



To

The Chairperson of the Scientific Jury,
appointed by Ordinance No. RD -379/ 21.12.2021
of the Rector of Professor Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas

I hereby present to the honoured Jury a review,

Concerning the competition for academic position "**Associate Professor**" for Scientific Specialty "**Ophthalmology**", High Education Field 7 "**Healthcare and Sport**", Professional Field 7.1 "**Medicine**" at the Faculty of Public Health and Healthcare as announced in State Gazette, issue 87/19.10.2021.

With sole candidate: Dr. Yordan Georgiev Yordanov, MD.

REVIEW

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This review has been elaborated in accordance with the requirements of Republic of Bulgaria Academic Staff Development Act and Section III/Section IV of the Rules of Procedure of the Republic of Bulgaria Academic Staff Development Act – Terms and Conditions for Holding Academic Position "Associate Professor" and in accordance with the Academic Staff Development Rules of Procedure of Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas.

I. Professional development of the candidate.

Dr. Yordan Georgiev Yordanov, MD was born on 22.11.1976. He has graduated in Medicine in 2001 at the Medical University - Pleven. Within the period 2005-2009 he has specialized Eye Diseases at the Eye Diseases Department at the Medical University – Varna. Within the period 2016-2018 he has been a post-graduate student in Eye Diseases and in 2018 he has defended successfully a thesis for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree “Doctor” on: “The Quality of Life of Patients with Primary Glaucoma, Assessment Methodology and Monitoring“ and has acquired the educational and scientific degree “Doctor” in the scientific specialty Ophthalmology in professional field Medicine. He has been appointed as an ophthalmologist first in the Specialized Hospital for Active Treatment of Eye Diseases, Varna (2005-2017) and since 2017 – at the Sveti Nikolay Chudotvorets Eye Medical Centre, Varna. From 2018 until now he has been part-time lecturer at the Faculty of Public Health and Healthcare – Professor Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas. In addition to these engagements, he also has been teaching residents in Ophthalmology, being officially mentor of five such (according to the reference presented in the documentation).

Dr. Yordan Georgiev Yordanov has many specialisations related to highly specialised activities in the field of Ophthalmology, both in the country and abroad, as evidenced by the presented documents for completed qualification courses (more than ten). In addition, he actively participates in a number of national, international congresses and conferences dedicated to different aspects of eye health.

Dr. Yordan Georgiev Yordanov is an accomplished specialist in Ophthalmology who has mastered excellently the modern diagnostic and surgical methodologies in the Ophthalmology specialty. He possesses the necessary theoretical, methodological and practical skills for carrying out modern scientific and research activity and is able to work in a team. Dr. Yordan Georgiev Yordanov is a member of the Bulgarian Medical Association and of the Bulgarian Society of Ophthalmology.

II. The documents of Dr. Yordan Georgiev Yordanov, MD comply with the statutory requirements on the academic staff development in the Republic of Bulgaria and the relevant Rules of Procedure. They are well organized and contain sufficient evidence materials.

III. Evaluation of the scientific works:

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

Dr. Yordan Georgiev Yordanov, MD participates in the competition with 14 scientific publications, including a monograph comprised of 141 pages – „Manifestations of the Dry Eye Syndrome in Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma“. They are all published in non-referred scientific peer-reviewed magazines or in edited collective volumes.

Six of the publications participating in the competition are related to the thesis of the candidate. The rest of the titles review other important topics related to eye health. The candidate is the sole or first author of 10 of the publications.

There are 8 positive citations as visible from the reference presented by the candidate with a total number of evaluation points 70.

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

Dr. Yordan Georgiev Yordanov has emphasized interest in the primary open-angle glaucoma. This is also the topic of his monograph – “Manifestations of the Dry Eye Syndrome in Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma”. In addition to it, he has presented in the competition documentation three publications in Bulgarian scientific magazines dedicated to the topic and reviewing issues related to the risk factors for the occurrence of blindness in primary open-angle glaucoma by suggesting a conduct algorithm for such patients.

