

**TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SCIENTIFIC JURY,
APPOINTED BY ORDER P-109-103/05.03.2025
OF THE RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VARNA**

OPINION

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ABOUT

The announced competition for occupying the academic position of "ASSISTANT PROFESSOR" in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sport, professional field 7.1. Medicine in the scientific speciality "Vascular Surgery" for the needs of the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery and Angiology, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna, promulgated in the State Gazette, issue 101/29.11.2024.

Pursuant to Order No. P-109-103/29.01.2025 of the Rector of Medical University - Varna and the decision of the first meeting of the Scientific Jury held on 11.02.2025, I have been appointed to prepare an opinion as an internal member of Medical University - Varna. The only candidate in the announced competition for the acquisition of the academic position "ASSISTANT PROFESSOR" at the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery and Angiology is Assoc. Dr. Emil Dimitrov Yordanov, Ph. In the electronic reference, according to the current HRAKSRB, it is evident that Dr. Yordanov meets the requirements for the academic position of "Associate Professor". The candidate has submitted all the required documents specified in the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of MU - Varna. All other required documents are up-to-date and comply with the requirements.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Dr. Emil Yordanov, M.D. was born on 02.08.1976 in the town of Varna. He graduated from Medical University - Varna in 2001 with excellent grades. In 2001 he was appointed as a resident at the surgical department of the University Hospital "St. Marina" in Varna, where he began to specialize in "Surgery". In May 2007 he defended his first surgical specialty and in December 2011 - his second specialty "vascular surgery". Since September 2022, he has held the academic position of "Senior Assistant Professor" at the Clinic of Vascular Surgery of the Medical University of Varna, as well as Head of the Clinic of Vascular Surgery,

where he continues to work at present.

According to the information submitted /from 06.01.2025/ in the specialty "Surgery" Dr. Yordanov has a work experience of 18 years and 1 month and a teaching experience of 2 years and three months. In addition to the required documents for participation in the competition, Dr. Yordanov has provided certificates of participation in postgraduate continuing education courses in Bulgaria and abroad. There is a definite interest in professional orientation in the field of carotid pathology, in particular the surgical treatment of carotid stenosis in patients with multifocal atherosclerosis. Declares proficiency in the use of state-of-the-art equipment in this field. Noteworthy is the fact that he is certified to operate echo-Doppler technique for the diagnosis of vascular diseases - such as VSD. He speaks excellent English, uses German and Russian languages.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Dr. Emil Yordanov, Ph.D. has a rich scientific activity, distributed as follows: 1. 1. The same meets all the conditions for a submitted habilitation thesis. 2. Defended dissertation on "CONTEMPORARY PROGRESS IN THE SURGERY OF ISCHEMIC CEREBRAL INSULTS". 3. Monograph "Монография "Recent advances in ischemic stroke surgery"" with a total volume of 110 pages; teaching aids - two issues with a total volume of 40 pages. 4. Publications in journals and collections of scientific content, collective volumes containing ISSN and ISBN - 31 in total, of which as co-author - 2; as first author - 2; second author - 8; third author - 5 ; secondary position in the author collective - 14. The publications are in the following fields - arterial vascular surgery - 19; operative abdominal surgery - 3; cardiac surgery - 3; other - 6. Publications in Bulgarian language - 15; publications in foreign language - 16/English/.

Scientific publications in journals with SJR and/or IF (indexed in Scopus and Web of Science) - 1; scientific publications refereed in Web of Science - 2; scientific publications refereed in Scopus - 3; articles published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals (not indexed in Scopus and Web of Science) - 22.

One official reference from the MB Varna and an addendum for citations are presented, showing the presence of 6 citations in the Scopus database and 19 Bulgarian citations.

CITED SCIENTIFIC WORKS

By indicator	Number
E10: Citations or reviews in scientific journals referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information or in monographs and scientific volumes 1	2
E11: Citations in peer-reviewed monographs and collective volumes 2	0

E12: Citations or reviews in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals 10	2
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From the submitted author's statement of research contributions, the candidate derives contributions regarding the defended dissertation - "Contemporary Advances in Ischemic Stroke Surgery", which is based on a series about one hundred of patients in whose treatment the author was directly and indirectly involved. As a contribution can be mentioned the published habilitation thesis on "Operative treatment of carotid atherosclerosis in patients with multifocal atherosclerosis", whose main author is Dr. Yordanov.

There are other contributions related to studies reflected in publications on the diagnosis of arterial reconstructions, treatment of peripheral vascular diseases, diagnosis and treatment of cerebrovascular diseases, treatment of aortic dissection, as well as processing and documentation of interesting case reports from clinical practice.

The teaching workload certificate reports 342 hours of practical teaching with BEO and AEO students for the last three years, and 64 hours of lecture course in vascular surgery and general surgery to BEO and AEO students for the same period.

The candidate has submitted a list of participation in 12 scientific forums in Bulgaria and abroad. In the electronic reference, according to the current HRAQRB, it is evident that Dr. Yordanov meets the requirements for the academic position of Associate Professor.

CONCLUSION

The scientific activity of Dr. Emil Yordanov, Ph.D. meets the requirements for acquiring the academic position of "Associate Professor", as defined in the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at the Medical University "Prof. Stoyanov" - Varna. He is a proven vascular surgeon with excellent development, with significant scientific research and extensive teaching activity. Dr. Yordanov, MD always demonstrates erudition in his teaching and treatment activities.

I believe that Dr. Emil Yordanov, Ph.D. meets the academic and scientific criteria for occupying the academic position of Associate Professor at the Medical University - Varna.

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Sincerely

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