

POSITION

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In reference to a competition for the occupation of an academic position 'Associate Professor' announced by University 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov' - Burgas

The competition is announced in the higher education field: 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional direction 7.1 Medicine and scientific specialty 'Orthopedics and Traumatology', published in the State Gazette, issue 69 from 11.08.2023.

The position has been written in accordance with Order Nr. 287/18.10.202, determining the selection of scientific jury and the first meeting of the scientific jury, where I was assigned to present a position.

Presented position is prepared in compliance with the requirements of Act on Development of the Academic Staff in Republic in Bulgaria, Regulation for implementation of the Act and Regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at University 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov' - Burgas.

The only candidate taking part in the competition is Chief Assistant Professor Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, MD, PhD.

All materials and references required for holding the academic position Associated Professor have been submitted.

1. General data about the candidate.

Chief Assistant Professor Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, MD, PhD was born on 28.07.1971. In 1995 he graduated in Human Medicine at Medical University in Varna. In 2002 he mastered his specialty exam in Orthopedics and Traumatology at Medical University in Sofia.

In 2022 he was awarded the educational and scientific Doctorate degree / Ph.D/ in specialty Orthopedics and Traumatology in professional field 7.1 Medicine after a dissertation defense on the thesis 'Operative treatment of proximal humeral fractures with locking plate with and without augmentation- comparative analysis' at UMHATEM 'Pirogov' - Sofia.

The work experience of the candidate in the specialty starts at UMHATEM 'Pirogov' EAD in 1998. Afterwards, since 2002 he has worked in the capacity of orthopedic specialist in UMBAL Burgas, Medical Park Bad Rodach, Germany and NHS- UK. Since July 2017 he has been running the Orthopedics and Traumatology Clinic of UMBAL Burgas AD.

In 2018 Chief Assistant Professor Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, MD, PhD started his teaching activity as part-time lecturer at University 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov' - Burgas.

He has been working as Assistant since 2021 and as Chief Assistant in Orthopedics and Traumatology at University 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov' - Burgas since 2022.

2. General characteristics of the scientific and applied activity and evaluation of the candidate's personal contribution

The scientific interests of Chief Assistant Professor Stoyan Hristov, MD, PhD in the field of surgical treatment for fractures of the proximal humerus, incl. pitfalls, complications, also arthroplasty of the glenohumeral joint.

According to the presented Full list of publications, Dr. Stoyan Hristov has 17 scientific works, including 7 publications referenced and indexed in Scopus and Web of Science and 1 monographic work.

According to the presented List of publications for participation in the competition, Dr. Hristov applies with 13 scientific works, among which 1 monographic work, 1 published book based on his dissertation, 7 Scopus and Web of Science publications, 4 in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

The scientific works submitted for participation in the competition were not used to obtain the educational and scientific Doctorate degree / PhD, no plagiarism was found and all are subject to review.

The candidate has multiple specializations (over 40) related to highly specialized activities in the field of orthopedics and traumatology, most of which are focused on proximal humeral fractures and shoulder arthroplasty. In addition, he is a regular participant in a number of national and international congresses and conferences dedicated to the specialty. All this complements the competences of the candidate for the competition.

According to the attached Reference of citations, the candidate participates in the competition with 15 citations realized in 2022-2023. 10 of the presented citations are from foreign scientists in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in renowned databases with scientific information, which is an attestation for the quality of Dr. Hristov's research.

After a detailed analysis of the presented scientific works and evidentiary material, I deem that Ch. Assistant Professor Stoyan Hristov, Ph.D. has the following points by groups of indicators: Group of A indicators – 50 pts. , Group B indicators- 100 pts., Group G indicators- 241.62 pts. / minimal requirements of 220 pts. Acc. Regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at University 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov' - Burgas/, Group D indicators – 175 pts. / minimal requirements of 60 pts. Acc. Regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at University 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov' - Burgas/ , Group E indicators – 70

pts. / minimal requirements of 20 pts. Acc. Regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at University 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov' - Burgas/

Therefore Chief Assistant Professor Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, MD, PhD satisfies completely the minimum national requirements and the requirements of Regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at University 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov' - Burgas for occupying the academic position 'Associate Professor' in professional field 7.1. Medicine.

3. Evaluation of teaching performance

According to the attached references Chief Assistant Stoyan Hristov, MD, PhD is a lecturer in the discipline 'Orthopaedics and Traumatology' at 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov' University - Burgas and has a full academic load.

The candidate has been the supervisor of 6 specialty trainees in orthopedics and traumatology, 3 of whom have already acquired a specialty.

I believe that Dr. Stoyan Hristov has the necessary teaching experience and degree of preparation to occupy the academic position of 'Associate Professor'.

4. Critical notes and recommendations

I have no significant critical remarks.

5. Conclusion

After I got acquainted with the materials and scientific works provided by Chief Assistant Professor Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, MD, PhD I confirm the compliance of the candidate's results with the requirements of Act on Development of the Academic Staff in Republic in Bulgaria, Regulation for implementation of the Act and Regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at University 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov' - Burgas for occupying the Academic position 'Associate Professor' in professional field 7.1. Medicine. The candidate satisfies the minimum national requirements of the professional field and the additional requirements of the University as well.

Based on the above, I give a positive assessment of the candidacy of the Chief Assistant Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, MD, PhD.

I recommend to the scientific jury to propose to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Public Health and Health Care at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas to elect Chief Assistant Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, MD, PhD for the academic position of 'Associate Professor' in the field of higher education: 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty 'Orthopedics and Traumatology'.

8.11.2023

Signature:

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