

To
the Head of Scientific Jury,
which was appointed with Order No. R-109-223 / July 26, 2024
of the Rector of Medical University - Varna

OPINION

by

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Concerning: A competition for taking the academic post 'Professor' in the field of higher education / 7. Health Care and Sport / Professional Direction: 7.1. Medicine, Specialty of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Affiliate in Sliven, Department of Health Care / Clinic of Gynecology at General Hospital for Active Treatment (GHAT) 'Sveta Anna' – Varna AD, Varna, city, according to a notification in Official Gazette, issue number 45 / May 28, 2024.

One candidate – Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Hristov Slavchev, D.M.Sc. – was admitted for participation in the competition with an Order by the Commission of Admissibility, outgoing No. 109-588 / August 2, 2024.

In conformity with the requirements of the Law for Development of the Academic Staff and the approved Interior Regulations of Medical University – Varna, the candidate presented the whole set of documents, necessary for drawing up of the opinion.

Biographical Data of the Candidate:

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Hristov Slavchev, D.M.Sc. graduated his higher medical education in 1996, at Medical University – Varna. He was a resident at the Clinic of Gynecology of GHAT 'Sveta Anna' – Varna from 2004 to 2009, while he acquired specialty in obstetrics and gynecology in 2009. The candidate was a doctor – obstetrician and gynecologist – in the latter Clinic from 2008 until now.

He defended his dissertational paper on the subject 'The Role of Radical Hysterectomy with Iliac and/or Paraaortic Lymph Dissection for Optimal Cytoreduction in Case of Advanced Epithelial Ovarian Carcinoma' for conferment of educational and scientific degree 'Doctor' in 2016. He conferred the scientific degree 'Doctor of Medical Sciences' with a dissertation on the subject 'Enhanced Recovery after Surgery (ERAS – Protocol) in the Field of Gynecological Surgery'.

Academic Progress, and Educational and Pedagogical Activity of the Candidate:

1. Assistant at Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical University – Varna – in the period from September 2011 to September 2015;
2. Part-time lecturer at Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical University – Varna – in the period from 2016 to 2018;
3. Chief assistant at Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical University – Varna – in the period from April 2018 to December 2019;
4. Associate Professor at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical University – Varna – in the period from December 2019 to November 1, 2023;
5. Associate Professor at the Department of Health Care, Affiliate in Sliven, Medical University – Varna – from November 2, 2023 until now.

Analysis and Evaluation of Research Activity and Scientific Production of the Candidate:

The candidate presents 38 publications and scientific reports, published in journals, refereed in Web of Science and/or Scopus with a total score, according to the scientific and metric parameters, of 422.5.

The candidate presents 10 full-text publications (refereed in the database of Web of Science and/or Scopus), equal to research work (qualifying for an academic degree) according to parameter B4 from the minimal scientific and metric requirements (Regulations for Development of Academic Staff of Medical University - Varna). In four of them, the candidate is first, and in the other six – second or fourth co-author. The articles have total impact factor of 10.877.

The research activity of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Hristov Slavchev, D.M.Sc. is based on his extensive and long practice as obstetrician and gynecologist. His scientific works can be classified in the following categories:

1. Gynecological oncology;
2. Surgical techniques in gynecology, obstetrics and oncogynecology;
3. Retroperitoneal anatomy.

In these articles the candidate presents contributions with original, theoretical, and practical and applicable character, while those related to the retroperitoneal anatomy – in particular – are of exceptional significance for the literature on a global scale.

The presented scientific and metric parameters of the candidate meet the minimal scientific and metric requirements, determined by the Regulations for Application of the Law for Development of the Academic Staff in Republic of Bulgaria, and the Regulation for Development of the Academic Staff of Medical University – Varna. The academic reference presented by Medical University – Varna demonstrates 32 citations in scientific publications, refereed and indexed in world known databases or in monographies and collective volumes

with a total score of 480, and total impact factor of the candidate of 99.903. Those scientific and metric parameters show the worth of the scientific production of the candidate.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Slavchev is a member of the following scientific organizations: Bulgarian Association of Oncogynecology (BAOG), Bulgarian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (BSOG), and Bulgarian Association of Minimally Invasive Gynecological Surgery (BAMIGS).

Evaluation of Educational and Pedagogical Activity

The candidate has 13 years of pedagogical length of service, out of which three years as an 'Associate Professor' at Medical University – Varna. His educational and pedagogical activity includes courses of lectures, and practical exercises, in the specialty of obstetrics and gynecology. The total number of classes for the last four years equals 928 classes, while the minimal requirements of Medical University – Varna are covered for the different educational periods.

The candidate has two graduate students with successful defending of dissertation. He is currently a supervisor of a third graduate student. He participated in the training of eight residents in the specialty of obstetrics and gynecology.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Slavchev is a specialist obstetrician and gynecologist with long-term experience in the specialty. He occupies himself actively with both obstetrics and gynecology, and he has a major clinical experience in the laparoscopic and radical surgery. The pedagogical activity of the candidate is impressive. The scientific works of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Slavchev and his pedagogical experience meet the criteria of the Law for Development of the Academic Staff in Republic of Bulgaria, and the Regulations for Development of the Academic Staff at Medical University – Varna. That is why, I offer with firm conviction to the honorable Scientific Jury to vote positively for conferment of the academic post 'Professor', in the scientific specialty of obstetrics and gynecology, to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Slavchev for the needs of Department of Health Care, Affiliate in Sliven, Medical University – Varna.

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