



To
Chairman of the Scientific Jury,
Following an order No. RD - 257/15.09.2022
Of the Rector of University "Professor Asen Zlatarov"
Burgas

In response to Protocol from 05.10.2022
I present to the honorable Scientific Jury an opinion,
regarding competition for the position of a "Associate Professor"
Scientific specialty in Otorhinolaryngology
Professional area "7.1. Medicine",
for the needs of Faculty of public health and healthcare, University "Professor Asen
Zlatarov" – Burgas announced in State Gazette, No. 45/17.06.2022
There is one candidate in the competition: Dr. Atanas Nachev Vlaykov, PhD

OPINION

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I. Career profile of the candidate

Dr. Atanas Nachev Vlaykov was born on 20.00.1986 in Stara Zagora. In 2012, he graduated in medicine and was appointed as a resident doctor at the Clinic for ENT Diseases in University Hospital of Stara Zagora. After winning a competition, he started his research and teaching career as a physician assistant at the "Otorhinolaryngology and dermatology" department, Faculty of Medicine, Trakia University, Stara Zagora. He was later elected as a senior assistant in the same department in 2016 and later after successfully defending his dissertation on the topic "Effect of local and systemic immune response on nasal congestion and quality of life in patients with allergic rhinosinusitis" he obtained the title of "Doctor" in the scientific specialty "Otorhinolaryngology" and was elected as a Chief Assistant.

Dr. Atanas Nachev Vlaykov is a specialist in Otorhinolaryngology, with command of modern diagnostic and surgical methods in the specialty of Otorhinolaryngology, head and neck surgery. He possesses the necessary theoretical, methodical and practical skills for the development of modern scientific activities in the field of otorhinolaryngology.

Dr. Atanas Nachev Vlaykov is a member of the following international and Bulgarian societies:

- Bulgarian Medical Association
- Bulgarian Rhinologic Society
- Association of otorhinolaryngologists in south-eastern Bulgaria
- European Rhinologic Society
- European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology

II. The documents of Dr. Atanas Nachev Vlaykov meet the requirements in the Regulations on the Development of the Academic staff at the University "Professor Asen Zlatarov" – Burgas. They are very well arranged and contain sufficient evidence.

III. Evaluation of the scientific production:

(Overall assessment of scientific production and publication activity)

In the current competition, Dr. Vlaykov participated with a total of 16 papers, of which 15 were article publications and one monograph on the quality of life in patients with allergic rhinitis. Scientific works have been cited in 13 Bulgarian and international publications. In parallel, there are numerous participations in national and international scientific forums (58), in some of them (24) actively with reports and presentations.

The topics represented in the candidate's scientific production are diverse with the main part of them being in the candidate's field of scientific interest - rhinology.

Dr. Atanas Nachev Vlaykov made an original contribution to the study of immunological activity in one of the most common diseases – allergic rhinitis. A number of scientific publications describing rare and interesting clinical cases are also presented.

The publications of Dr. Atanas Nachev Vlaykov in international, peer reviewed and indexed in international bibliographic databases are above the requirements for achieving the position of a “Associate Professor”. They get noticed by fellow researchers and his publications have been cited 27 times some of them in journals with an impact factor.

His ability for teamwork is evidenced by the fact he was an active participant in 4 scientific projects:

- №4/2010 "Dendritic cells and colorectal carcinoma". Research supervisor, Assoc. prof. Maya Galabova, PhD
- №34/2014 "Influence of physiotherapy on local immunity, clinical course and quality of life in patients with allergic rhinosinusitis". Academic supervisor: Associate Professor Valentin Stoyanov, PhD
- №11/2014 "Influence of local immunity on the intranasal vascular bed, clinical course and quality of life in patients with allergic rhinosinusitis". Research supervisor: Associate Professor Tanyo Kavrov, PhD
- №2/2021 Scientific conference with international participation "35 years of academic education in otorhinolaryngology in Stara Zagora", October 01-02, 2021.

V. Overall assessment of the applicant's compliance with the mandatory conditions, quantitative criteria and scientometric indicators, according to the Regulations on the Development of the Academic staff at the University “Professor Asen Zlatarov” – Burgas.

Mandatory quantitative scientometric criteria for the academic position "Associate Professor" at the University “Professor Asen Zlatarov” – Burgas.

Group of indicators	Contents	Minimum requirements	Evaluation of the candidate
A	Indicator 1	50 points	50 points
B	Indicator 3 or 4	100 points	100 points
C	Indicators 5-9	220 points	232 points
D	Indicators 10-12	60 points	65 points
E	Indicators 13-22	20 points	100 points
TOTAL		450 points	547 points

Dr. Atanas Nachev Vlaykov applies with more than the required number of publications in national and international journals (the same applies to positive citations). The applicant meets all the criteria for participation in the competition and significantly exceeds some of them.

Dr. Atanas Nachev Vlaykov is a scientist and university teacher, with a marked affinity for novelties in otorhinolaryngology. He is constantly improving, he has a good audience command when lecturing, he can motivate students and young scientists for achievements in novelties in medicine.

My personal impressions of Dr. Atanas Nachev Vlaykov are that he has excellent knowledge of the specialty of Otorhinolaryngology, a good scientist and teacher, a conscientious and purposeful doctor who invests a lot of energy and effort in his professional development. His ability to work excellently in a team, together with the above-mentioned qualities, will be very useful for his work as an "Associate Professor" at Prof. Dr. "Asen Zlatarov" University, Burgas.

Conclusion:

The scientific works presented in the competition by Dr. Atanas Nachev Vlaykov, PhD fully meet the criteria of Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Rules for its implementation and the Regulations on the Development of the Academic staff at the Prof. Dr. "Asen Zlatarov" University, Burgas. Dr. Vlaykov is a specialist in Otorhinolaryngology and a teacher with experience and authority in Bulgaria. Participant in a number of national and international trainings and constantly updates his knowledge. He has experience in teaching Bulgarian and English students in the Otorhinolaryngology topic. Because of the above I would wholeheartedly propose to the members of the honorable Scientific Jury to vote positively for Dr. Atanas Nachev Vlaykov, PhD to be elected to the academic position "Associate Professor".

14.10.2022 г.

Member of the scientific jury: .

/ Prof. Dr. Valentin KOSTOV Stoyanov, PhD/