

To the Chairman of the Scientific Jury
Appointed by Order No. P -109-196/16.04.2025
To the Rector of MU- Varna

STATEMENT

From Prof. Rumen Nikolov Nenkov, PhD - Head of the Board "Thoracic Surgery",
Department of "Surgical Diseases" MU-Varna Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov; University Hospital
"St. Marina EAD - gr. Varna - internal member of the Scientific Jury,
according to the order № P -109- 196/ 16.04. 2025.

Subject: procedure for filling the academic post of Professor in the specialty "Surgery", professional field 7.1. Medicine, field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sport - one position , 0,5 full-time position for the Sector "Abdominal Surgery", Department of Surgical Diseases, Faculty of Medicine and 1 full-time position for the Second Department of Surgery at the University Hospital "St. Marina" EAD - St. Varna.

Information about the procedure:

After a meeting of the Faculty of Medicine at MU-Varna under Protocol No. 37/31.03.2025 and with the Order of the Rector of MU-Varna No. R- 109-196/ 16.04.2025 I was elected as a member of the Scientific Jury of the Scientific Jury, and by Protocol No. 1 of the first meeting of the Scientific Jury I was appointed 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 - Associate Professor Dr. Plamen Milchev Chernopolsky, DSc from the Department of Surgical Diseases, MU-Varna and the Second Department of Surgery at the University Hospital "St. Marina" EAD - Varna.

My opinion complies with the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria. Bulgaria (the Academic Development Act), the Regulations for its application and the Regulations of MU-Varna.

Candidate's professional data:

Associate Professor Dr. Plamen Milchev Chernopolsky, DSc was born on 17.01.1980 in Vidin; 1999-2005. Higher education - Master's degree, specialty "Medicine"; 2006 - 2011 - Doctor specializing in Surgery, Second Department of Surgery, University Hospital "St. Marina"- Varna; 2009-2016 - Assistant Professor at the Department of Surgical Diseases - MU-Varna, 2011 - acquired a specialty in Surgery; 2015 - defended dissertation thesis "Palliative interventions in

malignant icterus” and acquired PhD; 2024 - defended dissertation thesis “Intra-abdominal abscesses” - and acquired DSc; since 2016 “Associate Professor” in Surgery; since March 2024 - Head of the Board of Abdominal Surgery - Department of Surgical Diseases; Since November 2023 - Head of the Second Department of Surgery at the University Hospital “St. Marina”.

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 Academic Position of Professor.

Evaluation of the scientific works submitted to the competition

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

A report on the fulfilment of the minimum national requirements and the requirements of the regulations of the Medical University - Varna is submitted, prepared by the Library of Medical University - Varna. It is based on information provided by the applicant and automated information from international scientific databases. The publication activity of Associate Professor Plamen Chernopolsky, DSc meets the scientific requirements for the academic position of professor and includes a dissertation for the award of Ph.D., a dissertation for the award of DSc, which 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 AP “Professor”) and 22 citations.

In the competition Assoc. prof. Plamen Chernopolsky participated with 43 publications, distributed as follows: first author - 8, as second author - 20 and as third and subsequent author - 15 and 2 dissertations.

According to the data from the Academic Reference prepared by the library of MU - Varna / № 133 from 01.04.2025 / and the compliance with the minimum national criteria in Area 7. Health and Sport, Professional field 7.1 Medicine - Medical-clinical field, it is established that: the total number of points in indicator C4 is 255 points; the total number of points in indicators D5-D9 is 375.54 points (with a mandatory minimum of 200 points). The total number of points for indicator G7 is 272 points (with a mandatory minimum for clinical specialties - 80 points).

The main directions in the diagnostic-treatment and scientific research work of Assoc. prof Dr. Pl. Chernopolsky are related to diseases of the biliary system, gallstone disease and its complications, postcholecystectomy syndrome, liver abscess and echinococcosis of the liver, acute pancreatitis and its complications, benign and malignant diseases of the small and large intestine, postoperative hernias and their complications, acute peritonitis. The researches and publications are directly related to the medical-diagnostic clinical activity of Assoc. prof Plamen Chernopolsky and are devoted to the study and analysis of various aspects of abdominal surgery with a particular interest in oncosurgery, hepatobiliary surgery and colorectal surgery. Candidate's scientific works include clinical cases, monocentric retrospective or prospective studies and publications resulting from participation in large international multicentric studies.

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

The submitted scientific production is sufficient in volume for participation in the competition and meets the criteria adopted at MU - Varna.

The results of the candidate's scientific research have been reported at 50 scientific forums in Bulgaria and abroad.

The citations reflecting the scientific activity of the candidate for the title "Professor" according to the reference from the Medical Library at MU-Varna (indicator D10-12 - with the submitted list of citations of the works of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Plamen Chernopolsky DSc are 22/195t.

The author's report on compliance and fulfillment of the minimum national requirements for a Professor was prepared on the basis of Article 26 of the Law on the Research and Development of the Academic Staff of Republic of Bulgaria and Articles 65 and 67 of the PRAS of the Medical University of Varna).

Indicators	Contents	Required number of points	points
A	Indicator 1	50	50
B	Indicator 3	100	255
C	Sum of indicators 5 до 9	200	375.54
D	Sum of indicators 10 до 12	50	195
E	Sum of indicators 13-22	80	150
	Total score		1025.54 p.

It is evident from the competition submission that the science metrics significantly exceed the minimum requirements for the position of "Professor"

Teaching activity

Assoc. Prof. Plamen Chernopolsky 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 Assoc. prof Chernopolsky significantly exceeds the required teaching load of 110 hours.

Medical diagnostic activity

Dr. Chernopolsky is a highly qualified surgeon with excellent training and a marked interest in new developments in medicine and surgery. This is evidenced by the scientific papers presented, cutting off his own experience, as well as by the applicant's attached reference on his surgical activity.

In the medical and diagnostic plan assoc. prof dr. Chernopolsky actively participates in the operative activity of the Second Department of Surgery - emergency and elective. According to the reference on operative interventions for the period 2022-2024, Assoc. prof Chernopolsky was involved in a large number of operative interventions in 2022 - 474; 2023 - 456 and 2024 - 453, a significant part of them were of large and very large volume and complexity.

Conclusion

The professional qualification, scientific research and teaching activities of Associate Professor Dr. Plamen Milchev Chernopolsky, DSc meet the requirements of the Regulations on the Conditions and Procedure for the Acquisition of Scientific Degrees and for Holding the Academic Position of 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 "PROFESSOR" to Associate Professor Dr. Plamen Milchev Chernopolsky, DSc and I propose the honorable members of the Scientific Jury to vote positively for the award of the academic position of "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 of the Medical University - Varna, and for the Second Department of Surgery at the University Hospital "St. Marina" EAD - Varna.

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Varna

Sincerely:

Prof. Dr Rumen Nenkov, PhD

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