



POSITION

by **Prof. Nedelcho Tsachev, MD, PhD**

Member of the scientific jury in competition for occupying the academic position 'Associate Professor' in higher education field:

7. Healthcare and Sports, professional direction 7.1 Medicine, specialty 'Orthopedics and Traumatology', published in National Gazette, issue 69/ 11.08.2023

The scientific jury has been appointed by Order Nr. RD- 287/18.10.2023 of the Rector of University 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov' Prof. Hristo Bozov, MD, PhD.

Documents were submitted by one candidate - Chief Assistant Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, MD, PhD. The submitted materials are in accordance with the requirements for acquiring the academic position 'Associate Professor' of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulation of its implementation, the regulations for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at the University 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov' - Burgas. All documents have been presented in an accurate manner.

1. Brief biographical data

Chief Assistant Professor Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, MD, PhD was born on 28.07.1971. He completed higher medical education in 1995 at the Medical University, Varna. He has an extensive work experience as Orthopedics and Traumatology specialist in following institutions: UMHATEP 'N. Pirogov' EAD. (resident doctor), MBAL Burgas (18 years) and abroad- Medical Park Bad Rodach, Germany (1 year), NHS- UK(2 years) . In 2002 he mastered his specialty exam in Orthopedics and Traumatology at Medical University in Sofia. Since July 2017 he is Head of the Orthopedics and Traumatology Clinic of UMBAL Burgas AD.

Since 2018, he has been a part-time teacher and since 2021 an assistant in Orthopedics and Traumatology at the University 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov' - Burgas. In November 2022 he won a competition for Chief Assistant in Orthopedics and Traumatology at the same University.

In 2022, after a successfully defended dissertation, he obtained the educational and scientific Doctorate degree (PhD) in the scientific specialty 'Orthopaedics and Traumatology'.

He is a member of numerous specialized associations - Bulgarian Association of Orthopedics and Traumatology, AO Trauma, European Association of Pediatric Orthopedics,

International Association of Orthopedics and Traumatology, European Association of Traumatology and Emergency Surgery, European Association of Ankle and Foot Surgery, European Association of Surgery of the Shoulder Elbow and an associate member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons.

Chief Assistant Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, MD, PhD has attended over 40 specializations and qualification courses related to highly specialized activities in the field of Orthopedics and Traumatology, most of them performed abroad.

Chief Assistant Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, MD, PhD has nearly 22 years of experience as a doctor specializing in Orthopedics and Traumatology. He has proven himself to be a professional with a clearly marked interest in innovations in medicine and the specialty.

2. Evaluation of the candidate's research and teaching activities

The professional interests of Chief Assistant Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, MD, PhD are mainly focused on surgical treatment of proximal humeral fractures, shoulder arthroplasty, analysis of preoperative planning of fractures, traumatism of the musculoskeletal system.

For participation in the competition the candidate has submitted 13 original scientific papers:

- monographic work on the topic "Augmentation during operative treatment of fractures of the proximal humerus with a locking plate";
- published book based on a defended dissertation work "Operative treatment of proximal humeral fractures with a locking plate, with and without augmentation - a comparative analysis";
- 7 scientific publications, referenced and indexed in Scopus; Web of Science;
- 4 publications in non-refereed journals with scientific review.

A reference list with 15 citations has been presented, 10 of which are in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information and 5 in non-refereed journals with scientific review.

Chief Assistant Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, MD, PhD has been leading training in the discipline `Orthopedics and Traumatology` in the specialties `Medical Assistant`, `Rehabilitation specialist` and for students in Medicine.

3. General assessment of the applicant's compliance with the mandatory conditions and the mandatory quantitative criteria and science- metric indicators.

The candidate for the competition meets and exceeds the requirements set by the Regulations for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions at the University `Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov` - Burgas.

The scientific indicators of Dr. Stoyan Hristov according to the groups of criteria and the minimum ones in the regulations of the University are as follows:

B3 indicators - Habilitation thesis-monograph - 100 points;

Indicators G – 241.62 points (required minimum of 200 pts);

Indicators D – 175 points (required minimum of 60 pts);

Indicators E – 70 points (required minimum of 20 pts);

Points achieved / total: 636.62 pts (required minimum of 450 pts).

My personal impressions of Chief Assistant Dr. Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov PhD are very good and objectively based on impressions of his professional development over the past 25 years. He is a proven specialist in the field of orthopedics and traumatology, works well in a team and has the qualities to motivate students and young scientists for achievements in medicine.

4. Conclusion

Chief Assistant Stoyan Hristov, MD, PhD meets the requirements for holding the academic position `Associate Professor` in accordance with the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations on the Conditions and Procedures for Acquiring Scientific Degrees and occupying academic positions at the University `Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov` - Burgas.

I give a positive position and propose to elect Chief Assistant Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, MD, PhD for the academic position of `Associate Professor` in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and sports, professional direction: 7.1. Medicine, Scientific specialty `Orthopedics and Traumatology`.

1.11.2023

Member of scientific jury:

(Prof. Nedelcho Tsachev, MD, PhD)