To: Chairman of the Scientific Jury

Medical University - Varna

according to the Order of the Rector of the MU

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Scientific opinion

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<u>Subject:</u> Announced competition for the academic position "*Professor*", in the field of higher education 7. Health and sport in professional field 7.1. Medicine and scientific specialty "Surgery" for the needs of the Department of General and Operative Surgery, Faculty of Medicine at the MU - Varna.

Details of the procedure:

After a decision of the A C and the Order of the Rector of the Medical University – Varna, the competition for AP "Professor" of surgery was announced in press – DV issue 8 / 28. 01. 2020

After the first meeting of the Scientific Jury and a decision of the Chairman of the Sc. J., I am appointed to issue an opinion as an internal member of the Medical university.

For participation in the competition, the documents of only one candidate are submitted: Assoc. Prof. Antony Tonchev Philipov, MD

I have received from the Scientific Department in the University all the materials necessary for the preparation of this opinion.

My opinion is in line with the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, its Implementing regulations and the Regulations of the Medical University of Varna.

Professional data of the applicant:

Dr. Antony Tonchev Philipov was born on March 15, 1961 in Sofia.

1987 - graduated medicine /MD/ from the Medical University - Sofia.

1987 - 1990 - works as a surgeon at the Hospital of Radomir / Sofia

1990 - 2014 - surgeon at Pirogov University Hospital - Sofia

1993 - recognized specialty in General surgery.

2014 - Head of clinic at University Hospital "Ivan Rilski" - Sofia

2014 - receives the educational and scientific degree "Doctor".

2003 - Master Degree of Health Management

Dr. Philipov speaks English and German.

There are specializations and completed courses in laparoscopic surgery in Germany, France, USA. Individual training in vascular surgery in the NSCC. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ant. Philipov is a member of BHD, BMA.

Evaluation of quantitative and qualitative scientific indicators:

Scientific indicators:

٠.	Monographic work	- 1
•	Dissertation	- 1
	Publications peer-reviewed to the loan of AD "Assoc. Professor"	- 26
	Publications after loan of AD "Associate Professor"	- 20
•.	Participation with reports in scientific forums in Bulgaria	- 12

i.e. a total of 60 scientific works.

Dr. Ant. Philipov has successfully defended the dissertation to award the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" on the topic "Study of treatment options for groin hernias with endoscopic techniques" in 2014

/Diploma B-000013, UMBALSM - Pirogov/

The published monographic work "Miniinvasive Ventral Hernioplasty" ISBN -978-954-28-3018-4, 2019 of Syela Publishing House is referenced and reviewed by Prof. Dr. T. Pojarliev, DSc. and Prof. Dr. D. Radenovski, MD.

Of the real 46 publications: - first/solo author - 16
- second author - 21

- third and consecutive - 9

The scientific problems in Dr. Ant. Philipov's works are diverse, but several prevailing themes and problematic circles can still be highlighted:

- Minimally invasive /laparoscopic/ surgery.
- Hernias on the anterior abdominal wall.
- Peritonitis and emergency abdominal conditions.
- Colo-rectal cancer.

The results of the candidate's research activities have been reported at prestigious scientific forums in Bulgaria and abroad.

Quotes:

According to the reference provided by the Central Medical Library on the cited works of Assoc. Prof. Ant. Philipov in Bulgarian and foreign sources from the Fund of the CMB found 22 Bulgarian quotes and 3 in foreign sources.

Curative and diagnostic activity:

Over the years, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ant. Philipov has established himself as a very good specialist surgeon with considerable experience in the multi-disciplinary diagnostic and treatment process. Excellent and very good results in mini-invasive surgery.

There are also numerous specializations in leading clinics in Germany, France and the USA

Teaching activities:

The training workload of Dr. Antony Philipov, according to the report presented by Medical University - Sofia, is as follows:

- 2016 90 h. auditorium occupancy; 20 h. lectures; 20 h. Sc. Act.
- 2017 90 h. occupancy; 140 h. teaching and methodological activity.
- 2018 20 h. auditorium occupancy; 140 h. teaching and methodological activity
- Annual audience occupancy at A-Esculap Academy 20 h.

i.e. his teaching activity is sufficient in the context of his participation in this competition.

Conclusion:

Ass. Dr. Antony Philipov, MD, has a general experience as a surgeon over 30 years. His scientific work brings out contributions based on researched clinical material from diagnosed and treated patients, advanced methodologies, developed diagnostic algorithms and therapeutic behavior. He trains interns and graduates in surgery.

All the facts of the professional biography, the scientific production, the diagnostic and medical and teaching activities of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antony Philipov, Ph.D., corresponding to the legal requirements of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, its Implementing Regulations and as well as the Regulations of the Medical University of Varna, gives me reason to recommend to the Scientific Jury to vote positively and to be awarded AP "*Professor of General Surgery*" at the Department of General and Operative Surgery, Faculty of Medicine at M U – Varna.

25.08.2020

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With respect:

Prof. Dr. Rossen Madjov, MD, PhD, DSc