

To the Chairman of the Scientific Jury
Appointed by Order № P -109-109/29.01.2025

To the Rector of MU- Varna

Statement

From Assoc. Prof. Dr. Plamen Milchev Chernopolsky, PhD - Head of the Board "Abdominal Surgery", Department of Surgical Diseases, MU-Varna Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov; University Hospital "St. Marina EAD", Varna, Bulgaria. Varna - internal member of the Scientific Jury, according to the order № P -109- 109/ 29.01. 2025.

Subject: procedure for acquiring the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the specialty "Surgery", professional field 7.1. Medicine, field of higher education 7. Health and Sport - one 0,5 full-time post for the Scientific Sector "Abdominal Surgery", Department of Surgical Diseases, Faculty of Medicine and one full-time post for the Second Department of Surgery at the University Hospital "St. Marina" - Varna.

Information about the procedure:

After a meeting of the Faculty of Medicine at MU-Varna under Protocol No. 33/20.01.2025 and by Order of the Rector of MU-Varna No. R- 109-109/ 29.01.2025 I was elected as a member of the Scientific Jury and by Protocol No. 1 of the first meeting of the Jury I was appointed to prepare a statement.

The necessary materials for the competition have been deposited on paper and electronic media according to the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of MU-Varna by the only candidate - Assistant Dr. Dilyan Svilenov Chaushev, Ph.D. from the Department of Surgical Diseases, MU-Varna and the Second Department of Surgery at the University Hospital "St. Marina" - Varna.

My statement complies with the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its application and the Regulations of the Medical University of Varna.

Professional data of the candidate:

Dr. Dilyan Svilenov Chaushev was born on 18.09.1985; 2004 - 2010. Higher education - Master's degree, specialty "Medicine"; 2012 - 2017 - Doctor specializing in Surgery, Second Department of Surgery, University Hospital "St. "Marina", Varna; 2013 - 2019 - "Assistant Professor", specialty "Surgery", Department of Surgical Diseases, Board of Abdominal Surgery, Medical University - Varna; 2016 - 2017 - Independent Doctoral Student at the Department of Surgical Diseases, specialty "Surgery", Medical University - Varna; 2017. 2017 - acquired a specialty in Surgery and defended a dissertation on "Diagnosis and treatment of acute cholecystitis in the elderly and the aged" and acquired a PhD; 2019 - to date - Doctor, Chief Assistant of Surgery, Second Department of Surgery, University Hospital "St. "Marina" - Varna.

Description of the materials submitted for the competition

The preparation of the opinion on the materials submitted to the competition is based on the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna, for the position of "Associate Professor".

Valuation of the scientific works submitted to the competition

The candidate's scientific production complies with the minimum national requirements under Article 26, paragraphs (2) and (3) of the Academic Staff Development Act in the Republic of Bulgaria.

A reference on the fulfilment of the minimum national requirements and the requirements of the Regulations of the Medical University - Varna has been submitted, prepared by the Library of the Medical University - Varna. It is based on information provided by the applicant and automated information from international scientific databases. The publication activity of the chief assistant Dilyan Svilenov Chaushev, Ph. D. meets the scientific-metric requirements for the academic position of Associate Professor and includes a dissertation for the award of Ph.D., a monograph, scientific publications in journals that are refereed and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information, publications and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals, a full-text publication in a scientific journal (beyond the minimum scientific-metric requirements for the position of Associate Professor) and 9 citations.

Dr. Chaushev participated in the competition with 29 publications, of which 24 in Bulgaria and 5 abroad. He is an independent author in three publications, first author - 2, as second author -3 and as third and subsequent author 21. The fields of Dr. Chaushev's publications are as follows: biliary and pancreatic surgery (G8-2; G8-3; G8-4; G8-10; G8-11; G8-12; G8-14; G8-16; G8-17; G8-18; G8-20), colorectal surgery (G7-6; G8-9; G8-6; G8-19; G8-15; G7-3; G7-4; D7-5), anterior abdominal wall surgery(D8-7; D8-8), emergency surgery, surgical treatment of elderly patients (D7-1; D7-2; D8-5).

The majority of publications reflect original results. The presented habilitation thesis is developed according to the requirements of MU - Varna.

The research and publications are directly related to the medical-diagnostic clinical activity of Dr. Chaushev and are devoted to the study and analysis of various aspects of abdominal surgery with a marked interest in oncosurgery. The candidate's scientific works include clinical cases, monocentric retrospective or prospective studies and publications resulting from participation in large international multicentric studies.

The author's statement of compliance and fulfilment of the minimum national requirements for Associate Professor was prepared on the basis of Article 26 of the Law on Research and Development and Article 65 and Article 67 of the PRAS of MU - Varna)

Indicators	Content	Associate professor (Number of points)	Points
A	Indicator 1	50	50
B	Indicator 3	100	100
C	Sum of indicators 5 до 9	200	206.63
D	Sum of indicators 10 до 12	50	90
	Total score		446,63p.

It is evident from the submitted competition material that the science metrics significantly exceed the minimum requirements for the position of Associate Professor.

Teaching and learning

Dr. Chaushev actively participates in the teaching activity of the Department of Surgical Diseases, which includes training of students in the discipline of "Surgical Diseases" for students of the specialty "Medicine", Bulgarian and English language training. The average teaching load of Dr. Dilyan Chaushev significantly exceeds the required teaching load of 220 hours.

Medical and diagnostic activity

Dr. Chaushev is a highly qualified surgeon with excellent training and a marked interest in new developments in medicine and surgery, respectively. This is evidenced by both the scientific papers presented, cutting off his own experience, and the attached reference of the candidate on his surgical activity.

In the medical-diagnostic plan, Dr. Chaushev actively participates in the operative activity of the Second Department of Surgery - emergency and elective. According to the report on operative interventions for the period 2022-2024, Dr. Chaushev has participated in a large number of operative interventions 2022 - 254; 2023 - 269 and 2024 - 272, a significant part of them of large and very large volume and complexity.

Conclusion

The professional qualification, scientific research and teaching activities of Dr. Dilyan Svilenov Chaushev, Ph.D. meet the requirements of the Regulations on the Conditions and Procedure for Acquisition of Scientific Degrees and for holding the Academic Position of Associate Professor at Medical University Varna. His scientific activity and teaching activities fully meet and exceed the required criteria for the present competition.

On the basis of the above, I give a positive evaluation for the award of the academic position of "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" to Dr. Dilyan Svilenov Chaushev, Ph.D. and I propose the honorable members of the Scientific Jury to vote positively for the award of the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sport, professional field 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty "Surgery" for the Department of Surgical Diseases, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University - Varna and for the Second Department of Surgery at the University Hospital "St. Marina" - Varna.

31.03.2025.

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Sincerely:

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Plamen Chernopolsky, D.Sc.

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