

To: Chairman of the Scientific Jury
at the Medical University - Varna
according to the Order of the Rector of MU
№ P-109-167 / 14.04.2022

OPINION

Subject: Announcement of a competition for the academic position "*Associate Professor*", in the field of higher education 7 . Healthcare and sports in the professional field 7.1. Medicine and scientific specialty "*Surgery*" for the needs of the Department of "General and Operative Surgery", Faculty of Medicine at MU - Varna.

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Information about the procedure:

Following a decision of the Academic Council and an Order of the Rector of M U - Varna, the competition for academic degree "*Associate Professor*" in "**General Surgery**" was announced in **State Gazette - no. 14 / 18.02.2022**

After the first meeting of the Scientific Jury and the decision of the Chairman of the Scientific Jury, I was appointed to prepare an opinion.

To participate in the competition, the documents of one candidate have been submitted:
- Dr. Alexander Kamenov Zlatarov, PhD

I have received from the Scientific Department all the materials needed to prepare this opinion.

My opinion is in accordance with the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB), the Regulations for its implementation and the Regulations of the Medical University - Varna.

Professional data of the candidate:

Dr. Alexander Kamenov Zlatarov was born on December 17, 1987 in the city of Varna

2012	- graduated in medicine at the Medical University - Sofia.
2019	- recognized specialty in general surgery.
2018	- received the educational and scientific degree " <i>Doctor of Philosophy</i> "
2021	- Chief Assistant, Department of General and Operative Surgery

Dr. Zlatarov has numerous courses and specializations in leading centers in Europe. Dr. Al. Zlatarov speaks English.

Dr. Al. Zlatarov is a member of the Bulgarian Surgical Society, Bulgarian Medical Association.

Evaluation of quantitative and qualitative scientific indicators :

Scientometric indicators:

- Dissertation work - 1
- Sections of textbooks, manuals, monographs - 7
- Full text publications in foreign journals - 10
- Full text publications in journals and scientific journals - 38
- Participation with reports at scientific forums in Bulgaria - 29
- Participation with reports at scientific forums abroad - 22

i.e. a total of 107 scientific works.

Dr. Alexander Zlatarov has successfully defended a dissertation for the award of ONS "Doctor" on "*New methods in the laparoscopic treatment of hiatal hernias* " in 2018 / Diploma 276 from 21.05.2018, MU - Varna /

- Of the real 55 publications :
- first / independent author - 2 (3.6%)
 - second author - 5 (9.1%)
 - third and consecutive - 48 (87.2%)

The scientific issues in the works of Dr. Al. Zlatarov is diverse, but there are still a few predominant themes and problem areas:

- The main part of the scientific papers is devoted to the topic of surgical treatment of colorectal cancer (G7-4 , G 7-9 , G8-1, G8-4, G8-5, G7-11, G8-21).
- The dissertation deals with current issues related to minimally invasive methods in the treatment of hiatal hernia.
- The experience of laparoscopic fundoplication is presented in a series of publications presented at national congresses (G8-23; related to the dissertation G8-2, G8-4, G8-6).
- Hepato-biliary system (G7-2, G8-7, G8-8, G8-10 , G8-14, G8-15, G8-17, G8-24, G8-25, G8-26, G8-27. G8 -28, G8-29). Our own experience in the application of endoscopic retrograde biliary drainage and percutaneous drainage in mechanical jaundice is presented. The methods are modern, with good results, allowing faster recovery of patients and initiation of specific antitumor treatment.
- Minimally invasive surgery for adrenal tumors (G7-1, G7-3, G8-22) . Own experience from the application of laparoscopic adrenalectomy is presented, confirming the advantages of the minimally invasive method compared to conventional adrenalectomy.

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

Citation:

According to the provided Academic reference from the citation of the works of Dr. Alexander Zlatarov is - 8 in referenced and indexed medical journals (indicator D 10-12)

The presented scientific production is sufficient in volume and quality to participate in the competition.

Medical-diagnostic activity:

Over the years, Dr. Al. Zlatarov established himself as a very good specialist surgeon and gained significant experience in the multidisciplinary diagnostic and treatment process. Very good results in minimally invasive surgery.

There are also many specializations in leading centers and clinics in Europe.

Teaching activity:

Dr. Al. Zlatarov has an employment contract as Chief assistant in the Department of General and Operative Surgery, MU-Varna and in the Clinic of General and Operative Surgery, at the University Hospital "St. Marina "- Varna. Its study load, according to the information provided by the training department of MU-Varna, is as follows:

- ✓ 2016/2017 - 262 h
- ✓ 2017/2018 - 442 h
- ✓ 2018/2019 - 490 h
- ✓ 2019/2020 - 434 h
- ✓ 2020/2021 - 541 h

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

Conclusion:

Dr. Alexander Zlatarov, PhD has a total medical experience of 9 years and three months as a surgeon at the First Clinic of Surgery of the University Hospital " St. Marina ".

Dr. Zlatarov fully meets the required minimum national requirements for the respective JSC. Contributions are derived from his scientific works on the basis of studied clinical material from diagnosed and treated patients, mastered advanced methods, developed algorithms for diagnosis and therapeutic behavior. He trains interns and specialists in surgery .

All mentioned facts from the professional biography, scientific production, diagnostic-therapeutic and educational-teaching activity of Dr. Alexander Kamenov Zlatarov, PhD, fully compliant with the legal requirements in ZRASRB, the Regulations for its application, as well as the Regulations of MU - Varna, they give me enough reason to recommend to the Scientific Jury to vote *positively* and to be awarded AD " Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty *Surgery*, at the Department of General and Operative Surgery, Faculty of Medicine at MU - Varna.

June 6, 2022.
Varna

Sincerely,
Prof. Dr. R. Madjov, PhD, DSc