

OPINION

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ABOUT

Announced procedure for academic title: "Docent" in the area of higher education 7. Health and sport, professional field 7.1. Medical specialty "General Surgery" for the needs of the Department of General and Operative Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" – Varna, promulgated in the State Gazette, issue 12/08.02.2019.

In execution of Order No. P-109-146/08.04.2019 of the Rector of the Medical University – Varna and a decision of the first meeting of the Scientific Jury, held on 16.04.2019, I have been assigned to make an official opinion as an internal member of the Medical University – Varna.

The only candidate in the announced competition for the acquisition of Academic Position "Docent" at the Department of General and Operative Surgery is Dr. Veselin Marinov, MD PhD. In the electronic report, according to the actual Rules for Development of the Academic Staff of the Medical University – Varna, it is evident that Dr. Marinov, MD PhD meets the requirements for taking the academic position "Docent". The applicant has submitted all the required documents, referred to in the Rules for Development of the Academic Staff of the Medical University – Varna. All other mandatory documents are up to date and meet the requirements.

Biographic data

Dr. Veselin Marinov, MD PhD has been born on 29.03.1973 in Sofia, Bulgaria. He graduated Sofia Medical University in 1997 with excellency. His surgical career of 14 years and 8 months started in 1998 as a surgeon in "Pirogov" Emergency Hospital – Sofia. He qualified as surgeon specialist in 2003. From 2003 to 2005 he worked in University Hospital Lozenets. Since 2006 he works in Tokuda Hospital, where he was later assigned as Head of the Division of Minimally Invasive and Laparoscopic Surgery at the Clinic of Liver Biliary, Pancreatic and General Surgery. 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 "Senior Assistant Professor".

To the mandatory documents for participation in the competition, Dr. Marinov, MD PhD has also provided certificates of participation in postgraduate courses for continuing education in Bulgaria and abroad – 22. There is a certain interest in professional orientation in the field of hepatobiliary, pancreatic and laparoscopic surgery. Declares skills to work with the highest technology surgical equipment. It is noteworthy that he has been certified to work with Da Vinci Si surgical robotic system for abdominal surgery. He speaks English and Russian fluently and uses German as well.

Dr. V. Marinov, MD PhD presents photocopied and originals of abstracts and full-text publications as follows:

1. Habilitation paper on "Chronic pancreatitis". It is based on a co-authorship protocol and meets all the conditions for habilitation paper.

2. Autoreferate of PhD work.

3. Publications in journals indexed in global databases – a total of 7, of which the first author in two publications; two as a third author – 2; a more backward position in the author's 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 on participation in scientific forums and collections not containing ISSN and ISBN – a total of 28, of which the 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 presented are accompanied by a document for forthcoming issue 1 of the Surgery Journal for 2019.

There are two official references from the CSM – 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.

Citations in scientific papers	
Citations by Bulgarian authors	25
Citations by foreign authors	3
total citations	28

From the author's report on the contributions of scientific papers, the candidate has contributions to the doctoral thesis, entitled "Surgical treatment of chronic pancreatitis and its complications," based on a series of 91 patients whose treatment the author was directly involved in. In fact, this is the first defended dissertation thesis in Bulgaria concerning the complex aspects of the surgical treatment of this disease.

Other contributions of the authors include research on locally advanced and recurrent colorectal cancer. He participated in the first totally minimally invasive resection of stomach and esophagus with intratoracal and cervical reconstruction, laparo-endoscopic rendezvous procedure.

From 2016 he holds an academic position "Senior Assistant". According to the certificate of workload 528,5 hours of lecturing were performed for the period from 01.01.2014 until 31.03.2019 with postgraduates and continuing education.

The candidate presents a list of 27 participations in scientific meetings.

CONCLUSION

The scientific activity of Dr. Veselin Marinov, MD PhD fully complies to the requirements for acquiring of Academic Position "Docent" as defined in the Staff Regulations of the Academic Staff at the Medical University "Prof. P. Stoyanov" – Varna. He has proven himself as a surgeon with excellent qualification, with significant scientific teaching work. In conclusion, Dr. Marinov, MD PhD complies to the academic and scientific requirements for academic position "Docent" and I propose to the scientific jury to vote positively for his appointment to the academic position "DOCENT".

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