

OPINION

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REGARDING: Competition announced in the State Gazette No. 101/29.11.2024, in accordance with a report with entry No. 102-68/10.01.2025 by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Angel Borisov Angelov, PhD - Head of the Department of "Cardiovascular Surgery and Angiology" and a decision under protocol No. 33/20.01.2025 of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Medicine for occupying the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. "Healthcare and Sports", from the professional field 7.1. "Medicine" and the scientific specialty "Vascular Surgery" for the needs of the Department of "Cardiovascular Surgery and Angiology" at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Bulgaria - Varna and the Clinic "Clinic of Vascular Surgery" at the University Hospital "St. Marina" - Varna.

The competition is attended by a single candidate – Dr. Emil Dimitrov Yordanov, PhD, who fulfills all the necessary requirements for participation in a competition for the academic position of "associate professor", listed in the Regulations for Academic Development of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna.

Dr. Emil Yordanov, PhD was born on 02.08.1976 in Varna. He graduated from the Medical University "Prof. Dr. P. Stoyanov" - Varna in 2001. He obtained a specialty in "Surgery" in 2007, and in 2012 a specialty in "Vascular Surgery". He has 24 years of medical experience.

The candidate's academic development began in 2020 as a part-time doctoral student at the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery and Angiology, specialty

"Vascular Surgery". Since 2022, he has held the position of Chief Assistant Professor in the specialty " Vascular Surgery", Department of Cardiovascular Surgery and Angiology at the Medical University - Varna. He successfully defended his dissertation on the topic "Ultrasound diagnostics of the vascular system and VSD - Inferior Vena Cava." He received the scientific and educational degree "Doctor of Philosophy" in 2022.

His professional development began as a specialist in "Surgery" at the First Surgery Clinic - St. Marina University Hospital - Varna in 2001. He obtained a specialty in "Surgery" in 2007. In 2008, he started a specialization in "Vascular Surgery" at the Vascular Surgery Clinic - St. Marina University Hospital - Varna, and in 2012, he obtained a specialty in "Vascular Surgery". Since 2022, he has been managing the Vascular Surgery Clinic at St. Marina University Hospital - Varna.

He conducts numerous continuing specializations in Bulgaria and abroad at leading medical institutions.

He is fluent in English, German and Russian.

One dissertation, one monographic work, a chapter of a book in the Bulgarian edition and 28 real publications in foreign and Bulgarian collections and journals were submitted for the competition. In 2024, a monographic work on the topic "MODERN PROGRESS IN ISCHEMIC STROKE SURGERY" was published in a circulation of 200 copies, which received high marks from respected specialists nationwide. The habilitation work was written according to modern requirements, meets all scientometric criteria mentioned in the Regulations for Academic Development of the Medical University - Varna. It offers an algorithm for assessing and choosing a method for treating the disease, which makes it a valuable tool for residents and specialists in vascular surgery with a focus in this field.

The presented list of publications demonstrates a broad thematic scope, a multidisciplinary approach to the treatment of diseases. The individual impact factor is 4.876.

Dr. E. Yordanov, PhD has 5 years of teaching experience, characterized by an intensive workload. An important feature is his communication skills in English with foreign students, whose number is constantly increasing at Medical university of Varna. His teaching activities clearly meet the requirements for the position she holds.

CONCLUSION:

The scientific activities and professional experience of Dr. Emil Yordanov, PhD, meet the requirements for acquiring the academic position of "Associate Professor", set out in the regulations for the development of the academic staff at the Medical University "Prof. Dr. P. Stoyanov" - Varna.

I believe that Dr. Emil Yordanov, PhD, meets the academic and scientometric criteria for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" at the Medical University - Varna.

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