

POSITION



regarding the materials, submitted by
Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, MD, PhD

for participation in the competition for the academic position 'Associate Professor'
of University 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov'
in the field of higher education

7. Healthcare and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, in the scientific specialty
'Orthopaedics and Traumatology,

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1. General information

Present position has been prepared by **Prof. Vasil Nikolov Obretenov, MD, PhD** - Department of 'Rehabilitation and Marine Medicine', Faculty of Public Health and Healthcare, University 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov' - Burgas.

Reason for writing the opinion: Order of the Rector of the University 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov' - Burgas No. RD-287/18.10.2023 for the appointment of a scientific jury and Protocol No 1 of the first meeting of the scientific jury.

This opinion was drawn up in accordance with the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations on the Terms and Conditions for Acquiring Scientific Degrees and Holding Academic Positions at the University 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov' - Burgas.

The materials submitted for participation in the competition for the academic position of 'Associate professor' are in accordance with the Regulations for the terms and conditions for the acquisition of scientific degrees and the occupation of academic positions at the University 'Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov' - Burgas.

Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov, MD, PhD is the only candidate participating in the competition.

2. 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.

On 10.05.2022 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.

Dr. Hristov began his work experience as a resident doctor in Orthopedics and Traumatology department at UMHATEM `N. Pirogov`EAD. He has been a specialist in Orthopedics and Traumatology for more than 20 years. Since July 2017 he has been Chief of the Orthopedics and Traumatology Clinic at the `University Multispecialty Hospital for Active Treatment-Burgas` AD/ UMBAL Burgas AD, Burgas.

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

From September 2018 till October 2021, Dr. Stoyan Hristov was a part- time lecturer at University `Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov` – Burgas. In October 2021 he became an assistant. Since November 2022 he has been Chief Assistant at the University `Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov` - Burgas. He has been teaching students from the specialties `Medical Assistant`, `Rehabilitation specialist` and `Medical Rehabilitation and Occupational Therapy`. He is a co-author of the curriculum in `Orthopedics and Traumatology` for the specialty Medicine.

He has supervised three interns who acquired the specialty in `Orthopedics and Traumatology` and currently supervises three more interns.

For the participation in the competition Dr. Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov has provided 13 scientific publications, which haven't been used for the acquisition of the educational and scientific Doctorate degree/ PhD and the academic position of Chief assistant.

They include:

- 1 habilitation thesis (monograph);
- 1 published book based on a defended dissertation work for awarding the educational and scientific degree PhD;
- 7 scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information (Scopus; Web of Science);
- 4 scientific publications in non-refereed journals with scientific review;

For co-authored scientific works the author has presented distribution protocols.

The scientific papers are relevant to the announced competition and are oriented towards innovative treatment of proximal humeral fractures, introduction of shoulder arthroplasty and use of modern approaches for functional assessment.

The candidate's monographic work is dedicated to the augmentation in the operative treatment of fractures of the proximal humerus with a locking plate, as a method of a bone-preserving concept of treatment.

Dr. Stoyan Hristov participates in the competition with a reference list of 15 citations, 10 of which are in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information (Scopus; Web of Science) and 5 in non-refereed journals with scientific review.

Up to the present date Dr. Stoyan Hristov has more than 17 scientific publications and had attended more than 40 specializations and qualification courses, most of them - abroad.

He is a member of the Bulgarian Association of Orthopedics and Traumatology, AO Trauma (since 2008), European Association of Pediatric Orthopedics (EPOS, since 2010), International Association of Orthopedics and Traumatology (SICOT, since 2011), European Association in Traumatology and Emergency Surgery (ESTES, since 2017), European Association for Ankle and Foot Surgery (EFAS, since 2018), and since 2022 is an Associate Member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) and a member of the European Society for Surgery of the Shoulder Elbow (ESSSE).

The materials, documents and references provided show that Dr. Stoyan Hristov meets the minimum national requirements and the requirements of the Regulations for the conditions and procedures for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions at the University `Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov` - Burgas for the academic position of Associate Professor in professional direction 7.1. Medicine.

4. Conclusion

Dr. Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov , PhD has provided scientific works, references and materials that meet the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for its Implementation, as well as the Regulations for the Conditions and Procedures for Acquiring Scientific Degrees and Holding Academic positions at the University `Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov` - Burgas, for the academic position of Associate Professor in professional direction 7.1. Medicine.

This gives me reason to recommend the scientific jury to make a proposal to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Public Health and Healthcare at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" – Burgas to elect Dr. Stoyan Zhelyazkov Hristov for the academic position of `Associate professor`in the field of higher education: 7. Healthcare and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty `Orthopaedics and Traumatology.

3.11.2023

Signature:

(Prof. Vasil Obretenov, MD, PhD)