



POSITION

By **Prof. Dimitar Raykov, MD, PhD**

Member of scientific jury/ Order No. RD-287/18.10.2023 of the Rector of the University
'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov' - Burgas

for competition for the academic position 'Associate Professor'

of University 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov'

in the field of higher education

7. Healthcare and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, in the scientific specialty
'Orthopaedics and Traumatology,

announced in State Gazette, issue 69/ 11.08.2023

Stoyan Zhelayskov Hristov, MD, PhD is the only candidate participating in the competition.

I. Professional development of the candidate.

Chief Assistant Professor Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, MD, PhD was born on 28.07.1971. In 1995 he graduated in Human Medicine at Medical University in Varna. In 1998 he became a resident doctor in Orthopedics and Traumatology at UMHATEM 'Pirogov' - Sofia. After becoming a specialist he worked at MBAL Burgas, Medical Park Bad Rodach, Germany and NHS- UK. Since July 2017 he has been Chief of the Orthopedics and Traumatology Clinic at UMBAL Burgas AD, Burgas.

He has been consequently working as a part- time lecturer and then assistant in Orthopedics and Traumatology at University 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov' – Burgas. Since November 2022 he has been acting as Chief Assistant at the same university. In 2022 he was awarded the educational and scientific Doctorate degree/Ph.D in specialty 'Orthopedics and Traumatology'.

Chief Assistant Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, MD, PhD has attended over 40 specializations and qualification courses related to highly specialized activities in the field of Orthopedics and Traumatology, most of them performed abroad. Chief Assistant Dr. Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov is a fully qualified specialist in orthopedics, with an excellent command of modern diagnostic and surgical methods in the specialty.

He is a member of:

1. The Bulgarian Association of Orthopedics and Traumatology,
2. AO Trauma, European Pediatric Orthopedic Society (EPOS),
3. International Association of Orthopedics and Traumatology (SICOT),
4. European Association of Traumatology and Emergency Surgery (ESTES),
5. European Association for Ankle and Foot Surgery (EFAS),
6. Associate member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS),
7. Member of the European Association for Surgery of the Shoulder Elbow (ESSSE).

Chief assistant Stoyan Hristov possesses the necessary theoretical, methodical and practical skills for the development of modern scientific research in the field of orthopedics.

II. Evaluation of submitted papers.

The materials submitted for participation in the competition for the academic position of `Associate professor`, submitted by Chief Assistant Stoyan Hristov, MD, PhD are in compliance with the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations on the Terms and Conditions for Acquiring Scientific Degrees and Holding Academic Positions at the University `Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov` - Burgas.

I find no gaps in the presented documentation.

The materials are carefully arranged and contain sufficient evidentiary material.

III. Evaluation of scientific works and teaching activities

Until now, Chief Assistant Dr. Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, PhD has a total of 17 scientific works published in peer-reviewed journals or in peer-reviewed collections, 7 of which are publications referenced and indexed in Scopus and Web of Science.

Chief Assistant Dr. Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, PhD participates in the competition with 11 scientific publications, one monograph – as an independent author and one book based on his dissertation work. These publications have not been used in previous procedures and are in the scientific specialty of the announced competition. I have no information about plagiarism.

The topics presented in the candidate's scientific output are diverse and are of certain interest to modern researchers: operative treatment of proximal humeral fractures, shoulder prosthetics, analysis of preoperative planning of fractures, traumatism.

A reference list with 15 citations has been presented, 10 of them in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information and 5 in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals, all in the period 2022-2023.

Chief Assistant Dr. Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, PhD has a sufficient study load - his average study load is about 300 hours with a norm of 200 hours, as can be seen from the attached report.

IV. Overall assessment of the applicant's compliance with the mandatory conditions, quantitative criteria and science- metric indicators.

Chief Assistant Dr. Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, PhD applies with more than the required number of publications in national and international journals and positive citations, has published one monograph and one book based on his dissertation work. According to the table for the fulfillment of the national science- metric requirements, the candidate meets all the criteria for participation in the competition and exceeds some of them.

Group of indicators Content	Academic position Associate Professor	
	Achieved	Requirements set by University `Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov`
A. Indicator 1	50	50
B. Indicator 2	-	-
C. Indicator 3	100	100
G. Sum of indicators incl. 5-9	241,62	220
D. Sum of indicator 10-12 incl.	175	60
E. Sum of indicator from 13 to the end	70	20
TOTAL	636,62	450

Chief Assistant Dr. Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, a proven clinician and teacher, with a clear view on the novelties in orthopedics.

Conclusion

Based on the analysis of the scientific work and activity, the teaching and treatment activity and the scientific contributions, I am convinced that Chief assistant Dr. Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, PhD, is a serious and thorough scientist, teacher and doctor with extensive long-term experience in the field of orthopedics and traumatology.

The materials submitted for participation in the competition for the academic position of `Associate professor` are in accordance with the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria for holding the academic position `Associate professor`.

I give my positive assessment of the whole activity of Chief Assistant. Dr. Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, MD and I propose to the members of the honorable scientific jury to vote positively him being elected for the academic position `Associate Professor` in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty `Orthopedics and traumatology`.

7.11.2023

Member of scientific jury:

(Prof. Dimitar Raykov, MD, PhD)