

## **To the Career Development Center of MU-Varna**

### **Review**

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Regarding the procedure for holding the academic position of **Professor** in 7. **Healthcare and sports** – higher education area, 7.1. **Medicine** – professional field; **Obstetrics and Gynecology** speciality, published in the **State Gazette**, **issue 45 of 28.05.2024.**

A single candidate was accepted into the announced competition for the position of Professor – **Assoc. Prof. Stanislav Hristov Slavchev, MD, DSC**, Associate Professor at the Department of Nursing Care, Sliven Affiliate, Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" – Varna. The candidate has submitted all the necessary documentation following the requirements of the Academic Staff Development in the Republic of Bulgaria Act and the approved Internal Regulations of MU-Varna.

#### **I. Assessment of the candidate's research activity**

The candidate has submitted scientific output reflecting his research activities over the last 4 years (after obtaining the academic title of Associate Professor) and includes **42 scientific papers**, distributed as follows:

- 1.** A post-doctoral thesis for the award of Doctor of Science degree – **1 pc.**
- 2.** Research papers in Bulgarian and international scientific journals – **34 pcs.** including **IF journals.**

**3.** Report briefs presented at international congresses and published in IF journals – 7 pcs.

All of the submitted 34 full-text articles were published in journals refereed in Web of Science and/or Scopus. Seven abstracts were published in high IF journals (Int J Gynecol Cancer). Ten of the full-text articles (B4.1 to B4.10) are presented as equivalent to a habilitation thesis according to indicator B4 of the minimum scientometric requirements (The Rules and Regulations for academic staff development of MU-Varna). These publications carry 131 scientometric points vs. the minimum required 100.

The rest (above the 10 publications equivalent to a habilitation thesis) are 31 scientific publications, of which 24 are full-text articles and 7 published abstracts.

Their focus lies in the exploration of the following scientific areas:

**I. Gynecologic oncology:**

1. Ovarian carcinoma
2. Cervical carcinoma
3. Rare malignant tumours of the female reproductive tract.

**II. Minimally invasive surgery**

**III. Anatomical and technical aspects of gynaecological surgery**

**IV. Problems in pregnancy and childbirth**

**V. Rare conditions**

I acknowledge the original, practical, and methodological aspects of the highlighted contributions.

The total impact factor of the full-text publications and reports is 63.477 – it is based on publications after he was elected Associate Professor. (The impact factor is

calculated only for the scientific sources recognised by the Regulations of MU-Varna).

His scientific works have been cited in 32 literature sources (data accumulated after his election to Associate Professor) – scientific journals, refereed and indexed in world databases of scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes.

All these indicators point to valuable scientific research that has made a meaningful impact on the world of science.

Assoc. Prof. Stanislav Slavchev has been a research supervisor of two PhD students who have effectively completed their thesis defences in the doctoral program Obstetrics and Gynecology and have obtained the PhD degree. This academic mentorship meets a basic requirement for obtaining the academic degree Professor, according to the Rules and Regulations for academic staff development of MU-Varna.

Slavchev's Academic Reference shows that his scientometric indicators considerably exceed the minimum national requirements specified in the Academic Staff Development in the Republic of Bulgaria Act (DASRBA), the Regulations for its implementation, and the mandatory requirements of MU-Varna for holding the academic position of Professor.

## **II. Evaluation of the candidate's teaching activity**

It is evident from the attached reference that Assoc. Prof. Slavchev has more than 10 years of teaching experience. He has successfully navigated through every level of academic development. Over the past 4 academic years, his teaching activities have been more than double the standard workload. The candidate's teaching activity includes lectures and practical exercises for medical, dental and midwifery students, and training sessions conducted for junior physicians. He mentored 8 postgraduate students, among whom three had already completed their training in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

***Conclusion:***

After assessing the research and academic activities of Assoc. Prof. Slavchev, MD, DSC, and the national requirements outlined in Academic Staff Development in the Republic of Bulgaria Act and the Regulations for its implementation at the Medical University – Varna, I recommend the Honourable Scientific Jury to vote positively for Assoc. Prof. Stanislav Hristov Slavchev, MD, DSC to take the position of Professor in 7.1. Medicine – professional field; Obstetrics and Gynecology speciality.

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