

To
The chairman of the scientific jury,
Prof. Dr. Hristina Nikolova Grupcheva, DSc, PhD

Position paper

on the application for the academic position of "Professor" in the Department of "Neurosurgery and ENT Diseases", Department of ENT Diseases, "ENT Diseases" Clinic at "Sveta Marina" UMBAL EAD - Varna according to an announcement in the State Newspaper, issue 59/26.07. 2022

From: Associate Professor Dr. Todor Miroslavov Popov, MD at the MU – Sofia, Department of ENT Diseases at the MU – Sofia, appointed as part of the scientific jury, selected by decision of the Faculty Council (Protocol No. 72/ 19.09.2022) and appointed by order of the Rector of the Medical University - Varna No. P-109-365/ 21.09.2022

This position is in accordance with the requirements of all associated laws and regulations that apply for the academic position of "professor".

In the announced competition for the occupation of the academic position of "professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports 7.1 Medicine and specialty "Ear, Nose and Throat Diseases", at the Department of "Neurosurgery and ENT Diseases", Department of ENT Diseases, Clinic "ENT Diseases" at UMBAL "Sveta Marina" EAD - Varna with the only candidate Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nikolay Rumenov Sapundjiev, MD.

Assoc. Dr. Nikolay Rumenov Sapundjiev, MD, has submitted all the documents in accordance with the Law on Development of the Academic Staff in Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on the

Development of the Academic Staff in Republic of Bulgaria for occupying the academic position of professor. The evidence is sufficient and well structured.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Prof. Sapundjiev was born in 1972, in the city of Varna. In 1991 completes I EG "Chr. Kabakchiev", Varna. In 1997 completed higher medical education at the Medical University - Varna. In 2003, he acquired a specialty in ear-nose-throat diseases.

In 2005, he successfully defended his doctorate at Philipps Universität, Marburg, Germany.

In 2011 acquired the educational and qualification degree "Master" in the specialty "Health Management" at the University of Varna.

He worked in 1997-1998 as a resident physician at the Medical University of Varna, 2004-2005 - resident physician, UMBAL "Tsarica Ioanna - ISUL", 2006-2013. Subsequently, assistant professor and subsequently chief assistant professor in ENT diseases at "St. Marina" Medical School, Varna. From 2013 till present, he is an associate professor at the University of Varna.

Maintains excellent continuing medical education in the form of qualification courses and participation in medical forums in otorhinolaryngology. Fluent in English, Russian, German and French.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACTIVITY:

After familiarizing myself with the scientific works of Associate Professor Nikolay Rumenov Sapundjiev, MD from the attached reference, I can draw the following conclusions:

Prof. Sapundjiev presents:

1. Two written sections in one textbook and one practical textbook.

2. Availability of a dissertation.
3. 23 publications in English, 15 of which are indexed in Web of Science.
4. 16 publications in the Bulgarian scientific press.
5. h-index – 8 and impact factor of full-text publications - 21.4.

The main scientific contributions of Prof. Sapundjiev are in the following areas of scientific activity:

1. Oncology of the head and neck
2. Pediatric otorhinolaryngology
3. Epidemiology of specific otorhinolaryngological conditions and diseases
4. Innovative surgical techniques and technologies in otorhinolaryngology
5. Case studies in otorhinolaryngology
6. Historical aspects of the specialty
7. Current COVID-related issues and news

According to the Central Medical Library reference, a total of 12 citations were found in the scientific press abroad. Their number covers the required number according to the national scientometric requirements.

Assoc. Dr. Nikolay Rumenov Sapundjiev, DM is/was a member of the following professional organizations:

1. Member of the Bulgarian National Association of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery.
2. Bulgarian Rhinological Society

3. Deutsche Gesellschaft für Hals-Nasen-Ohren-Heilkunde, Kopf- und Hals-Chirurgie e.V., Bonn
4. European laryngological society
5. European Rhinologic Society
6. European Academy of Facial Plastic Surgery
7. Union of the European Phoniaticians
8. European Airway Management Society

Educational and teaching work Assoc. Nikolay Sapundzhiev, dm.

From the attached report on the scientific and teaching activities of Prof. Sapundjiev (a total of 815 hours for the period 2018-2022) it can be seen that the academic workload is sufficient according to the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff, the Regulations for the Application of the Academic Staff and the Regulations for the Conditions and the order of obtaining scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at MU-Varna.

For the period 2018-2022, he was the supervisor of four PhD students who defended it successfully and two more in the process of defense.

General assessment of the applicant's compliance with the mandatory conditions and the mandatory quantitative criteria and scientometric indicators.

The scientific works presented, the reflected contributions, the impact factor and the citations satisfy the accepted scientometric criteria. Associate Professor Sapundjiev's personal number of points according to the tables for individual assessment for compliance with the minimum national requirements in areas of higher education for occupying the academic position "professor" is 1216.4.

CONCLUSION:

After my acquaintance with the documents presented in this application by Assoc. Prof Nikolay Sapundjiev, MD, I consider that they meet and correspond to the National requirements of the Law and the regulations for occupying the academic position of a "professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports 7.1 Medicine and scientific specialty Otorhinolaryngology .

This gives me sufficient reasons to propose Assoc. Prof Nikolay Sapundjiev, MD to be elected "Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports 7.1 Medicine and scientific specialty Otorhinolaryngology, at the Department of "Neurosurgery and ENT Diseases", Department of ENT Diseases, Clinic "ENT Diseases " to UMBAL "Sveta Marina" EAD - Varna.

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