To the Chairman of the Scientific Jury
As determined by Order № P- 109-203/16.04.2025
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 N_{\odot} P- 109- 203/16.04.2025

of the Rector of MU- Varna

Concerning: procedure for taking up academic position "Professor" in the specialty "Urology" professional field 7.1. Medicine, field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, - one number, 1 full-time position for the Department of "Urology", Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University - Varna and 0.5 full-time position for the Clinic of Urology 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. 38/14.04.2025 and by Order of the Rector of MU-Varna No. 109-203/16.04.2025. 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. Tosho Yordanov Ganev, MD, PhD. DSc from the Department of Urology, MU-Varna and the Clinic of Urology 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. Tosho Yordanov Ganev was born on 24.11.1963.

- 1986-1993 Master of Medicine
- 1994-1999 Specialization in Urology at the Medical University in Varna
- **1999** Acquired specialty in urology
- 1998-2001 Assistant Professor, Department of Urology, Department of Surgical Diseases, Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov"
- 2001-2008 Senior assistant at the Department of Urology, Department of Surgical Diseases, Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov"
- 2008 Senior Assistant Professor, Department of Urology, Department of Surgical Diseases, Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov"
- 2009 Educational and scientific degree "Doctor", Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov"
- 2013 Associate Professor, Urology, Department of Surgical Diseases, Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov".
 - 2015-2024- Head of the Clinic of Urology, St. Anna Hospital Varna
 - 2017 Head of the EDS of Urology
- 2023 "Doctor of Sciences", specialty Urology, Department of Surgical Diseases, Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov"
- 2024 Head of the Department of Urology , Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov"
 - 2025 Head of the Department of Urology, St. Marina University Hospital, Varna
 - Member of the Bulgarian Urological Society.
 - Member of the Board of the Bulgarian Urological Society.

Evaluation of the candidate's research activity:

The scientific production of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ganev 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. Tosho Yordanov Ganev, 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", two monographies, 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 23 citations.

Scientific production

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ganev participated in the contest with 13 publications. Single author - 7 first author -1, as the second author - 4 and as the third and subsequent - 1.

Six (46.1%) of the scientific publications to meet the minimum national requirements for the title "Professor" are indexed in world databases (Scopus, Web of Science) (G6) – **40T.** (G7.1-G7.6) – **234.67T** (G8.1-G8.2) **12T.** with a total score of 280.67 points, with a mandatory minimum for indicators D5-9 - 200 points.

Total points - sum of indicators (B4) +(G7+G8) + (D13-D15) + (E13-E22) = 895

The main directions in the research work are related to modern methods of prostate gland diagnostics, surgical treatment of high-risk prostate cancer, optimization of hormonal therapy in prostate cancer, complication of kidneys obtained after extracorporeal lithotripsy, study of the relationship between PSA density and the degree of differentiation of prostate cancer assessed by Gleason scoring.

- 1. Oncourology
- 2. Urogynecology
- 3. Congenital anomalies of the kidneys
- 4. Inflammatory diseases of the kidneys.

Teaching and learning activities

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ganev actively participates in the educational activities of the Department of Urology, which includes training of students in the discipline of Urology for students of the specialty "Medicine", Bulgarian and English language training. The teaching experience of

Assoc. Dr. Ganev is 26 years, 07 years and 26 days. From the reference for teaching workload it is evident that in the last five academic years from 2018 to 2024 the workload is as follows - 134, 88, 90, 100, 98,106 hours, with the norm for workload - 126h.

Medical and diagnostic activities

Assoc. Dr. Ganev has 30 years and 3 months of experience in the specialty and actively participates in the operational activities of the Clinic of Urology - emergency and elective. He applies laparoscopic surgery as the preferred method of surgical treatment of diseases of the urinary system.

Conclusion:

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