

STATEMENT

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Subject: Competition for the occupation of the academic position "Associate Professor", specialty "Obstetrics and Gynecology", professional field 7.1. "Medicine", Higher Educational Area 7. Health and Sport for the needs of the Faculty of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Gynecology Clinic at MHAT "St. Anna"-Varna, announced in the State Gazette (issue 62 / 06.08.2019)

I submit my opinion for the purposes of the competition as a member of the Scientific Jury, designated by the Rector of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna with order **No R-109-318/07/10/2019**. The procedure complies the requirements of the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its implementation, and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at the Medical University - Varna.

Dr. Stanislav Hristov Slavchev, Ph.D. is an applicant for the occupation of the academic position.

I. Summary of the applicant's curriculum vite

Dr. Stanislav Slavchev graduated in medicine in 1996. Since 2011, he has been an assistant at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and since 2008 he has been a resident doctor at the Gynecology Clinic at the University Hospital of St. Anna"- Varna. He acquired a specialty in Obstetrics and Gynecology in 2009 and seven years later defended his **doctoral thesis** on "The role of radical hysterectomy with iliac and/or paraaortic lymph node dissection for optimal cytoreduction in advanced epithelial ovarian carcinoma" (2016). Since April 2018, Dr. Slavchev has obtained the academic position - **Senior assistant** at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The topic of his doctoral thesis, the completed by the candidate postgraduate courses, and achieved additional specialization provide evidence on Dr. Slavchev's interests in the field of surgical techniques in oncogynecology. Another prove is his participation at five congresses,

four of which are international congresses, have been held in the last two years and focused on cancer. (10th Annual World Cancer Congress in Barcelona, 2017, Second World Cancer Congress, Bologna, 2018, etc.).

II. Data on the quantitative indices of the presented scientific production and the qualitative criteria regarding the research, educational activity and the contributions of the applicant

Dr. Stanislav Slavchev presents an academic reference in tabular form that includes **nine** publications in refereed and indexed journals and **12** publications in non-refereed scientific journals, in two of which he is the first author. **Five** of the publications are in foreign editions - in Russian - with a subject concerning dental problems during pregnancy. Dr. Slavchev also presents a citation reference - **6** citations in total in the Scopus and Web of Science databases. The Google scholar reference indicates that the author's publication activity and citations of his scholarly work were **4** in 2013 and 1 in 2014. **Three** additional publications beyond the minimum requirements are annexed, in which the applicant participates as co-author.

The candidate presents a list of five participations in national and international scientific events, where the topic concerns various aspects of cervical neoplasia, as well as a clinical case of pregnancy at risk and a congenital uterine anomaly, in the latter Dr. Slavchev is the first author. A **monograph** on the topic: "Early Detection and Treatment of Carcinomas of the Female Reproductive System. Contemporary Aspects", published in 2018, with a bibliography containing 307 authors. In this habilitating work, Dr. Slavchev examines the five major carcinomas of the female reproductive system. The author has paid particular attention to the cervical cancer, endometrial carcinoma, and ovarian carcinoma. The current trends in the female genital tract carcinomas suggest desisting from performing extensive (radical) surgery after the introduction of the targeted therapy in ovarian cancer and improved radiation and chemotherapy schedules. The monographic work elaborates on the contemporary approaches, such as molecular diagnostics and genomic analysis of cancers, that contribute to a better understanding of the pathogenesis, biological behavior, and the prognosis of the tumors. This knowledge creates opportunities for an individual approach to patients and the application of so-called evidence-based medicine. The compilation of bibliographic references after each chapter deserves to be pointed out as an excellent approach. The scientific work presents the currently available data on the epidemiology, pathogenesis and risk factors of each cancer,

histological classifications, methods of screening, diagnosis, and staging, as well as current recommendations for the treatment of pre-invasive and invasive forms. The characteristics of the monograph make it a valuable reference tool in the daily clinical practice of the gynecologist.

The applicant has submitted **scientific papers** with original scientific and practical **contributions** that have been estimated positively by the scientific body. I admire the report presented by Dr. Slavchev on the contributions from the various scientific works, which are systematized in the fields of oncogynecology, diagnosis of preterm birth, casuistry in obstetrics and gynecology, and diseases of the chewing apparatus and oral cavity related to pregnancy.

As part of the required documentation for participation in the competition is a certificate for approximately 21 years of professional experience as a doctor and more than ten years after acquiring a specialty. Dr. Slavchev also presents a certificate for his educational experience, five years and four months, with more than one year as a senior assistant at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna. The applicant carries out practical training on Obstetrics and Gynecology to the students from the Medical University - Varna. A record of teaching workload indicates annual practical training hours between 186 and 423 hours, that exceed the requirements of the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of the Medical University - Varna: a teaching workload not less than five years and average teaching hours not less than 100 hours per year.

III. Conclusion

On the basis of the above-mentioned data, I give my **positive assessment** and suggest to the Scientific Jury that **Dr. Stanslav Hristov Slavchev, Ph.D.**, be selected for the academic position of **Assistant Professor** at the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna in **the specialty of "Obstetrics and Gynecology"**.

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