



To the Scientific Jury,
determined by Order
№ RD-113 / 18.04.2022
of the Rector of
University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas

I present on Dear jury statement, concerning competition for borrowing on
academic Position "**Associate Professor**" on scientific specialty
"Otorhinolaryngology" with code: 03.01.35 from the professional field "7.1.
Medicine", gazetted no. 22 /18.03.2022, with the only one candidate: **Dr.
Daniel Petkov Petkov, PhD**, Faculty of Medicine at the **University "Prof.
Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas**

STATEMENT

**From Assoc. Prof. Dr. Doncho Petrov Donchev,
Ph.D.**

scientific specialty: Otorhinolaryngology

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1. Professional profile and academic development :

Dr. Daniel Petkov Petkov is born in Burgas in 1963. He graduated in medicine in 1989 at the Medical University - Varna.

After graduation he started working as an Otorhinolaryngologist at the Regional Hospital - Tutrakan. Subsequently, in 1991 he started working as an intern in ENT diseases at the ENT department of the former Regional Hospital - Burgas. Since 1994 he has acquired a specialty in ENT diseases. Since June 2006 he has been the head of the ENT department at the University Hospital - Burgas.

Since the beginning of 2018, he has been a part-time assistant in the ENT section at the Faculty of Public Health at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov "- Burgas.

He is a member of the Bulgarian Medical Union (BMU), Bulgarian National Society for Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Secretary of the Association of Otorhinolaryngologists in Southeastern Bulgaria since its founding in 2015. Fluent in written and spoken English.

Dr. Daniel Petkov Petkov has a strong affinity for research and teaching.

In 2021 he obtained the educational and scientific degree of "Doctor of Medicine". His dissertation is entitled: "**The role of sleep endoscopy in the diagnosis and treatment of sleep apnea.**"

In recent years, the importance of sleep apnea as a socially significant disease has become increasingly important. Numerous scientific publications and developments on the subject pay attention to this problem. There are no precise criteria for the location of upper airway obstruction, however. This determines the great importance of sleep endoscopy in order to improve the diagnosis and choice of therapeutic approach. This method is the "gold standard" in the diagnosis of this disease.

The dissertation pays special attention to the etiology, clinical course, predisposing factors for the disease.

Sleep endoscopy as a method for diagnosing the site of obstruction in sleep apnea is described in detail in the dissertation and fills a gap in the national specialized literature. The author shares his experience in a comprehensive

diagnostic approach in patients with sleep apnea in order to refine surgical treatment.

A valuable contribution of the dissertation is the development of criteria for determining the group of patients suitable for possible surgical intervention.

Endoscopic diagnosis specifies the level and degree of upper airway obstruction in patients with sleep apnea. At the same time, his operative clinical activity is extremely rich, as Dr. Petkov works with intelligence and practical dexterity and strives to introduce new otorhinolaryngological techniques in Bulgaria.

Dr. Petkov, PhD masters a number of innovative diagnostic-therapeutic and operative methods, important for his daily clinical activities, especially in area of otosurgery, surgical treatment of sleep apnea and methods of treating diseases of the lacrimal apparatus.

2. Presented documents: The documents of Dr. Daniel Petkov, PhD are well organized and contain sufficient evidence for his scientific research activity.

3. Evaluation of the whole academic development of the candidate:

Dr. Daniel Petkov presents an author's monograph, as well as scientific publications with a total of 16 issues, with 12 of them participating in the competition. He has presented some of the scientific forums in which he has participated - 17. In most of the publications he is an independent or first author. He also presents a list of 18 quotes.

His publications are in various Bulgarian and international magazines .

The review of Dr. Petkov's scientific works shows that he is exceptional depth and objective analysis in conducting on scientific research.

Dr. Daniel Petkov has printed the following monograph: *“Treatment of sleep apnea through the look of the otorhinolaryngologist”* (Monograph, 2022, p. 156, ISBN 978-954-8726-16-0, which is aimed at every specialist in Bulgaria dealing with the treatment of sleep apnea. Surgical

treatment methods for both children and adults are described in great detail. The author has also shared his extensive clinical experience in this field. Not a small number of publications are related to laser dacryocystorhinostomy. Experience with this innovative operational method is shared in great detail.

4. Teaching and teaching activity, scientific guideline of students and residents.

Dr. Daniel Petkov, PhD educates residents, giving very high quality practical and theoretical preparation. For the last few years he has been teaching lectures and exercises at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov "- Burgas and has the necessary teaching workload.

The candidate meets normative and the required educational workload.

5. General evaluation for compliance on the candidate on attitude mandatory conditions quantitative criteria and scientific-metric indicators according to Regulations for device and activities of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov - Burgas .

Total number of points by groups of indicators for academic position "Associate Professor"

Group of indicators Contents	Doctor	Associate Professor		minimum requirements for UAZ
		Execution	minimum national requirements	
A Indicator 1	50	50	50	50
B Indicator 2		-	-	-
In Indicator 3		100	100	100
In Indicator 4				
D Sum of indicators 5 to 9		262.5	200	220
E Sum of indicators from 10 to 12		90	50	60
Is the sum of the indicators from 13 to the end - Acquired medical specialty - Training of trainees		70	-	20
Total		572.5	400	450

CONCLUSION:

Dr. Daniel Petkov Petkov, PhD is a proven scientist and specialist who implements new methods and developments in the field of otorhinolaryngology, engages in severe clinical cases and dedicates his knowledge to young doctors.

After my acquaintance with the documents presented in this way by Dr. Daniel Petkov Petkov, PhD I believe that they meet and comply with the National Requirements of the Law and the Regulations for the application of the Law on the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, as well as the Regulations of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas, to hold the academic position of associate professor.

All this gives me a sufficiently substantiated reason to vote positively and to propose Dr. Daniel Petkov Petkov, PhD to be elected as "Associate Professor" in "Otorhinolaryngology" for the needs of the Faculty of Medicine at the **University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas** .

06 Jun 2022

Signature:

(Assoc . Prof. Dr. Doncho Donchev,PhD)