## Recension

by Professor Toma Pojarliev, PhD, about the Doctor of Surgery competition, 0.5 full-time position announced for the needs of the Faculty of Medicine, Department of General and Operative Surgery, Medical University "Prof. Paraskev Stoyanov "Varna

The competition was announced in State Gazette issue 12 of 08.02.2019. There is a single candidate - ,Dr. Vesselin Marinov, MD

Dr. Veselin Marinov was born on 29.03.1973. in Sofia. He graduated from secondary school with English language teaching. In the same year he was admitted in Medical University. In 1997 he graduated Medical University Sofia with honors.

In 1998, he was appointed in Third Surgical Clinic of "Pirogov" Hospital, where he specializes and acquires the specialty "Surgery" - 2003. Between 2003 and 2005 he worked as a surgeon at "Lozenets" University Hospital. In 2005 he went to a one-year specialization in Germany - University Hospitals in Essen and Bochum. The specialization is in the field of transplantation, hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery. Tokuda Hospital Sofia has worked from the beginning - November 2006, where he was appointed immediately after his return from Germany.

In 2012, he defended a dissertation on "Surgical treatment of chronic pancreatitis and its complications" in the Department of General and Operative Surgery of University Hospital "Alexandrovska". In 2014 he was appointed Head of Department of Minimally Invasive and Laparoscopic Surgery at the HBP, and General Surgery Clinic of Tokuda Hospital Sofia. In the same year he graduated from the "Public Administration - Health Management" Master's degree in UNWE - Sofia. From 2016. He holds an academic position "Chief Assistant". To the mandatory documents for participation in the competition Dr. Marinov has also provided certificates of participation in postgraduate courses for continuing education in Bulgaria and abroad - 22. There is a certain interest and professional focus in the area of hepatobiliary, pancreatic and laparoscopic surgery. Certified for working with Da Vinci Si surgical robotic system for abdominal surgery. He speaks English and Russian well. He uses German.

At this contest Dr. Marinov presents himself with the following scientific production:

- 1. Habilitation work on "Chronic pancreatitis".
- 2. Master thesis of dissertation
- 3. Publications in scientific magazines indexed in global databases a total of 7, of which the first author in 2; second and third author 2, the next position in the authors' team 3
- 4. Publications in journals and collections of scientific content, collective volumes containing ISSN and ISBN a total of 52, of which the first author 23; second third author 11; backward

position in the authors team - 18. The publications are in the following areas - pancreatic surgery - 17, Hepatobiliary surgery - 15; Stomach Surgery - 7; Colorectal Surgery - 10; Others - 10.

5. Reports of participation in scientific forums in collections not containing ISSN and ISBN - 28, of which first author - 8; second-third author - 11; a more backward position in the author's team - 9. The publications are in the following areas - Pancreatic surgery - 3; Hepatobiliary Surgery - 5; Stomach Surgery - 7; Colorectal Surgery - 4; Others - 9.

Two of the papers are accepted for further publication.

I fully agree with the report presented by the author about contributions from scientific papers. The applicant makes contributions regarding the thesis "Surgical Treatment of Chronic Pancreatitis and its Complications":

- An electronic entry document was created to build a database for patients with chronic pancreatitis
- A clinical-epidemiological study was carried out covering 91 patients with chronic pancreatitis diagnosed, treated and monitored with his participation
- A qualitative assessment of the applied surgical techniques was carried out, and their effectiveness was investigated
- KT and ultrasound criteria for the determination of surgical tactics in patients with chronic pancreatitis
- Rules have been developed for selection of operating equipment for conducting drainage procedures associated with chronic pancreatitis
- An original questionnaire was developed to assess late results in patients treated for chronic pancreatitis.

There are other contributions related to surveys reflected in the audience:

- Early perioperative results were published in a group of 31 patients with multivisceral and synchronic liver resections operated on locally advanced CRC. Results of similar series in the literature are not mentioned. Marinov V, Draganov K, Katev N.N et al. Synchronic liver resections in cases of locally advanced CRC. XVth National Congress of Surgery, Albena 29. 09 02. 10. 2016
- Indications for palliative multivisceral resections in patients with locally advanced CRC and analyzed early perioperative outcomes in a group of 27 patients were defined. Marinov V. The place of palliative multivisceral resections for locally advanced colorectal cancer. Scripta Scientific Medica, vol. 48, No. 1, 2016, 26-29.

Practical recommendations for performance of multivisceral resections for the locally advanced CRC in the supramezolic part of the abdominal cavity. Marinov V, Gaidarski R, Draganov K, Katev N.N, Rusenov D; Kolev Y, Petreska A, Borisov B, Changalova G, Lavchev S, Penchev D, Stoyanova D, Tonev S. Locally advanced adenocarcinoma of the supramesocolic part of the colon. Features of surgical treatment and challenges. Scripta Scientific Medica, vol. 45, Suppl. 2, 2013, pp. 79-85

- Practical recommendations for performing antibacterial prophylaxis and therapy in planned and emergency conditions in abdominal surgery have been issued. Marinov V, Tadjer M, Tadjer W, Vanev YU Antibacterial prophylaxis in abdominal surgery. Emergency Medicine 2003, 3, 21-26
- A first report in Bulgaria on performing a laparoscopic "randevu" procedure. Marinov V, Karagyozov P, Kutev N.N et al. Laparo-endoscopic approach in a patient with iatrogenic stenosis of the CBD following cholecystectomy. XVth National Congress of Surgery, Albena 29. 09 02. 10. 2016

There are two official references from Central Medical Library Sofia, as well as an addition to them for citations, which show the presence of 3 citations in the Scopus database and 25 Bulgarian citations.

528,5 hours of teaching activity were reported in the certificate of workload.

The candidate has presented a list of entries in 27 scientific forums in Bulgaria and abroad. Dr. Marinov has provided information about the operations he has carried out for 5 years - January 2014 - December 2018. The total number of operations performed for this period is 1711, not including operational interventions performed in interdisciplinary teams, as well as in other hospital units. Assistants are also excluded from the list. Operative interventions are from the entire abdominal surgery domain. This report presents a huge surgical experience.

## CONCLUSION

Dr. Veselin Marinov, PhD, meets the requirements of the legislation on higher education and academic positions. There are enough scientific publications, citations, proven contributions. There is proven teaching activity. He is a built surgeon with a wealth of operational experience. I also know Dr. Marinov personally, to whom I have been a reviewer and in earlier years. I firmly insist upon the members of the honorable jury to award to Dr. Veselin Marinov the academic position "Associate Proffesor of Surgery".

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