

## STATEMENT

by Prof. Dr. Hristo Stoyanov Bozov, MD,  
Faculty of Medicine, University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas  
for an announced competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor"  
from the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas

The competition is announced in the field of higher education: 7. Health and sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty "Otorhinolaryngology", gazetted № 22 of 18.03.2022

The reason for writing this statement is Order № RD-113 / 18.04.2022 of the Rector of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas to determine the composition of the scientific jury and the first meeting of the scientific jury, at which I was appointed to prepare an opinion.

This opinion has been prepared in accordance with the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ACASR), the Regulations for the Implementation of ACASR and the Regulations on the Terms and Conditions for Acquisition of Academic Degrees and Academic Positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" - Burgas.

The only candidate in the competition is Dr. Daniel Petkov Petkov, PhD.

### **1. General information about the candidate**

Dr. Daniel Petkov Petkov, PhD is born on December 26, 1963. In 1989 he graduated in medicine at the Higher Medical Institute - Varna (diploma № 00235). In 1994 he acquired a degree in ear, nose and throat diseases at the Higher Medical Institute - Sofia (diploma № 43558). In 2005 he completed a master's degree in Health Management at the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" - Burgas.

The candidate's work experience began in 1990 as an otorhinolaryngologist at the Municipal Hospital, Tutrakan, then at the Transport Hospital, Burgas (1990-1991). In the period 1991-1998 he worked as an intern, and from 1998 to 2006 - as a senior

doctor in the ENT department at MBAL-BURGAS AD. Since 06.06.2006 he has been the Head of the ENT Department at UMBAL-BURGAS AD.

In 2021 Dr. Petkov obtained the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the scientific specialty "Otorhinolaryngology" in the professional field 7.1. Medicine for defended dissertation on "The role of sleep endoscopy in the diagnosis and treatment of sleep apnea" at the Thracian University, Stara Zagora (Diploma № 0219 / 15.12.2021).

Since 2008 he has been training specialists in otorhinolaryngology at UMHAT-BURGAS AD. Since 2019 he has been a part-time lecturer at the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" - Burgas.

## **2. Description of the presented materials**

All materials and references required for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" in accordance with Art. 67. (2) of the Regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas.

The documents are carefully described and arranged.

## **3. General characteristics of the scientific, scientific-applied activity and assessment of the personal contribution of the candidate**

The research interests of the candidate are focused mainly on the surgical treatment of sleep apnea in children and adults, surgical treatment of tear duct diseases.

According to the presented *List of Publications* , Dr. Daniel Petkov Petkov has 17 scientific publications. The presented *List of participations in selected scientific forums* emphasizes the candidate's experience in the field of the competition. As can be seen from the attached *List of specializations and training courses* , Dr. Petkov has participated in numerous courses and specializations in the country and abroad, in improving his professional skills and acquiring new and modern knowledge in the field of otorhinolaryngology.

Dr. Daniel Petkov Petkov participate in the competition with 12 scientific papers, of which 1 monograph (habilitation thesis, 154 pages) and 11 publications in edited collective volumes and in unrefereed journals with scientific review.

The scientific papers submitted for participation in the competition were not used to obtain the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" and no plagiarism was found. All are related to the professional direction of the announced competition.

Of particular interest is the candidate's monograph entitled "Treatment of sleep apnea through the eyes of an otolaryngologist", dedicated to the problem of diagnosis and treatment of sleep apnea through the eyes of an otolaryngologist. The in-depth presentation of the pathogenesis of the disease and modern diagnostic methods and treatment is an extremely important addition to the professional literature on the subject in our country.

Other scientific publications are devoted to various aspects of ear-nose-throat diseases.

From the attached scientific papers the candidate covers over 262.5 points on *Group of indicators D*.

According to the attached references, Dr. Daniel Petkov participated in the competition with 18 citations of 7 of his publications in scientific papers of other authors, thus receiving 90 points on the *Group of indicators E*.

Dr. Daniel Petkov has trained specialists in otorhinolaryngology, having supervised four of them.

The candidate has a total of 572.5 points with a minimum required for the University of 450. Dr. Daniel Petkov Petkov, MD fully covers the minimum national requirements and the minimum requirements of the Regulations on the terms and conditions for obtaining scientific degrees and holding academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" - Burgas of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the professional field 7.1. Medicine.

#### **4. Quantitative and qualitative evaluation of the teaching work**

According to the attached documents, Dr. Daniel Petkov Petkov has conducted training in the discipline "Ear-Nose and Throat Diseases" of students majoring in "Midwife" and "Nurse" and has taught paramedics students at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas. He is a co-author of two curricula - in the discipline "Ear-nose-throat diseases" for the specialty Medical Assistant and in the discipline "Modern methods of hearing research" for the specialty Nurse at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas.

Dr. Daniel Petkov Petkov skillfully combines his high practical competencies and the wide range of his knowledge of ear-nose-throat diseases with his teaching work.

I believe that the candidate in the competition has the necessary teaching experience and degree of readiness to hold the academic position of "Associate Professor".

#### **5. Recommendations**

I know personally the candidate in the competition and I can evaluate him as a competent and highly qualified specialist who has achieved significant success in the professional aspect as a doctor. His rich clinical experience and good teaching skills give me reason to recommend Dr. Daniel Petkov to work even more actively with students, graduate students and young researchers.

#### **6. Conclusion**

After getting acquainted with the materials and scientific papers provided by Dr. Daniel Petkov Petkov, I confirm the compliance of the candidate's results with the the Regulations for implementation of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations on the terms and conditions for obtaining scientific degrees and holding academic positions at the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" - Burgas for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" in a professional field 7.1. Medicine. The candidate fully satisfies the minimum national

requirements in the professional field, as well as the additional requirements of the University.

Based on the above, as well as my personal impressions of the candidate, I give a **positive assessment** of the candidacy of Dr. Daniel Petkov Petkov, MD

**I recommend** to the scientific jury to propose to the Faculty Council of the Medical Faculty at the University "Prof. Dr. Assen Zlatarov" - Burgas **to elect** Dr. Daniel Petkov Petkov, Ph.D. **to take the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education: 7. Health and sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty "Otorhinolaryngology"**.

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Burgas

Signatur  
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