

OPINION

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About competition for the acquisition of the academic title "Professor"

In the field of higher education 7. "Health and sports", professional direction 7.1. "Medicine" and scientific specialty "Obstetrics and gynecology", for the needs of Gynecology clinic in MBAL "Sveta Anna – Varna", as well as for the needs of the Department of Healthcare, branch Sliven,

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Regarding: SCIENTIFIC AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES

of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Christov Slavchev, DSc

For the procedure:

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Slavchev is the sole candidate in this competition.

The regulations of the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB) and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff in Varna Medical University, respectively - the clauses for acquiring the academic position "Professor" have been followed.

Biographical data and career profile of the candidate

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Slavchev, DSc was born in 1972, completed his medical education in 1996 in Varna Medical University, subsequently acquired a specialty in Obstetrics and Gynecology in 2009 in the Department of Ob&Gyn at the University of Varna. In 2015 he defended a dissertation on the topic: "The role of radical hysterectomy with iliac and/or para-aortic lymphatic dissection for optimal cytoreduction in advanced epithelial ovarian cancer" at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Varna, with which he obtained the scientific and educational degree "doctor". In 2022 he defended a dissertation on the topic: "Accelerated recovery after surgical treatment (ERAS - Enhanced Recovery After Surgery protocol) in gynecological surgery" at the University of Varna, with which he obtained the scientific degree "Doctor of Medical Sciences". In the period 1999-2008 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Slavchev worked as a resident physician at the

CSMP-Varna and the Anti-Shock Department at the hospital "Sveta Anna" – Varna. Since 2008 he has been working at the "Gynecology" Clinic at the hospital "Sveta Anna" - Varna, where he successively held the positions of: clinical resident, assistant, chief assistant and associate professor. From 2023 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Slavchev also works in the "Health Care" department, Sliven branch of the Medical University - Varna.

In his professional and scientific development, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Slavchev has successfully passed through various post-graduation courses related to increasing his professional qualification.

Evaluation of teaching activities

According to the submitted service notes for teaching experience and academic workload - from the University of Varna and the "Health Care" Department, Sliven Branch, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Slavchev, DSc taught students of Medicine, residents in Obstetrics and Gynecology and specialists in Ob&Gyn and Health Care, conducted practical exercises, lectures, basic courses and thematic courses in the scope of his specialty.

In addition, he was the scientific director of two successfully defended doctoral students at the Medical University - Pleven, who obtained the scientific degree "Doctor" in 2022 and 2023.

Evaluation of scientific metrics

The main areas of the scientific research of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Slavchev, DSc are: "Operative Gynecology"; "Oncogynecology", "Minimally invasive surgery" and "Clinical experience with rare conditions in Obstetrics and Gynecology".

In the current competition, 41 scientific papers are subject to review, which reflect the scientific activity of the candidate in the last 4 years (after receiving the title "Associate Professor") and all submitted publications are in foreign language. 34 publications are in full text, 7 publications are presented as abstracts. 34 of the presented publications are in journals referenced in Web of Science and/or in Scopus databases. 23 of the publications are in scientific journals with impact factor.

In the databases: SCOPUS, Web of Knowledge; Google Scholar a total of 32 citations in foreign sources were found and they were submitted after the appointment as associate professor.

The overall data on the general publication activity of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Slavchev are impressive, including two dissertations, one monograph, 99 full-text publications (a large part of which are in journals with an impact factor), as well as many participations in Bulgarian and international scientific forums.

Scientific contributions

I am subdividing the scientific contributions of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Slavchev, DSc for the submitted publications for this competition in two categories: Scientific contributions of an original scientific nature; Contributions of scientific and applied value, namely:

1. Scientific contributions of an original scientific nature

Studies related to survival after various operations for ovarian cancer and the influence of comorbidity on survival in these patients are described (Papers Nos. B4.9, B4.4, B4.5, D7.2 and D7.6). The importance of precancerous lesions of the cervix and the behavior of different histological variants of cervical carcinoma are described in works G7.16, G7.23, G7.26, G7.22 and G7.27. Rare cases with anatomical deviations in the female reproductive system and the arterial

vascular system of the pelvis are presented in works B4.8 and B4.6. Case studies of synchronous neoplasms are presented in publications B4.1 and B4.7 and the combination of oncological diseases and pregnancy is presented in works G7.14 and G7.17.

2. Contributions of scientific and applied value

Works related to the practical implementation of specific surgical techniques in oncogynecology are presented, such as the concept of avascular pelvic spaces, retroperitoneal access in pelvic surgery, transposition of the ovaries, methods of ligation of major vessels (B4.10, B4.2, B4.3, D7.3, D7.25). The application of the ERAS protocol in practice has a significant importance for the course of the postoperative period, reflected in works G7.5, G7.21, but mostly in the dissertation work dedicated to this topic.

Conclusion

All procedures for the announcement of the competition and the admission of the candidate to participation in the competition have been followed.

From the presented facts, it is clear that the scientific creativity and academic commitment of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Slavchev, DSc meet, both quantitatively and qualitatively, the modern criteria for the academic title "Professor" in terms of all the parameters laid down in ZRASRB and the Regulations for the development of the Academic Staff in Varna Medical University.

The described contributions of an original and applied nature show high qualification, practical experience and deep theoretical knowledge in many areas, focused mainly in the direction of operative gynecology, oncogynecology and pelvic surgery.

I give a positive vote in the current competition to the candidate: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Slavchev, DSc.

I recommend to the honorable members of the Scientific Jury to evaluate the overall scientific production and teaching activities of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stanislav Slavchev, DSc as meeting our national criteria for quantity and quality and **to vote positively** for the acquisition of the academic title "**Professor**" for the needs of Gynecology clinic in MBAL "Sveta Anna – Varna", as well as for the needs of the Department of Healthcare, branch Sliven in the field of higher education 7. "Health and sports", professional direction 7.1. "Medicine" and scientific specialty "Obstetrics and gynecology".

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