at the Department of Urology and General Medicine. In 2020, he obtained the title of "Doctor" after successfully defending his dissertation on the topic "Renal cell carcinoma - clinical -genetic aspects".

From 2021, he holds the position of "Chief Assistant Professor" at the Department of Urology and General Medicine and is responsible for the trainee doctors and the website of the department.

Dr. Atanas Ivanov, PhD, completed many courses and trainings both in Bulgaria and abroad - Abdominal ultrasound course, Medical University - Plovdiv; Course on working with sources of ionizing energy, NCRBRD - Sofia; Diagnostic and operative laparoscopy in urology, Medical University - Pleven; Renal Stone Masterclass , Patras, Greece; Salzburg Weill Cornell Seminar , ESU Master class in Urology , Salzburg, Austria; Onabotulinumtoxin A (BOTOX) Administration Course for the Treatment of OAB, Copenhagen, Denmark; Masterclass for surgical treatment of BPH, Heilbronn , Germany; Masterclass on Lasers in Urology, Barcelona, Spain; Specialization in Laparoscopic and Robot-Assisted Urology, Lille, France Specialization in Minimally Invasive Urology, Tokyo, Japan; Laparoscopic Urology Course , Pilsen, Czech Republic; Percutaneous course nephrolithotomy and flexible ureteroscopy , Patras, Greece

Dr. Ivanov is the winner of the Diploma for the first place for presented poster at the Jubilee Scientific Conference "Science and Youth" - Medical University - Plovdiv, May 20-22. 2015

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

Dr. Ivanov is a member of the Bulgarian Urological Society, the European Association of Urology, the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria.

Proficient in written and spoken English ; has basic knowledge of German and Spanish.

Fulfillment of the requirements for holding “Associate professor” position

The candidate, Dr. Atanas Ivanov, submitted a complete set of documents on time and according to the requirements of Medical University- Plovdiv. The set includes documents certifying the academic development and experience of the candidate, the study load; diplomas for completed higher education, recognized medical specialty, PhD, documents certifying scientific activity - articles, citations, monograph, national scientific project.

Dr. Atanas Ivanov presents 26 scientific works, which include: an abstract of the dissertation work for the acquisition of the National Academy of Sciences "Doctor", a habilitation work - a monograph, 14 publications in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information (Scopus and Web of science), 9 of which with IF, 10 publications published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals.

The scientific developments presented by Dr. Ivanov concern a wide range of diseases from different specialties. They are current, innovative and with an original contribution. A large part of them are new to the country and are related to personal studies and collaborative work by specialists in different fields of medicine.

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

Dr. Ivanov participated in 4 national and 4 international scientific projects:

1. Project HO-17/2024 " Appendix on the computer tomography for preoperative diagnosis and postoperative tracking on efficiency the retrograde intrarenal surgery and percutaneous nephrolithotripsy at the treatment on kidney stone disease "

2. Project HO-19/2024 Alternative methods for diagnosis and follow-up on patients with non-invasive carcinoma on urinary bubble "

3. Project HO-13/2016 " Renal cell carcinoma-clinical-genetic aspects "

4. Participation in the " Postdoctoral Student " category of national scientific program " Young scientists and postdoctoral fellows-2"

1. Transurethral resection and single installation intra-vesical chemotherapy evaluation in non-muscle invasive bladder cancer treatment - RESECT study

2. International scientific project HOPE (How Oncogenetics predicts and educates)

3. International project WASHOUT (Ward Admission of Haematuria : an Observational Multicentre study)

4. International project IMAGINE (IMPact Assessment of Guidelines Implementation and education)

Dr. Atanas Ivanov presents for the competition the monograph " Transurethral surgery of benign prostatic hyperplasia ". It comprehensively reviews all possible transurethral surgical procedures in the treatment of BPH. The surgical technique, results and complications associated with each individual procedure are presented in detail. In addition to data from large-scale representative studies and in-depth meta-analyses, this paper also presents its own results.

Dr. Atanas Ivanov presents 11 citations and 6 reviews , by which : 9 citations in scientific publications published it to journals referenced and indexed in world-famous bases data with scientific information (Scopus/Web of Science); 2 cited in non-referenced journals with scientific peer review and 6 reviews in scientific editions , referenced and indexed in world-famous bases data with scientific information (Scopus/Web of Science) .

As a conclusion,

Dr. Atanas Ivanov, PhD has 1402.89 points in scientometric indicators, with which fulfills and repeatedly exceeds the required number of points in the various fields, according to the Regulations for Academic Development of MU- Plovdiv.

Group indicators	Content	"Associate professor" (number of points)	Dr. Atanas Ivanov, PhD (number of points)
A	Indicator 1	50	50
B	Indicator 2	-	-
C	Indicator 3.4	100	100
D	Indicators 5-9	200	336.18
E	Indicators 10-12	100	235
F	Indicators 13-22	60	215.71
G	Learning activity	300	466
	TOTAL	810	1402.89

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

Dr. Atanas Ivanov , PhD has extensive clinical and diagnostic experience in various fields of urology. His research interests are mainly focused on the treatment of kidney stone disease and diseases of the prostate gland (benign prostatic hyperplasia, prostate cancer and prostatitis), where the attached 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 author's research on the relationship between Covid-19 and benign prostatic hyperplasia, as well as fluorescence in-situ hybridization and immunohistochemistry for diagnosis of unclassifiable renal cell carcinomas.

Evaluation of educational and teaching activities

Dr. Atanas Ivanov is a teacher of medical students in Bulgarian and English, after winning a competition for the position "Assistant professor" in 2015. From the same year, he also taught trainee doctors in the 6th medical course. The submitted study report for the applicant's workload exceeds the normatively defined 200 hours of annual study workload of Medical University-Plovdiv.

Dr. Ivanov participates in the training of international scientific exchange students under the Erasmus and Erasmus+ programs.

Dr. Atanas Ivanov also has a workload at the Postgraduate Education Department, where he actively participates in conducting theoretical and practical training in clinical andrology for urology residents, urologists, gynecologists and general practitioners.

Main critical remarks and recommendations

I have no critical remarks on the substance of the documents presented in the procedure by Dr. Atanas Ivanov , PhD.

Conclusion

Dr. Atanas Ivanov , PhD is an established specialist, an experienced teacher and a scientist with an affinity for scientific work. The documents, publications, citations and evidentiary material presented in the competition convincingly show that Dr. Atanas Ivanov , PhD covers the requirements for quantitative and qualitative indicators for scientific and teaching activities for the occupation of the academic position "Associate Professor", in accordance with the requirements of 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 the respected members of the scientific jury to vote "for" the awarding of Dr. Atanas Ivanov , PhD the academic position "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" in the field of higher education 7. "Health and sport", professional direction 7.1. "Medicine", scientific specialty "Urology", Medical faculty, Medical University-Plovdiv.

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