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Pursuant to order No. 109-226/26.07.2024 of the Deputy Rector "Academic Activities" of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - city of Varna, based on Art. 4, para. 1 and para. 2 of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASB) and Art. 57, para. 1 and para. 2 of the Regulations for the Implementation of the ZRASB, Art. 6, para. 1, Art. 127, para. 1 and para. 2 of the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of the Medical University of Varna and decision according to the protocol of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Medicine of Varna No. 24/08.07.2024 and protocol No. 1 of the meeting of the Scientific Jury.

Regarding the competition for the occupation of the academic position of "associate professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty "Maxillofacial Surgery" - one number, 0.5 full-time position for the Department of General and Operative Surgery, Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Varna and 1 full-time position for the Clinic of Maxillofacial Surgery to the University Hospital "St. Marina" - city of Varna, in connection with an advertisement published in the State Gazette No. 45 of 28.05.2024.

One candidate participated in the competition - chief assistant professor Yanko Georgiev Yankov, MD, PhD from the Department of General and Operative Surgery, Faculty of Medicine

at the Medical University of Varna and the Clinic of Maxillofacial Surgery at the University Hospital "St. Marina" - city of Varna.

Biographical data and professional development of the candidate

Chief Assistant Professor Yanko Georgiev Yankov, MD, PhD was born in 1989 in the town of Shumen. Graduated "Medicine" in 2014 at Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - city of Varna, and in 2016 he graduated from "Health Management" at the same university. He is a specialist in maxillofacial surgery. Since 2019, he has been working as an assistant (part-time, full-time and main) at the Department of Oral Surgery and the Department of General and Operative Surgery of the University of Medicine – city of Varna. In 2022, he acquired the educational and scientific degree "PhD" after defending a dissertation on "Values of procalcitonin and delta neutrophil index in surgery of inflammatory diseases of the head and neck". He speaks Bulgarian and English.

As an assistant, he teaches maxillofacial surgery to Bulgarian-speaking and English-speaking dental students at the Medical University of Varna. His academic load meets the requirements of the regulation.

Evaluation of the candidate's research activity

A report on the fulfillment of minimum national requirements and the requirements of the regulations of the University of Medicine – city of Varna, prepared by the Library of the University of Medicine – city of Varna, based on information provided by the applicant and automated information from international scientific databases, is presented. The publishing activity of chief assistant professor Yanko Georgiev Yankov, MD, PhD meets the scientometric requirements for holding an academic position "associate professor" and includes a dissertation work for the award of the degree "PhD", scientific publications in publications that are referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information, a published book based on a protected dissertation work for the award of the degree "PhD", publications and reports published in non-refereed journals with scientific review, a full-text

publication in a scientific journal (outside the minimum scientometric requirements for holding the academic degree "associate professor") and 10 citations.

The main directions of the candidate's scientific works are:

- Procalcitonin and delta neutrophil index in head and neck diseases - A1.1., B4.6., B4.7., G6.1., G8.1. (dissertation), G8.2. (dissertation);
- Inflammatory diseases of the head and neck - B4.1., B4.4., B4.5., G8.1., G8.3., G8.5.;
- Benign diseases in the maxillofacial area – B4.2., B4.3.;
- Malignant diseases in the maxillofacial area – B4.8., B4.10., G8.4., one piece beyond the minimum scientometric requirements;
- Dental implantology – B4.9.;
- Rare syndromes in the maxillofacial region – B7.1., G8.2.

The first thematic area "Procalcitonin and delta neutrophil index in diseases of the head and neck" is represented by a dissertation work for the acquisition of an educational and scientific degree "doctor" (**A1.1.**), two scientific publications in publications that are referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information (**B4.6.** and **B4.7.**), a published book based on a protected dissertation work for the award of the ONS "Doctor" (**G6.1.**) with the title "Application of procalcitonin and the delta neutrophil index in maxillofacial surgery", published by the Medical University of Varna in 2023 (ISBN: 978-619-221-428-9), and two publications published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals (**G8.1.** and **G8.2.**), which are related to his dissertation work for the acquisition of the doctorate degree and are not subject to review with the present competition.

The second thematic area "Inflammatory diseases of the head and neck" includes three scientific publications in journals that are referenced and indexed in world-renowned scientific information databases (**B4.1.**, **B4.4.** and **B4.5.**), and three publications, published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals (**G8.1.**, **G8.3.** and **G8.5.**).

The third thematic area "Benign diseases in the maxillofacial region" includes two scientific publications in publications that are referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information (**B4.2.** and **B4.3.**).

The fourth thematic area "Malignancies in the maxillofacial area" includes two scientific publications in publications that are referenced and indexed in world-renowned scientific

information databases (**B4.8.** and **B4.10.**), and two publications published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journal (**G8.4.** and **one outside the minimum scientometric requirements**).

The fifth thematic area "Dental implantology" consists of one scientific publication in an edition that is referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information (**B4.9.**).

The sixth thematic area "Rare syndromes in the maxillofacial region" consists of one scientific publication in a publication that is referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information (**G7.1.**) and one publication published in a non-refereed journal with scientific peer review (**G8.2.**).

From the presented information about the research activity of Dr. Yanko Georgiev Yankov, MD. his main scientific interests and in-depth knowledge of the researched topics are revealed. It shows his constant and purposeful work to increase his professional qualification.

Conclusion

Chief Assistant Professor Yanko Georgiev Yankov, MD, PhD is a teacher, clinician and researcher, whose indicators for research, teaching and clinical activity fully meet the requirements of the recommended criteria of the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASB) and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - city of Varna.

In conclusion, everything presented so far gives me the reason to give a positive opinion to chief assistant professor Yanko Georgiev Yankov, MD, PhD and to propose to the honorable members of the Scientific Jury to vote positively for the award of an academic position "associate professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health care and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty "Maxillofacial Surgery" for the Department of General and Operative Surgery, Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University – city of Varna and for the Clinic of Maxillofacial Surgery at the University Hospital "St. Marina" – city of Varna.

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