

OPINION

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In relation to announced competition for holding the academic title “Associate professor”

By the University “Professor PhD Asen Zlatarov” - Burgas

The competition was announced for the scope of “higher education”: in higher education 7. Healthcare and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, scientific major “Ophthalmology”, State Gazette, edition 87 dated 19.10.2021.

Grounds for writing the review are contained in Order № RD-379/21.12.2021 by the Rector of University “Professor PhD Asen Zlatarov” - Burgas for nominating the compounds of scientific jury and first session of the scientific jury, at which I was nominated for preparing an opinion.

The present opinion was drawn in conformity with the Academic Compounds Development in the Republic of Bulgaria Act (ACDRBA), the Rules on enforcement of the ACDRBA and the Rules on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic titles in University “Professor PhD Asen Zlatarov” - Burgas.

The only applicant at the competition is PhD Yordan Georgiev Yordanov, doctor of medicine.

1. Background of the applicant

PhD Yordan Georgiev Yordanov, doctor of medicine, was born on 22.11.1976. In 2001 he graduated human medicine in the Medical University of Pleven. In 2009 he acquired the major “ocular diseases” in Medical University “Professor Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna.

In 2018 he acquired the educational and scientific degree “PhD” of the major “Ophthalmology” in professional direction 7.1. Medicine for defended thesis of the topic “Quality of life of patients with primary glaucoma, methods for evaluation and follow-

up” of the Medical University “Professor Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna (Diploma № 286/21.12.2018).

The professional experience of the applicant started as sales representative of “Sanita” for the town of Varna. In the period of 2005 – 2017 he worked to “Specialized hospital for active treatment of ocular diseases – Varna” SP LTD, and from 2017 to present days – to Ocular clinic “St. Nicholas the Miracle-Maker”, town of Varna.

The tutoring activity of PhD Yordan Georgiev Yordanov started in 2011 as part-time lecturer in the Medical University of the town of Varna.

From 2018 to present days he has been part-time lecturer in University “Professor PhD Asen Zlatarov” - Burgas.

2. Description of the presented materials

The presented set of materials and documents for taking part in the competition is in conformity with Article 67. (2) of the Rules on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic titles in University “Professor PhD Asen Zlatarov” - Burgas.

All the documents and reports that are necessary for holding the academic title “associate professor” have been presented.

The materials are described and arranged orderly.

3. General characteristics of the scientific, scientific-applied activity and evaluation of the personal contribution by the applicant

In conformity with the presented *List of publication activity*, PhD Yordan Georgiev Yordanov, has 20 scientific publications. He has participated in 8 congresses.

The applicant takes part in the competition with 14 scientific publications, among which 1 monography and 13 publications and reports published in non-reference magazines with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes. Declarations for co-authorship have been presented in conformity with the Rules on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic titles in University

“Professor PhD Asen Zlatarov” - Burgas. In 10 of the papers, PhD Yordan Yordanov is the only author, and the other 4 are co-authorship.

The presented scientific works for participation in the competition have not been used for acquiring the educational and scientific degree “PhD”, no plagiarism was found and they are all subject to review.

Applicant’s scientific publications are aimed at diagnostics, treatment and prevention of primary open-angle glaucoma and dry eye syndrome and are directly related to the problematics of the announced competition.

It is worth paying special attention to applicant’s monography entitled “Manifestations of the dry eye syndrome in primary open-angle glaucoma”. The anatomy of ocular surface and the structures being impacted by the dry eye syndrome, epidemiology and risk factors, etiology and pathogenesis of the dry eye syndrome, the methods for diagnostics and treatment and quality of life are presented in competent manner. I believe the paper is well-structured and represented.

In conformity with the attached *Report on quotes*, the applicant takes part in the competition with 8 quotes, of which 3 are in scientific editions, referenced and indexed in globally renown database with scientific information or in monographies and collective volumes.

The presented report on 15 performed specializations, participations in commissions and expert boards, certificates, training courses and awards complements the competences of the applicant in the competition.

After performing an analysis in detail of the presented scientific works and evidencing material, I am of the opinion that PhD Yordan Georgiev Yordanov has the following points in view of indicator groups:

- Group of indicators A - 50 points;
- Group of indicators C -100 points;
- Group of indicators D – 271 points (with minimum requirement in the Rules on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic

titles in University “Professor PhD Asen Zlatarov” – Burgas for at least 220 points);

- Group of indicators E – 70 points (with minimum requirement in the Rules on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic titles in University “Professor PhD Asen Zlatarov” – Burgas for at least 60 points);
- Group of indicators F – 70 points (with minimum requirement in the Rules on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic titles in University “Professor PhD Asen Zlatarov” – Burgas for at least 20 points).

Consequently, PhD Yordan Georgiev Yordanov fully satisfies the minimum national requirements and the minimum requirements in the Rules on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic titles in University “Professor PhD Asen Zlatarov” – Burgas for holding the academic title “associate professor” in professional direction 7.1. Medicine.

4. Evaluation of the academic-tutoring work

In conformity with the attached reports, PhD Yordan Georgiev Yordanov is a part-time lecturer of the major “Ocular diseases” in Medical University town of Varna (in 2011) and in the University “Professor PhD Asen Zlatarov” – Burgas (from 2018 until present days) correspondingly, where he is tutoring students of the majors “Nurse” and “Obstetrician”. In three subsequent years he has been lecturing in the major “Assisting in emergency care” for acquiring qualification in the profession “Paramedical professional, fourth degree”.

The applicant was the head of 5 post-graduate students in ophthalmology.

I believe that PhD Yordan Georgiev Yordanov has the necessary tutoring experience and preparation degree to hold the academic title “associate professor”.

5. Critical remarks and recommendations

I have no significant critical remarks concerning the applicant.

I would like to recommend him to direct his efforts towards publishing his scientific results in scientific editions that are referenced and indexed in globally renown database with scientific information.

6. Conclusion

After I reviewed the materials and scientific works presented by PhD Yordan Georgiev Yordanov, doctor of medicine, I confirm the conformity of applicant's results with the requirements of the Academic Compounds Development in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, the Rules on enforcement of the ACDRBA and the Rules on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic titles in University "Professor PhD Asen Zlatarov" – Burgas for holding the academic title "associate professor" in professional direction 7.1 "Medicine". The applicant satisfies the minimum national requirements in the professional direction, as well as the additional requirements of the University.

On the grounds of the abovementioned, I give **positive evaluation** for the application of PhD Yordan Georgiev Yordanov, doctor of medicine.

I would like to recommend to the scientific jury to propose to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of public health and healthcare to the University "Professor PhD Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas **to select** PhD Yordan Georgiev Yordanov, doctor of medicine **to hold the academic title "associate professor" in higher education: 7. Healthcare and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, scientific major "Ophthalmology"**.

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