



OPINION

Regarding a competition for the "Associate Professor" academic title in the field of higher education, 7. Health care and sports, by professional direction 7.1 Medicine, scientific specialty "Obstetrics and gynecology" promulgated in SG No. 69 of 11.08.2023 for the needs of the Faculty of Public Health and Health Care at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov", Burgas with an applicant, Dr. Pavel Petrov Dobrev, MD.

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University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas, member of the scientific jury, according to Order No. РД 288/18.10.2023 of the Rector of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas, Prof. Dr. Hristo Bozov, MD.

1. Analysis of the applicant's career profile.

Chief Assistant Dr. Pavel Petrov Dobrev, MD graduated as a doctor in 2022 at Varna Medical University. He has a recognized scientific specialty in "Obstetrics and Gynecology" in 2016 at Pleven Medical University.

He began his professional experience as a doctor as part of the team of the corresponding member Prof. Dr. Grigor Gorchev, PhD (2011-2016). In 2016 he worked at the Complex Oncology Center - Burgas. Since 2018 he has been the Head of the Department of Oncology and Gynecology at the Complex Oncology Center - Burgas.

In 2022, he successfully defended his dissertation on "Genitourinary syndrome of menopause in women after surgical, hormonal and radiation castration" to obtain the educational and scientific degree "Doctor".

He is currently the Chief assistant in obstetrics and gynecology at the Faculty of Public Health and Health Care at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov".

Chief Assistant Dr. Pavel Dobrev graduated with a master's degree in "Health Management" at Pleven Medical University.

2. General description of the submitted materials for the competition

Chief Assistant Dr. Pavel Petrov Dobrev, MD, has submitted all the required materials, according to the Regulations for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas.

The submitted materials for participation in the competition have not been used in previous procedures and are related to the competition.

3. Evaluation of the applicant's research activity.

Dr. Dobrev's professional interests are mainly focused on oncogynecology, laparoscopic surgery, colposcopy, hysteroscopy.

The applicant participated in the competition with 10 full-text publications and 2 abstracts, among which: 1 independent monograph "Possibilities to improve the quality of life in genitourinary syndrome of menopause with CO2 laser", a book based on his dissertation work, 4 publications in global databases (one of which independent), 6

publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

Dr. Dobrev's main contributions are focused on the application of CO2 laser therapy for the treatment of symptoms of vulvovaginal atrophy; studies of genitourinary syndrome of menopause; and operative approach of oncological diseases in endoscopic and conventional surgery.

Dr. Dobrev has conducted numerous specializations, profiling him as a clinician and researcher in his more than 12 years of work experience as a physician: operative gynecology, diagnostics and office hysteroscopy, ambulatory hysteroscopy, operative hysteroscopy, colposcopic diagnosis, etc.

He is a member of a number of professional organizations: Bulgarian Surgical Society; Bulgarian National Society of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery and Angiology; National Society of Phlebology and Angiology; Bulgarian Association for Thoracic, Cardiac and Vascular Surgery; Thermal Trauma and Plastic Surgery Association - Varna; Bulgarian Diabetes Association; The Association of Health Managers in Bulgaria.

A reference is provided for 6 citations of the applicant's own publications with excluded self-citations, all in scientific publications, refereed and indexed in Scopus and Web of Science.

The competition applicant participated in a scientific research internal institutional project No. 18/2013: Stress-hormonal response during open and minimally invasive (laparoscopic and robotic) surgery in gynecology and urology.

4. Evaluation of the teaching activity of the applicant

The applicant for the competition has had lectures and exercises and developed the methods for conducting the exercises in the discipline "Gynecology" for the students of the Faculty of Public Health and Health Care, a scientific specialty "Obstetrics".

Since 2021 he has been training students in practice in the Department of Oncology and Gynecology at the Complex Oncology Center-Burgas EOOD.

5. General assessment of the applicant's compliance with the mandatory conditions and the mandatory quantitative criteria and scientometric indicators

The applicant for the competition fulfills the requirements regulated in the Regulations for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas.

The scientometric indicators of Dr. Dobrev according to the criteria groups and the minimum ones in the University regulations are as follows:

- According to Indicator C3, habilitation work-monograph – 100 points;
- According to Group D indicators, 8 articles were presented - 267.45 points (required minimum number of 220 points);
- According to Group E indicators – 90 points (required minimum number of 60 points);
- According to Group F indicator – 85 points (required minimum number of 20 points);
- Total number of points – 592.45 points (required minimum number of 450 points).

Conclusion

Chief Assistant Dr. Pavel Dobrev, MD, fulfills the requirements for holding the academic position of "associate professor" according to the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for the Terms and Conditions for Acquiring Scientific Degrees and Holding Academic Positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" Burgas.

I give a positive assessment and offer Chief Assistant Dr. Pavel Dobrev, MD to be elected to the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports; Professional direction: 7.1. Medicine; Scientific specialty "Obstetrics and Gynecology" for the needs of the Faculty of Public Health and Health Care at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas.

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