

OPINION

of Associate Professor Dr. Alexander Oscar, MD

in relation to Competition for the Selection of an Associate Professor for Scientific Specialty "Ophthalmology", Professional Field 7.1 "Medicine" at Professor Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas, as announced in State Gazette, issue 87/19.10.2021

Within the competition announced for the academic position "Associate Professor" has participated **Dr. Yordan Georgiev Yordanov, MD**, tutor at Professor Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas.

All documents are complete and submitted within the statutory term and in accordance with the requirements established by the Republic of Bulgaria Academic Staff Development Act, its Rules of Procedure and the Academic Staff Development Rules of Procedure of Professor Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas.

In 2001 Dr. Yordanov has graduated in Medicine at Medical University - Pleven and in 2009 has acquired the specialty "Eye Diseases" at Medical University - Varna. In 2018 he has defended successfully a thesis for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" on: "The Quality of Life of Patients with Primary Glaucoma, Assessment Methodology and Monitoring" at Medical University - Varna.

The scientific metric indicators are in accordance with the statutory requirements and the Rules of Procedure of Professor Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas, namely:

- A thesis – 1.
- Monographs – 1.
- Full text publications in scientific magazines and compendiums – 13.
- Participations in scientific forums – 8.
- Citations – 8.

The total score for the presented scientific production is 301 points and exceeds the minimum required one for holding the academic position "Associate Professor". Dr. Yordanov has a score of 70 points for citations which is also above the required minimum.

Within his scientific and research activity Dr. Yordanov has focused his attention on one main area – primary open-angle glaucoma and all aspects of that issue which can affect the health associated quality of life of patients with that disease.

The monograph is dedicated to one of the most common complications in patients with glaucoma – the dry eye syndrome. The analytic approach demonstrated by Dr. Yordanov in elaborating the monograph and the way of reviewing the issue, proves the professionalism of the candidate and the wide scope of his knowledge.

The elaborated work can serve as a guide in the academic and daily practice of students, residents and postgraduate students as well as in the clinical practice of the eye disease specialists.

The teaching and tutoring activities of Dr. Yordanov has been carried out mainly in Professor Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas and has been carrying out the training in Eye Diseases of the students in the specialties of “Obstetrician” and “Nurse” since 2018. In addition, since 2019 he has been conducting training in the discipline “Assistance in Emergency Aid” within a post-graduate qualification course for “Fourth Degree of Professional Qualification for the Specialty 7230303 Transportation of Injured and Sick People, Providing First Aid and Assisting the Doctor in Emergency Aid” for the acquisition of the qualification in the profession “Paramedic”. He also takes part in the training of specialists in Ophthalmology.

Conclusion

Dr. Yordanov is an excellent specialist, tutor and established researcher. The documents presented by the candidate and his professional and academic development fully comply with the requirements for acquiring academic position “Associate Professor” as determined by the Rules of Procedure for the Academic Staff Development of Professor Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas. The overall evaluation of the professional development, the educational and tutoring activities and the scientific publications and contribution of the candidate provide me the grounds to give my **positive opinion** and to suggest with conviction to the respected members of the Scientific Jury to award to Dr. Yordan Georgiev Yordanov, MD the academic position “Associate Professor” for the high education field 7. “Healthcare and Sport”, professional field 7.1 “Medicine” on the scientific specialty “Ophthalmology” at Professor Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas.

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