

To the Scientific Jury
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By the Rector of the Medical University – Varna

STATEMENT

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External member of the Scientific Jury, appointed by Order No.

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Subject: Competition for the occupation of the academic position Professor in the field of higher education Health and Sports, in the professional field Medicine and scientific specialty Obstetrics and Gynecology for the needs of the Department of Health Care, affiliated in Sliven, by the Medical University of Varna and by the Clinic of Gynecology at the MHAT "St. Anna"-Varna, announced in the Government Newspaper No45/28.05.2024.

The candidate is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Hristov Slavchev, MD, PhD, DSc, who was admitted for the competition by the admission committee with reference number 109-588/02.08.2024.

In accordance with the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Chamber and the approved internal rules of the Medical University of Varna, the candidate submitted all the documentation necessary for the preparation of this statement.

Academic and professional background of Associate Professor Slavchev, MD, PhD, DSc

Assoc. Prof. Slavchev, MD, PhD, Dsc., received his master's degree in medicine from the Medical University of Varna in 1996. His career in obstetrics and gynecology began in 2004,

when he started his specialization at the Gynecology Clinic at St. Anna Hospital in Varna. He has been working as an obstetrician-gynecologist at the same clinic since 2008. In 2009, he earned his Certificate of completion of specialized training in Obstetrics and Gynecology. His doctoral thesis, "The role of radical hysterectomy with pelvic and/or aortic lymph node dissection for optimal cytoreductive surgery in advanced-stage epithelial ovarian cancer," was awarded a doctoral (PhD) degree in 2016. After successfully defending his dissertation "Enhanced Recovery After Surgery Protocol (ERAS) in Gynecological Surgery", he was awarded the scientific degree Doctor of Medical Sciences on January 12, 2023.

His academic development and tutoring academic performance progressed in the following stages: from 09/2011 to 09/2015, he was an Assist. Prof. at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, MU-Varna, in the specialty Obstetrics and Gynecology; from 2012 to 2015, he researched his doctoral thesis while still working at St. Anna; from 2016 to 2018, Slavchev was a part-time assistant professor at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, MU-Varna; and later (from April 2018 to December 2019), he became Chief Assistant Professor at the same department. From December 2019 to 01.11.2023, he served as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Medical University – Varna. Since November 2, 2023, he has been working as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Health Care, affiliated in Sliven, MU-Varna in the speciality Obstetrics and Gynecology.

I. Analysis and evaluation of the applicant's research and scientific work

To apply for the position of AD Professor, Assoc. Prof. Slavchev submitted 38 publications and scientific reports published in scientific journals reviewed in Web of Science and/or Scopus, generating 422.5 points based on scientific metrics.

Ten of the papers are deemed equivalent to habilitation thesis, according to indicator B4 of the basic scientific standards outlined in the Medical University - Varna local regulations. They are full-text scientific articles in editions that have been cited and indexed in the global databases of scientific information, Web of Science and Scopus and were published during the last four years. These papers have a scientometric score of 131, which exceeds the minimum requirement of 100. Assoc. Prof. Slavchev is the first author of 40% of the publications

submitted for habilitation thesis. In 60% of the remaining articles, the candidate is listed as the second or fourth author. Six of the publications presented have a total impact factor of 10.877 and were published during the last four years.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Slavchev's research achievements stem from his direct involvement in clinical diagnosis and treatment as an obstetrician-gynecologist. He possesses extensive practical experience and is renowned for his expertise in many obstetric and gynecological pathologies. His scientific research focuses on many major topics in obstetrics and gynecology, which he classifies into five distinct categories:

- I. Ovarian cancer;
- II. Minimally invasive surgery;
- III. Pelvic anatomy and surgical procedures in gynecology and obstetrics;
- IV. Multiple primary tumors;
- V. Abnormalities in the embryonic development of the female reproductive system.

The scientific papers presented in categories I and III have contributions that are original, theoretical, and practically applicable. In categories II, III, and IV, the scientific works have predominantly theoretical and practical contributions. The division and classification of scientific contributions is completely correct.

The academic reference analysis shows that Assoc. Prof. Slavchev's scientometric indicators meet the minimum standards set out in the Rules for the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules for the Development of the Academic Staff of the Medical University - Varna. The presented academic reference from the MU-Varna certifies that his scientific works have 32 citations in scientific publications, referred to and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information, and in monographs and collective volumes with a total number of points of 480. The total impact factor of scientific journals that published the scientific works of Assoc. Prof. Slavchev is 99.903. All these indicators serve as certificates of valuable scientific production, contributing significantly to the global scientific literature.

Assoc. Prof. Stanislav Slavchev is a member of the following scientific organizations: the Bulgarian Association of Oncogynecology (BAOG), the Bulgarian Society of Obstetrics and

Gynecology (BSOG) and the Bulgarian Association for Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery (BAMIRS).

II. Educational and teaching activities

Assoc. Prof. Stanislav Slavchev has more than ten years of teaching experience, including over three years as associate professor at the Medical University of Varna. He is engaged in a number of lecture courses and hands-on training in the field of Obstetrics and gynecology. The total academic hours for the past four years amount to 928, which satisfies the minimal criteria set by MU-Varna for various academic periods. Under the guidance of Associate Professor Slavchev, two doctoral students successfully defended their scientific dissertations and earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree. He presently supervises a third PhD student. He has trained 8 professionals in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

To conclude, Associate Professor Dr. Stanislav Slavchev is a gynecologist and obstetrician-gynecologist who possesses a wealth of knowledge and expertise, particularly in the areas of oncological gynecology and obstetrics. He possesses exceptional professional qualifications and extensive teaching experience. It complies with the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in Bulgaria and the Medical University-Varna regulations. I strongly recommend to the esteemed members of the scientific jury to cast their votes in support of Dr. Stanislav Hristov Slavchev for the esteemed rank of Professor in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology for the needs of the Department of Health Care, Affiliate in Sliven, of the Medical University of Varna, as well as the Gynecology Clinic at the MHAT "St. Anna"-Varna.

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