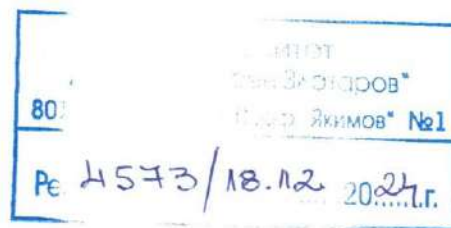


To the Chairman of the Scientific Committee  
At the Medical Faculty – Burgas  
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### OPINION

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REGARDING: The competition for the academic position of “ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR” in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.1 Medicine, scientific specialty “Thoracic Surgery,” announced in the State Gazette, Issue No. 70/20.08.2024, for the needs of the University “Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov,” Burgas.

The competition has one applicant: Dr. Tanyo Penev Stefanov, PhD.

Dr. Stefanov has submitted all required documents in compliance with the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff and the Regulations of the University “Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov” for its application. All submitted materials are meticulously described and systematically organized. I declare that I have no joint publications with the candidate.

#### Brief Professional Biography:

Dr. Tanyo Penev Stefanov graduated in medicine in 1994 and has 30 years of professional experience as a surgeon. He holds specialties in General Surgery and Thoracic Surgery. In 2015, he earned the educational and scientific degree “Doctor” after successfully defending his dissertation on the topic: “Surgical Approach to the Parietal Pleura in Patients with Spontaneous Pneumothorax.” In 2016, after a competitive process, he was awarded the academic title of Associate Professor in the Health Management Section, Department of Management, at the Agricultural University of Plovdiv.

Since 2010, he has been a Master of Public Health and Health Management. From 2022, he has been a Senior Assistant Professor at the Department of Anesthesiology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Surgery, Orthopedics, Traumatology, Urology, Neurosurgery, Emergency, and Intensive Care Medicine at the Medical Faculty of the University “Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov,” Burgas.

Between 1995 and 2006, Dr. Stefanov worked at various surgical departments, including the 1st Surgical Department of MBAL Plovdiv and the 2nd Surgical Clinic of UMHAT “St. Georgi” – Plovdiv. He later served as Head of the Thoracic Surgery Sector at MBAL Plovdiv and subsequently as Head of the Second Surgery Department at MBAL Plovdiv and MBAL Burgasmed.

He has completed courses in ultrasonography, VATS (Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery), laparoscopic surgery, and transanal endoscopic microsurgery, among others. In 2007, he undertook a three-month specialization in thoracic surgery in Vienna at Otto Wagner Hospital.

Dr. Stefanov is fluent in Russian and English. He is a member of the Bulgarian Medical Association, the Bulgarian Society of Surgery, the Bulgarian Association for Thoracic, Cardiac, and Vascular Surgery, and the European Association for Thoracic Surgery.

#### Scientific and Research Activities:

For the current competition for the academic position of "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR," the candidate has submitted a full list of 15 published articles and one monograph. These works have been published in peer-reviewed journals or collections with a scientific editor and publisher, meeting national and university standards for academic career advancement.

Dr. Stefanov is the primary author of 13 of his 15 scientific works, while he is a co-author in 3. He has also provided a list of 12 citations of his works, which fully meets the scientometric criteria of the Medical Faculty at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov."

#### Significance of Scientific Works:

The publications of Dr. Stefanov are featured in both Bulgarian and international journals. His research focuses on addressing significant clinical and surgical issues, particularly in thoracic surgery, oncology, and emergency abdominal surgery.

Thematically, his works deal with pertinent topics such as spontaneous pneumothorax and lung cancer. In his dissertation, he develops an experimental model for addressing the parietal pleura in cases of spontaneous pneumothorax, analyzing biochemical and histopathological changes following treatment. His monograph examines factors influencing lung cancer incidence, such as smoking, radiation, and industrial pollution, while also addressing patients' attitudes toward these factors.

#### Teaching Activities:

Dr. Stefanov has extensive teaching experience as an Assistant Professor, Senior Assistant Professor, and Associate Professor. He has supervised six specialization students.

#### Clinical and Diagnostic Work:

Dr. Stefanov has diverse and extensive clinical practice. His rich surgical experience in both general and thoracic surgery enables him to collaborate effectively with colleagues across various medical fields.

#### Scientific Contributions:

Dr. Stefanov's scientific and teaching activities have significant theoretical and practical contributions, primarily in thoracic surgery, oncology, and emergency abdominal surgery. His research is centered on spontaneous pneumothorax, lung cancer, esophageal cancer, and acute surgical abdomen cases.

#### Conclusion:

The analysis of Dr. Stefanov's scientific, teaching, and clinical activities leads me to conclude that he is a distinguished educator, researcher, organizer, and physician with extensive experience and practice. His academic output and teaching activities meet the scientometric criteria outlined in the regulations of the Medical Faculty – Burgas for the academic position of "Associate Professor."

I provide a positive assessment of Dr. Tanyo Penev Stefanov's application and respectfully recommend that the esteemed members of the Scientific Committee confer upon him the academic title of "Associate Professor."

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