

To the Chairman of the Scientific Jury  
As determined by Order № P- 109-196/16.04.2025  
Of the Rector of MU- Varna

## **Statement**

**from Prof. D-r Vasil Markov Bozhkov, MD, PhD, DSc**

Internal member of the Scientific Jury, according to an order № P- 109- 196/16.04.2025  
of the Rector of MU- Varna

**Concerning:** procedure for taking up academic position "**Professor**" in the **specialty** "**Surgery**" professional field 7.1. Medicine, field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, - one number, **1** full-time position for the Educational Sector "Abdominal Surgery", Department of "Surgical Diseases", Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University - Varna and **0.5** full-time position for the Second Clinic of Surgery at the University Hospital "Saint. Marina" - Varna,

### **Information about the procedure:**

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 for the competition have been deposited on paper and electronic media in accordance with the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of MU-Varna by the only candidate - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Plamen Milchev Chernopolsky, MD, PhD, DSc from the Department of Surgery, MU-Varna and the Second Clinic of Surgery at the University Hospital "St. Marina" - Varna.

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

**Candidate's professional data:**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Plamen Milchev Chernopolsky was born on 17.01.1980.

**1999/2005** - Master degree of Medicine Golden Hippocrates

**2006/2011** - Specialization in Surgery

**2008** - Honorary Assistant at the Department of Surgery – MU-Varna

**2009** - Assistant at the Department of Surgery – MU-Varna

**2011** - Specialty in Surgery

**2013-2015** - Full-time PhD at the Department of Surgery – MU-Varna

**2015** - ESD „ Doctor “ “Palliative interventions in malignant jaundice”

**2016** – Monography “ Malignant jaundice” Associate Professor: “Surgery”

**2016/2025** - Associate Professor: “Surgery”

**2023** – Chief of Second Clinic of Surgery, University Hospital "Sveta Marina

**2024** - Academic Degree "Doctor of Sciences “ Intraabdominal abscesses”

**Member of:** BLS, BGSS, IASGO Member of the editorial board of the journal "Surgery";

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

The scientific production of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chernopolsky complies with the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, 2 and 3 of the Act on the Development of the 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 Chernopolsky, MD, PhD DSc meets the scientometric requirements for holding the academic position of "Professor" and includes a dissertation for the award of the EDS "Doctor", a monography, scientific publications in publications that are referenced and indexed in world-renowned database with scientific information, publications and reports published in non-refereed journals with scientific review, and two full-text publications in a scientific journal (beyond the minimum scientometric requirements

for holding the position of "Professor") and 22 citations.

### Scientific production

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chernopolsky participated in the contest with **43** publications, of which **22** in Bulgaria and **21** abroad. Single 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 the title "Professor" are indexed in world databases (Scopus, Web of Science) (B4.1 - B4.10) - **255pts. with a mandatory minimum - 100pts.** - (G7.1-G7.13) - **272pts - total 527pts** with minimum requirements **80pts** for clinical disciplines, and 16 are in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals (G8.1-G8.20) **103.54pts** with total points **375.54pts** with mandatory minimum for indicators **G5-G9 - 200pts.**

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

The thematic areas in which Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chernopolsky's publications are can be divided into 4 groups 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 learning activities

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chernopolsky actively participates in the educational activities of the Department of Surgery, which includes training of 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. Chernopolsky is 15 years, 03 months and 22 days. The study load report shows that over the last four academic years from 2020 to 2024, the workload was as follows - **491, 360, 350, 355** hours, which exceeds the workload norm by three times, which is **120** hours.

### Medical and diagnostic activities

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chernopolsky has 18 years and 7 months of experience in the specialty and actively participates in the operational activities of the Second Clinic of Surgery of

UMHAT "Sveta Marina" - emergency and elective. For the last three years, Assoc. Prof. Chernopolsky has participated in **1383** - surgical interventions - **501** emergency and **882** elective. 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. From 15.11. 2023 Assoc. Prof. Chernopolsky holds the position of Chief of Second Clinic of Surgery of UMHAT "Sveta Marina"

**Conclusion:**

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Therefore, I confidently give my positive assessment and recommend to the Honorable Scientific Jury to award Assoc. Prof. Dr. Plamen Chernopolsky, MD, PhD, DSc the Academic Position "Professor" in the Scientific Specialty of General Surgery.

04.06.2025г.

Varna

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