He is also the author of other publications related to the evaluation of the subjective symptoms of patients with limbal stem cells deficiency by reviewing and summarizing the risk factors for partial and total loss of limbal stem cells. He also does not omit the topic of the psychological aspects of the dry eye syndrome in patients with glaucoma, which is covered in one of his scientific articles. He has emphasized interest in some newly emerged issues related to the modern age, the solution of which requires skills for teamwork and interdisciplinary approach. This is evidenced by one of his publications abroad dedicated to the interrelation between the dry eye syndrome and the obstructive sleep apnoea.

Dr. Yordan Georgiev Yordanov has extensive teaching experience. During the past four academic years he has been teaching the students in Healthcare – in the specialties “Nurse” and “Obstetrician” at the Faculty of Public Health and Healthcare – Professor Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas, in the discipline “Eye Diseases”. In addition to that academic activity he also teaches students in Master degree in Medicine, specialising Ophthalmology, as mentioned above.

He regularly attends different scientific events – 8 in total, both national and international, having been invited as a guest lecturer in one of them (Third Congress of the Union of Bulgarian Contact lens Practitioners with international participation).

IV. General evaluation of the compliance of the candidate in terms of the general conditions, quantity criteria and scientific metric indicators according to the Republic of Bulgaria Academic Staff Development Act and its Rules of Procedure.

Mandatory quantitative scientific metric criteria for the academic position “Associate Professor” at Professor Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas and reference by groups of indicators on the ones fulfilled by the candidate:

<i>Group of Indicators</i>	<i>Content</i>	<i>Minimum Requirements</i>	<i>Fulfilled by Dr. Y. Yordanov</i>
A	Indicator 1	50	50
B	Indicator 2	-	-
C	Indicator 3 or 4	100	100
D	Sum of the indicators from 5 to 9	220	301
E	Sum of the indicators from 10 and 12	60	70
F	Sum of the indicators from 13 till the end	20	70
TOTAL		450	591

Dr. Yordan Georgiev Yordanov, MD has applied with a sufficient number of publications in national and international magazines (the same applies for the positive citations), having also published a monograph. The candidate covers all criteria for participation in the competition and exceeds some of them.

Dr. Yordan Georgiev Yordanov, MD is a promising scientist and tutor, having a clear vision on the novelties in Ophthalmology; he continuously perfects himself and is able to engage the audience, has leader qualities, can motivate students and young scientists for excellence in the medical novelties.

Conclusion:

The documents reviewed by me and the evidence material presented by Dr. Yordan Georgiev Yordanov, MD for participating in the competition for academic position "Associate Professor" for Scientific Specialty "Ophthalmology", announced for the Faculty of Public Health and Healthcare at Professor Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas in State Gazette, issue 87/19.10.2021, comply fully with the mandatory conditions and quantitative criteria and scientific metric indicators in accordance with the Regulation on Holding Academic Positions at Professor Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas, and for some indicators exceed the required minimum (groups D, E and F), as visible by the comparative table presented in the documents.

The scientific works presented by Dr. Yordan Georgiev Yordanov, MD within the competition are in the field of the scientific specialty "Ophthalmology" and comply entirely with Republic of Bulgaria Academic Staff Development Act and Section III/Section IV of the Rules of Procedure of the Republic of Bulgaria Academic Staff Development Act – Terms

and Conditions for Holding Academic Position “Associate Professor”/“Professor” and in accordance with the criteria of Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas for holding the academic position “Associate Professor”.

I give my definite positive assessment for the overall activity of Dr. Yordan Georgiev Yordanov, MD and I suggest to the Members of the honoured Scientific Jury to vote in favour of him being elected for the academic position “Associate Professor in Ophthalmology”.

31.01.2022

Reviewer and Chairman of the

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