



To the Chairman of Scientific Jury
According order of the Rector of
University "Professor Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas
№ RD - 257/15.09.2022 year

OPINION

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A member of the Scientific Jury defined by Order № RD - 257/15.09.2022 of the Rector of the University "Professor Asen Zlatarov" – Burgas.

Subject: Competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the Higher education area 7. Health and sports; Professional field 7.1. Medicine; Specialty: Otorhinolaryngology; University "Professor Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas, prom, in the State Gazette - issue 45 of 17.06.2022.

Information about the competition

The competition was announced for the needs of the Faculty of public health and healthcare, University "Professor Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas. I participate in the composition of the scientific jury of the competition, according to Order № RD - 257/15.09.2022 of the Rector of the University "Professor Asen Zlatarov" – Burgas.

1. Brief information about the candidate in the competition

One candidate participates in the competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" - Assistant Professor Dr. Atanas Nachev Vlaykov, PhD from the Department of "Otorhinolaryngology and ophthalmology", Faculty of Medicine, Trakia University, Stara Zagora.

In 2012 the candidate graduated with a Master's degree in "Medicine" in the Faculty of Medicine, Trakia University, Stara Zagora. From 2013 to 2017 he was a full-time PhD student at the, Department of "Otorhinolaryngology and ophthalmology" - Faculty of Medicine in Stara Zagora.

He successfully defended his doctoral dissertation with topic: "Effect of local and

systemic immune response on nasal congestion and quality of life in patients with allergic rhinosinusitis". In 2019 acquired educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the scientific specialty "Otorhinolaryngology". From 2016 until now Assistant Professor Dr. Atanas Vlaykov is a lecturer in the Department of "Otorhinolaryngology and ophthalmology", Faculty of Medicine in Trakia University.

2. Fulfillment of the requirements for holding the academic position

In the current competition for "Associate Professor" Dr. Atanas Nachev Vlaykov presented documents that are in line with the scientometric indicators set out in the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its implementation and University "Professor Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas as follows:

Category A (min. Requirements of 50 points) - materials for 50 points are presented.

Category B (min. Requirements of 100 points) - a monograph corresponding to 100 points is presented.

Category D (minimum requirements of 220 points) - materials for 232 points are presented.

Category E (min. Requirements of 60 points) - the submitted materials correspond to 65 points.

Category E (min. Requirements of 20 points) - documents corresponding to 100 points are presented.

The report on the fulfillment of the scientometric criteria for holding the academic position "Associate Professor" shows that the candidate has submitted materials for 547 points, which exceeds almost twice the minimum national and additional requirements of 450 points.

3. Evaluation of the teaching activity of the candidate

The candidate Assistant Professor Dr. Atanas Vlaykov has the necessary teaching experience and I evaluate his teaching and pedagogical activities as fully meeting the requirements for awarding the academic position of "Associate Professor". There is compliance of the academic competence of the candidate with the requirements of the competition.

4. General description of the scientific production

In the announced competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor", Assistant Professor Dr. Atanas Nachev Vlaykov participates with a total production of 16 scientific papers, grouped as follows:

- Monograph - 1 issue;
- Articles and reports published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information - 2 issues;
- Articles and reports published in non-peer-reviewed journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes - 13 issues.

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indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information - 1 pcs. are independent. From the published articles and reports in scientific journals, unreferred and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information - 1 pcs. are independent.

Most of the scientific papers have been published in Bulgarian specialized journals and presented at national and international scientific conferences.

Proof of the importance of research and recognizability of the author among the scientific community is the number of observed citations - 13.

Synthesized assessment of the main scientific contributions of the candidate.

The main topic of scientific interest of Dr. Atanas Vlaykov is dedicated to the current topic - allergic rhinosinusitis. In the studies carried out so far on the subject have been performed a clinical-epidemiological analysis and assessment of environmental risk factors, an immunological study to quantify the concentration of the cytokines IL-4, IL-5, IL-13 and total IgE in blood serum and lavage liquid, instrumental determination of congestion of the nasal cavities, as well as determination of the effect of the disease on the quality of life of the patients based on the manifestations of clinical symptoms. The immunological mechanisms of the development of allergic diseases, as well as the quality of life of patients, are also extremely relevant topics in modern medicine, and it is precisely on this that the author's efforts are focused.

5. Personal impressions of the candidate

I know personally the candidate Assistant Professor Dr. Atanas Nachev Vlaykov. He is respected by his colleagues and students, with a strong interest in science and innovative practices, communicative and he is responsible for his work.

6. Conclusion

The presented scientific production and educational and pedagogical activity of the candidate fully meets the requirements for the academic position "Associate Professor" according to the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for its implementation. Scientific works contain a significant number of scientific and scientific-applied contributions of importance for science and practice. With full conviction, I propose to the esteemed members of the Scientific jury to vote positively, Dr. Atanas Nachev Vlaykov, PhD to be elected and approved to hold the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the Higher education area 7. Health and sports; Professional field 7.1. Medicine; Specialty: Otorhinolaryngology; University "Professor Asen Zlatarov" – Burgas.

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