

OPINION

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competition for academic position "**Associate Professor**" for Professional Field 7.1 "**Medicine**", Scientific Specialty "**Ophthalmology**", at Professor Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas as announced in State Gazette, issue 87/19.10.2021.

The opinion has been elaborated in accordance with the requirements of Republic of Bulgaria Academic Staff Development Act and its Rules of Procedure as well as with the Academic Staff Development Rules of Procedure of Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas. In the announced competition as the sole candidate participated **Dr. Yordan Georgiev Yordanov, MD**

Biographic data and professional realisation: Dr. Yordan Yordanov was born on 22.11.1976 in Silistra. In 1995 he has graduated High School for Natural Sciences and Mathematics in his hometown and in 2001 he has graduated the Medical University – Pleven, acquiring a specialty in Ophthalmology in 2009 at the Medical University - Varna. In 2018 Dr. Yordanov 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 the Medical University – Varna. From 2009 to 2017 he has worked as an ophthalmologist at the Specialized Hospital for Active Treatment of Eye Diseases, Varna and as a part-time lecturer at the Medical University – Varna, and since 2017 he has been working as an ophthalmologist at the Sveti Nikolay Chudotvorets Eye Medical Centre, Varna. From 2018 until now he has been part-time lecturer at the Faculty of Public Health and Healthcare – Professor Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas. He is a member of ESCRS, EGS, BSO, UBO and BMA.

The professional growth of Dr. Yordanov is related to a number of specialised courses in the country and abroad in the fields of glaucoma, macular degeneration, retinopathy of preterm infants, vitreo-retinal surgery and intravitreal application of medications, lasers in ophthalmology, contact lenses. He has specialised in the USA, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, and Slovenia. He has graduated a course in pedagogical competence.

Dr. Yordanov is responsible towards his duties and willingly shares his experience with students and residents.

Scientific activities: The total number of scientific works of Dr. Yordanov is 20, 4 of which related to his thesis. In addition to the thesis, he also presents a monograph on

„Manifestations of the Dry Eye Syndrome in Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma” which a logical follow-up of his thesis and demonstrates the ability of Dr. Yordanov to review all aspects of a given issue.

In addition to his monograph Dr. Yordanov has also presented 13 real publications in non-referred scientific peer-reviewed magazines or published in edited collective volumes, being the first author of ten of them. Dr. Yordanov has participated in 8 congresses. According to the reference for fulfilling the minimum national requirements for the relevant scientific area, the real score of Dr. Yordan Yordanov is 561. According to the presented reference on citations, 8 citations have been found, 3 of which in scientific editions, referred and indexed in renowned databases with scientific information or in monographs and collective works. He has mentored five residents with specialty “Ophthalmology”.

The main topic of his scientific production is primary open-angle glaucoma and the dry eye syndrome, areas in which Dr. Yordanov has proven himself as indisputable specialist. Other professional interests of his include corneal impairments, diabetic retinopathy and eye trauma.

Educational and teaching activities: Since 2018 Dr. Yordanov has been carrying out the training in Eye Diseases of the students in the specialties of “Obstetrician” and “Nurse” at Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas. In addition, since 2019 Dr. Yordanov has been carrying out the 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 has mentored five residents in Ophthalmology.

In conclusion Dr. Yordan Yordanov is a prominent doctor and scientist in the field of ophthalmology, with significant contribution in the scientific and therapeutic activity. The candidate fully covers the quantitative and quality criteria of Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas for the academic position “Associate Professor”.

Based on the Rules of Procedure for Academic Staff Development of Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas, I suggest to the members of honoured scientific jury to vote in favour of Dr. Yordan Yordanov, MD to be selected for “Associate Professor” in Ophthalmology at Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, city of Burgas.

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