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The chairman of the scientific jury,  
determined by Order № RD-27 / 05.02.2021  
of the Rector of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov "  
city of Burgas

In response to Protocol № 1 / 24.02.2021  
I present to the Honorable Jury a review,  
on the competition for the academic post of "Professor"  
by professional field 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty "Vascular Surgery",  
announced in SG, no. 105 / 11.12.2020 for the needs of the University "Prof. Dr. Assen  
Zlatarov "- Burgas  
With a single candidate: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentin Konstantinov Vasilev, Ph.D.

## **OPINION**

by Prof. Dr. Valentin Kostov Stoyanov, MD

Member of the scientific jury / order № RD-27 / 05.02.2021  
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### **I. Professional development of the candidate.**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentin Konstantinov Vasilev, MD was born on October 19, 1959. In the autumn of 1985 he graduated in medicine in Plovdiv and was appointed as a doctor in the Surgical Department of the Regional Hospital, Kazanlak. Five years later, after successfully passing the state exam, he acquired a specialty in surgery. From 2000 to 2006 he was head of the vascular surgery department at the Department of Surgery of MHAT-Kazanlak, and in the same period he acquired a second specialty in vascular surgery.

In 2015 he graduated with a master's degree in Health Management, and 5 years earlier (2010) he was awarded the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the scientific specialty "Vascular Surgery" in the professional field "Medicine".

Consecutively, he is an assistant and chief assistant at the Faculty of Public Health of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov ", Burgas, and in 2017 after winning a competition he was appointed full professor at the same University. A little later he was elected head of the Department at the same faculty.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentin Konstantinov Vasilev, MD has many specializations related to highly specialized activities in the specialty of Vascular Surgery, two of which in the United States and Italy.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentin Konstantinov Vasilev, MD is a graduate specialist in vascular surgery, fluent in modern diagnostic and surgical methods in the specialty. Head of the Clinic of Vascular Surgery at UMHAT-Burgas EAD. He has the necessary theoretical, methodological and practical skills for the development of modern research in the field of surgery.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentin Konstantinov Vasilev, MD is a member of the following international and Bulgarian organizations:

1. Member of the Bulgarian Surgical Society
2. Member of the Bulgarian National Society of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery and angiology
3. Member of the National Society of Phlebology and Angiology
4. Member of the Bulgarian Association of Thoracic, Cardiac and Vascular Surgery
5. Member of the Association of Thermal Trauma and Plastic Surgery - Varna
6. Member of the Bulgarian Diabetes Association

**II. The documents of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentin Konstantinov Vasilev, MD**, meet the legal requirements for the development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for its implementation. They are extremely well arranged and contain enough evidence.

### **III. Evaluation of scientific papers:**

(General evaluation of the scientific production and the publishing activity)

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentin Konstantinov Vasilev, MD participates in the competition with 100 (38- after associate professor) scientific publications and one monograph, of which he is an independent author. He is also the author of two textbooks, one of which he co-authored.

There are a total of 43 positive citations, as evidenced by the evidence presented.

The topics covered in the scientific production of the candidate are diverse and are of some interest to modern researchers.

According to the table for implementation of the national scientometric requirements Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentin Konstantinov Vasilev, MD is cited as follows:

Group of indicators	AD Professor	
	Completed	Minimum national requirements
E Sum of indicators from 10 to 12 43 citations in total	350 points	100 points

His ability to work in a team is confirmed by his appointment successively as head of ENT KSH at MHAT "Burgas" EAD and his election as head of Department at FOZZG.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentin Konstantinov Vasilev, MD has a sufficient workload - in the last three years he has had a workload between 217 and 222 hours per year, as evidenced by the attached report.

**IV. General assessment of the candidate's compliance with the mandatory conditions, quantitative criteria and scientometric indicators, according to the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for its implementation.**

Mandatory quantitative scientometric criteria for holding the academic position "Professor" at the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" – Burgas

Group of indicators Contents	AD Professor	
	Completed	Requirements of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas
A Indicator 1	50	50
B Indicator 2	-	-
C Indicator 3 C Indicator 4	100	100
D Sum of indicators, from 5 to 9 incl.	586.54	250
E Sum of indicators, from 10 to 12	350	150

F Sum of the indicators from 13 until the last	285	120
Total	1371.54	670

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentin Konstantinov Vasilev, MD applied with more than the required number of publications in Bulgarian and international journals (the same applies to positive citations), has published one monograph and two textbooks. The candidate meets all the criteria for participation in the competition and exceeds some of them.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentin Konstantinov Vasilev, MD is a proven clinician and lecturer, with a clear worldview of innovations in vascular surgery, constantly improving, has leadership qualities, can motivate students and young scientists for achievements in innovation in medicine.

My personal impressions of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentin Konstantinov Vasilev, MD are: an excellent professional, a good scientist, a conscientious doctor and a surgeon. His ability to work well in a team, to successfully lead a team of professionals from different generations and qualifications only completes his portrait.

**Conclusion:**

The scientific works of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentin Konstantinov Vasilev, Doctor of Medicine, presented in the competition are in the field of vascular surgery and fully meet the criteria of ZRASRB, PPZRASRB for the academic position "Professor".

I give my positive assessment of the overall activity of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentin Konstantinov Vasilev, MD. and I suggest that the members of the esteemed scientific jury vote in favor of his election to the academic position of "Professor of Vascular Surgery."

March 11, 2021

Member of the scientific jury:  
/ Prof. Dr. Valentin Stoyanov, MD /