

STATEMENT EVALUATION

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Subject: Competition for occupation of the academic position "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty "Dermatology and Venereology" for the needs of the Board of Dermato-venereology, Faculty of Medicine at the Medical University - Varna and the Department of Skin and Venereal Diseases at the University Hospital "St. Marina" - Varna, declared in the State Gazette, issue No. 43/31.05.2019.

On the basis of an order of the Rector of the Medical University - Varna № R-109-240 / 26.07.2019 I was entitled as a member of the Scientific Jury (SJ) under the procedure for occupation of the academic position "Associate Professor" in the specialty "Skin and venereal diseases", with the only candidate Dr. Stoyan Ivanov Pavlov, PhD at the Medical University - Varna. By Minutes No 1 / 07.08.2019 from the first meeting of the SJ I have been appointed to evaluate the application and prepare a Statement.

Analysis of the applicant's career profile

Dr. Stoyan Ivanov Pavlov was born on 02.08.1964 in the city of Sofia. He graduated from the Medical University - Varna in 1988 with an MD degree and specialized in skin and venereal diseases in the University Department of Dermatology and Venereology (DDV). In 1995 he obtained a specialty in skin and venereal diseases, winning the competition for an assistant professor at (DDV), Medical University - Varna the same year and consecutively going through the academic positions of senior and chief assistant professor. In 2016 he defended his PhD thesis on "Vitamin D status and systemic inflammatory manifestations in patients with psoriasis vulgaris". Since 2005 he is Assistant Professor at the Department of Infectious Diseases, Parasitology and Dermato-venereology, Board of Dermato-venereology, and since 2015 is Head of the Department of Skin Diseases and Venerology, University Hospital "St. Marina" - Varna. He is fluent in English and Russian, in addition he has adequate computer

skills. He is a member of the Bulgarian Dermatological Society (BDS) and Bulgarian Medical Association (BMA).

General description of the submitted scientific papers and scientometric indicators.

In this competition Dr. Pavlov participated with a total of 33 scientific publications, namely: 1 dissertation, 1 monograph-habilitation work, and 31 full-text articles in scientific periodicals and collections. Three of the publications are in renowned periodicals with Impact Factor (IF) (JEADV) or such, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases, and the other two articles are in non-IF foreign scientific journals. Three of the publications (submitted by the candidate in a separate list) are related to the dissertation. The remaining 26 articles are in periodicals in Bulgaria, but 18 of them are in English and have been published in journals submitted to Google Scholar and Index Copernicus. Dr. Pavlov is an independent author of 4 publications (3 articles and 1 monograph) and the first author in 10 publications. According to the attached Academic Report No. 295 of 20.06.2019 from the library of MU-Varna, the IF of the applicant's publications is 1,437.

The Habilitation Work is a 164-page monograph dedicated to contemporary problems of the pathogenesis of psoriatic disease and published by MU-Varna in 2017.

Dr. Pavlov's scientific activity amounts to 46 scientific communications at different scientific forums, of which 10 are reputable international congresses with abstracts, some of which have been published in journals with IF.

Dr. Stoyan Pavlov participates in 1 scientific project of the Ministry of Education and Science, National Fund for Scientific Research, Clinical-experimental studies of two-component polymer systems (R. Cherkesova, S. Racheva, St. Pavlov, Z. Zlatev) - 2000- 2002

Assessment of the candidate's scientific work for the entire academic development.

Dr. Stoyan Pavlov's scientific interests are diverse but could be summarized in the following thematic areas:

- A substantial part of the work is devoted to studies on **autoimmune and inflammatory dermatoses**, with a focus on Vit. D status in psoriasis and its various aspects correlated with factors of clinical, epidemiological, metabolic, endocrine, genetic, and other factors. Such an in-depth and meaningful study on the importance of Vit. E in the pathogenesis of psoriasis is carried out for the first time in our country.
- Studies on **infectious and sexually transmitted diseases**, including topics such as erysipelas, onychomycoses and syphilis.
- Studies on **skin tumors**, which include rare descriptions of skin tumors and lymphoproliferative diseases with skin involvement.
- Rare cases and syndromes - here are arranged many clinical pearls, observed, described and published by the applicant in English and Bulgarian and presented at reputable scientific forums abroad and locally.

Citations

The references to Dr. Pavlov's citations include 24 positive citations, 17 of which are in prestigious foreign scientific publications (eg PLOS One), as well as referenced and indexed in world-renowned scientific databases, 14 of which are in IF journals.

Educational activity

According to the attached documents, Dr. Stoyan Pavlov has extensive academic experience, amounting to more than 23 years of teaching experience (medicine, dental medicine, postgraduate students and general practitioners). For the last 5 years there are 1140 hours of study load, which includes teaching in Dermatology and Venereology, Tropical Medicine, conducting semester exams and practical training in Dermatology in the Master's Program in Medicine.

Medical-diagnostic activity

Dr. Pavlov is an experienced and respected dermatologist, with 29 years of experience in the field. With his competence and authority, his thorough and careful approach, he has won the respect of patients, colleagues and the medical community. He has

various specialized qualifications such as dermatosurgery, dermatohistopathology, dermoscopy, mycology, etc., which testify to his comprehensive interests and skills.

In conclusion, the peer-reviewed scientific publications, relevant scientific contributions, citations in the scientific literature, data on the applicant's overall scientific and therapeutic and diagnostic activity give me reason to believe that Dr. Pavlov fully satisfies the requirements and criteria for taking the academic degree "Associate professor". He is a well-established, thorough and respected specialist in dermatology and venereology, with a strong affinity for scientific and academic work, with which he has earned the name of one of the most prominent representatives of the dermatological society in Varna and the country. Based on all this, I dare to recommend to the Honorable Jury to award Dr. Stoyan Ivanov Pavlov the academic position of Associate Professor in Skin and Venereal Diseases.

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