

OPINION

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RE: Announcement of the competition for the occupation of the academic position of Associate Professor in the field of higher education 7. Health and sport, professional field 7.1. Medicine in the specialty "Dermal and venereal diseases" for the needs of the Department of infectious diseases, parasitology and dermatovenereology, Medical University - Varna, published in the State Gazette, issue 43 / 31.05.2019.

In accordance with Order No. P-109-240 / 26.07.2019 of the Rector of the Medical University - Varna and the Decision of the first meeting of the Scientific Jury, I have been appointed to prepare an opinion.

The only candidate for the announced competition for acquiring the academic position of Associate Professor at the Department of Infectious Diseases, Parasitology and Dermatovenereology is Dr. Stoyan Ivanov Pavlov, MD.

I. Analysis of the applicant's career profile

Dr. Stoyan Pavlov was born on August 2, 1964 in Sofia. He completed his secondary education in Targovishte in 1982 and obtained MD degree in 1988 at the Medical University - Varna. He started working as a resident in the Dermatology ward at the Municipal Hospital - Novi Pazar (1990-1995). He acquired a degree in Dermatology and Venereology in 1995 and, after a competition, held the academic position of assistant at the Department and Dermal and Venereal Diseases of the Medical University of Varna. He passed through the positions of Senior and Chief

Assistant. During this period, Dr. Pavlov acquired a qualification in Dermatology and formed his scientific interests, mainly in the field of autoimmune and inflammatory dermatoses. On this topic is also the thesis "Vitamin D status and systemic inflammatory manifestations in patients with psoriasis vulgaris." Currently, Dr. Stoyan Pavlov has more than 30 years of experience in the field.

II. Scientometric data

Dr. Pavlov submitted for evaluation a total of over 50 full-text publications in Bulgarian or English, distributed as follows:

- a dissertation for the acquisition of the Doctor of Medical Sciences
- monographic work "Pathogenesis of psoriatic disease"
- 30 publications as evidence in the reference for the fulfillment of the minimum requirements for borrowing of the Associate Professor AD (ZRASRB 2018)
- 19 developments beyond the evidence to meet the minimum borrowing requirements of Associate Professor
- 46 abstracts from participation in national and international scientific forums

Dr. Pavlov's publishing activity has thematically covered almost all areas of dermal and venereal disease, mainly on autoimmune and inflammatory dermatoses, infectious and sexually transmitted diseases and tumors of the skin. Most of Dr. Pavlov's research work has been developed in cooperation with other authors from different medical fields, a sign of an interdisciplinary approach and ability to work in a team.

According to the presented academic report from the Library of the Medical University of Varna (No.295 / 20.06.2019), 23 citations of the scientific works of Dr. Pavlov are listed (17 in world-renowned referenced and indexed databases, one in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review and four - in refereed, non-indexed issues).

The scientific works presented for the competition by Dr. Pavlov are listed in Table. 1.

Table 1. Participations of the author in the submitted scientific works

		Single author	First author	Second author	Third author	Beyond Third author
Scientific Publications - Evidence to Meet Minimum Lending Requirements for Associate Professor						
Monograph		1				
Full-text publications in scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned scientific information databases	Bulgarian scientific editions		1			2
	Bulgarian scientific editions	2	8	6	4	3
Full-text publications in non-refereed editions with scientific review	Bulgarian scientific editions	2	8	6	4	3
	Foreign scientific editions	1	1			

Additional Scientific Publications						
Publications related to the dissertation	Bulgarian scientific editions		3			
Published abstracts in scientific journals	Bulgarian scientific editions		6	5		1
	Foreign scientific editions		3		1	

From a thematic view point, Dr. Pavlov's research focuses on psoriatic disease. This includes both the doctoral thesis and the monograph and most of the full-text publications. These studies represent an in-depth and versatile analysis of various aspects of psoriasis - factors of onset, genetic and immune mechanisms, vitamin D interrelations, therapy complications, and more.

From these publications are the most significant contributions - original and confirmatory. Dr. Pavlov's scientific work also includes inflammatory dermatoses - mycoses, erysipelas, herpetiform dermatitis; tumor pathology - Kaposi's sarcoma and case reports. These studies enrich the scientific literature with more data.

III. Educational activity

Medical University - Varna has issued a Certificate №0991666 / 17.06.2019, confirming that Dr. Stoyan Pavlov has more than 27 years of teaching experience with average academic load more than 220 hours for the last 5 years (UD 112-137 from 20.06.2019). Dr. Pavlov is involved in the training of students in master's programs in medicine and dental medicine and bachelor's degree - nurses, midwives and rehabilitators. He also participates in the education of residents in dermatology, general medicine and pediatrics at the Department of Dermatology and Venereology. Over the years, he has established himself as a university professor with authority and extensive experience.

IV. Medical-diagnostic activity

Dr. Stoyan Pavlov is known as an experienced diagnostician and respected doctor. He makes an exceptional effort to maintain high level of qualification and to increase his skills. He obtained certificates for dermatistopathology, dermatomycology, dermatosurgery and dermatoscopy. He is currently the Head of the Dermal and Venereal Diseases Department at St. Marina University Hospital in Varna.

V. CONCLUSION

The documentation submitted for the Contest is complete and meets the procedural requirements in the normative documents.

The applicant's scientific production meets the necessary criteria. I accept the contributions without comment. I am impressed with the applicant's personal and professional qualities and I think that he is fully qualified for the post.

For these reasons, I am particularly pleased to fulfill my obligations and vote positively for Dr. Stoyan Pavlov to receive the academic position of Aspsiate

Professor for the needs of the Department of Infectious Diseases, Parasitology and Dermatovenereology at the Medical University - Varna.

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