

To the "Career Development" department  
Medical University-Varna

## **OPINION**

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Regarding the competition for obtaining the academic position of "Professor" in the field of higher education 7. "Health and sport", by professional direction 7.1. "Medicine", scientific specialty "Obstetrics and gynecology". The competition was announced in **State Gazette, Issue 45/28.05.2024**

One candidate was admitted to the announced competition for Academic position "Professor" - **Associate Professor Dr. Stanislav Hristov Slavchev**, Associate Professor at the Department of Health Care, Sliven Branch, Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna. In accordance with the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff and the approved Internal Regulations of the University of Varna, the candidate has submitted all the documentation necessary to prepare the opinion in accordance with the requirements.

### **I. Analysis and assessment of the candidate's research activity and scientific output**

The materials submitted by the candidate for participation in the current competition for the appointment of Academic position "Professor" reflect his scientific activity during the last 4 years (after receiving the AP "Docent") and include 42 scientific works, distributed as follows:

1. Dissertation for the award of the National Assembly "Doctor of Sciences" - 1 piece.
2. Articles in Bulgarian and foreign scientific journals - 34 pieces including in magazines with Impact factor
3. Summaries of reports in periodicals with IF, presented at international congresses - 7 pieces.

Of the 34 full-text articles presented, all were published in journals referenced in Web of Science and/or Scopus. The seven abstracts were published in a high IF journal (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 requirements for obtaining the academic position "Professor". These posts not only meet, but significantly exceed the required minimum of 100 points.

The publications "equivalent" to the habilitation thesis reflect the scientific interests of Assoc. Prof. Slavchev in the following areas:

I. Ovarian carcinoma (№ 4, 5, 9)

II. Pelvic Anatomy and Surgical Techniques in Gynecology and Obstetrics (№ 2, 3, 6, 10)

III. Primary Multiplicity (№ 1, 7)

IV. Deviations in the embryonic development of the female reproductive system (№ 8)

The remaining (outside the 10 publications equivalent to a habilitation thesis) 31 scientific works, of which 24 full-text articles and 7 published summaries, are devoted to the following scientific topics:

**I. Oncogynecology with the following subtopics:**

I.1. Ovarian cancer

I.2. Cervical cancer

I.3. Rare malignant tumors of the female reproductive system

**II. Minimally invasive surgery**

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

**IV. Pregnancy and childbirth problems**

**V. Rare conditions**

I do accept the original, practical and theoretical contributions highlighted by the candidate.

Of the scientific production presented by Assoc. Prof. Slavchev, 16 of the full-text articles and 7 abstracts were published in prestigious journals with IF. The total impact factor of full-text publications and reports is 63.477 after his election

as associate professor. His scientific works were cited in 32 literary sources (after being elected as an associate professor).

All these indicators are a certificate of valuable scientific production with a contribution to the world scientific literature.

Prof. Stanislav Slavchev was the scientific supervisor of two doctoral students who successfully defended their dissertations in the doctoral program "Obstetrics and Gynecology" and obtained the title of "PhD".

The analysis of the "Academic reference" shows that the scientometric indicators of Assoc. Slavchev significantly exceed the minimum national requirements defined in the ŽRASRB and PRZRASRB and the mandatory requirements in the MU - Varna for occupying AD "Professor".

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

From the attached reference it is clear that Prof. Slavchev has more than 10 years of teaching experience, having successively passed through all stages of academic development. His workload for the last 4 academic years is more than twice the norm. He was the head of the specialization of 8 specialists, three of whom successfully passed the exam and acquired a specialty in "Obstetrics and Gynecology".

## **IV. Conclusion**

Based on the assessment of the research, teaching and diagnostic and treatment activities, as well as the national requirements set out in the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, and the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law in the Medical University – Varna, and the mandatory requirements in Medical University - Varna, I recommend to the Honorable Scientific Jury to vote positively for Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Hristov Slavchev, to occupy academic position "Professor".

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