

# REVIEW

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**Subject :** Procedure for occupying the academic position of " **Professor** " in the **specialty "Surgery"** professional field 7.1. Medicine, field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, - **one** issue, 1 full-time position for the Educational Sector "Abdominal Surgery", Department of "Surgical Diseases", Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University - city of Varna and 0.5 full-time position for the Second Clinic of Surgery at the University Hospital "St. Marina" EAD - Varna,

After a meeting of the Faculty of Medicine at MU-Varna under protocol No. 37/31.03.2025 and by Order of the Rector of MU-Varna No. 109-196/16.04.2025, I was elected as an internal member of the Scientific Jury of the Medical University, and by protocol No. 1 of the first meeting of the Medical University, I was assigned to prepare a statement.

The necessary materials on paper and electronic media have been submitted for the competition in accordance with the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of MU-Varna by the sole candidate – Assoc. Prof. Dr. Plamen Milchev Chernopolski , MD , PhD from the Department of Surgical Diseases, MU-Varna and the Second Clinic of Surgery at the University Hospital "St. Marina" EAD - Varna.

My opinion is in accordance with the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (LAADRB), its Implementing Regulations and the Regulations of MU-Varna.

## **Biographical data**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Plamen Milchev Chernopolski was born on 17.01.1980 in the city of Vidin. He graduated with full honors from Medicine in 2005 at the Medical University of Varna. In 2011 he obtained a specialty in Surgery. His academic development began in 2008 as an Honorary Assistant at the Department of Surgical Diseases - Medical University of Varna. In 2015 he defended his dissertation on the topic "Palliative interventions in malignant jaundice " and acquired the ONS "Doctor". In 2016, he published a monographic work "Mechanical jaundice " and acquired AD

"Associate Professor". Since 2023 - Head of the Second Surgery Clinic, University Hospital "Sveta Marina" EAD - Varna . In 2024 , he defended a dissertation for the acquisition of the NS "Doctor of Sciences" with the topic " Intra-abdominal abscesses".

**Member** of: Bulgarian Medical Association, Bulgarian Society of Dentistry, IASGO, Member of the editorial board of the journal "Surgery"

#### **Evaluation of the candidate's research activity:**

The scientific production of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pl. Chernopolski, PhD, DSc , corresponds to the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and para. 3 of the Act on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria.

A report on the fulfillment of minimum national requirements and the requirements of the regulations of the Medical University - Varna is presented, prepared by the Library of the Medical University - Varna, based on information provided by the candidate and automated information from international scientific databases.

The publication activity of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Plamen Milchev Chernopolski, PhD, DSc meets the scientometric requirements for holding the academic position of "Professor" and includes a dissertation for the award of the ONS "doctor", a monographic work, scientific publications in publications that are referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information, publications and reports published in non-refereed journals with scientific review, and one full-text publication in a scientific journal (outside the minimum scientometric requirements for taking up academic position of Professor) and 22 citations.

#### **• SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chernopolski participated in the competition with **43** publications, of which **22** in Bulgaria and **21** abroad. As the sole author – **3** first author - **8** , as the second author - **20** and as the third and subsequent - **15** .

Twenty-three (53.4%) of the scientific publications to meet the minimum national requirements for AD "Professor" are indexed in global databases ( Scopus , Web of Science) (B4.1 – B4.10) – **255 points. with a mandatory minimum of 100 points.** - (Г7.1-Г7.13) – **272 points - a total of 527 points.** with a minimum requirement of 80 points. for clinical disciplines, and 16 are in non-refereed journals with scientific review (Г8.1-Г8.20) **103.54 points** . with a total number of points of **375.54 points. with a mandatory minimum for indicators Г5-9 – 200 points.**

**Total number of points – sum of indicators (B4)+(G7+G8)+(D13-D15) + (E13- E22)= 1025.54**

The thematic areas in which Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chernopolski 's publications are located can be divided into 4 areas that represent the interests of the candidate and the most common surgical pathology in the clinic:

- Hepatobiliary surgery –14;
- Clinical cases – 10;
- Diseases of the small and large intestine – 17;

➤ Herniology

– 2;

• **TEACHING AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chernopolski actively participates in the educational activities of the Department of Surgical Diseases, which includes training students in the discipline "Surgical Diseases" for students of the specialty "Medicine", Bulgarian-language and English-language training. The teaching experience of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chernopolski is 15 years, 03 months and 22 days. The study load report shows that during the last four academic years from 2020 to 2024 the workload is as follows - **491, 360, 350, 355** hours, which exceeds the workload norm by more than three times, which is **120** hours.

• **TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSTIC ACTIVITY**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chernopolski has 18 years and 6 months of experience in the specialty and actively participates in the operational activities of the Second Clinic of Surgery of the University Hospital "St. Marina" EAD - emergency and planned. For the last three years, Assoc. Prof. Chernopolski has participated in **1383** - surgical interventions - **501** emergency and **882** planned. As an established surgeon, he masters both conventional and minimally invasive surgical techniques. He applies laparoscopic surgery as the preferred method for surgical treatment of diseases of the hepatobiliary system.

Assoc. Dr. Plamen Chernopolski Dr. M.Sc. is a colleague with high professional qualities. His professional experience is objectively reflected in a number of scientific publications. His high qualifications make him valuable and respected by students, postgraduates and fellow lecturers.

The professional qualification, scientific research and teaching activities meet the requirements of the Regulations on the conditions and procedure for acquiring scientific degrees and for occupying the academic position of "Professor" at the Medical University of Varna.

Based on the above, I give my positive assessment and recommend to the Honorable Scientific Jury to award Assoc. Prof. Dr. Plamen Milchev Chernopolski, PhD, DSc the Academic Position "Professor" Scientific specialty General Surgery.

19.06.2025 Assoc.

Prof. Dr. Al. Zlatarov , D.M.

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