# TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCIENTIFIC JURY DETERMINED BY ORDER No. P-109-203/16.04.2025 TO THE RECTOR OF MU, VARNA PROF. DR. RAIKOV D.N.

#### **STATEMENT**

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Subject: competition published in the State Gazette No. 15/21.02.2025 for the academic position of "Professor" in the scientific specialty "Urology" in the Department of "Urology" of the Faculty of Medicine, Medical University of Varna for the needs of the Urology Clinic of the University Hospital "St. Marina" - Varna.

Sole candidate - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tosho Yordanov Ganev, Ph.D., Head of the Urology Clinic at the University Hospital "St. Marina", Medical University of Varna.

I. Brief data on the professional development of the candidate

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tosho Yordanov Ganev, Ph.D. was born in the town of Tutrakan. In 1993 he graduated from the Medical University - Varna. From 1994 to 1999 he specialized in urology. In 1999 he acquired a specialty in urology. From 1998 to 2001 is an assistant professor in Urology at the Department of Surgical Diseases of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov". From 2001 to 2008 he was a senior assistant professor in Urology at the same department. In 2008 he became the chief assistant professor of Urology at the Department of Surgical Diseases of the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov". In 2009 he defended his "Doctor" degree. In 2013 he was elected "Associate Professor" in Urology, Department of Surgical Diseases, Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov". From 2015 to 2024 he was the head of the Urology Clinic at the "St. Anna" Hospital in Varna. Since 2017 he has been the head of the Urology Board. In 2023 defended his ONS "Doctor of Sciences", specialty: Urology, Department of Surgical Diseases, Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov". In 2024, he was elected Head of the Department of Urology, Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov", and since 2025, he has been Head of the Urology Clinic at the University Hospital "Sveta Marina" in Varna.

In 2003, he completed a course in Endourology. In 2007, he acquired the qualification to perform biopsies under ultrasound control in urology, ureteroscopy and cystoscopy. In 2008, he acquired the qualification to perform endourological methods for the treatment of urolithiasis. In 2008, he acquired the qualification to perform endoscopic and percutaneous treatment methods in

emergency urology. In 2009, he completed a specialized course "Laser treatment of the prostate" - Germany. In 2009, passed the course "Percutaneous Nephrostomy, Litholapaxy and Ureterorenoscopy - Patras, Greece. In 2011, he completed a course in Laparoscopy, MU-Pleven. In 2011, he passed the course "Advanced Reconstructive Surgery of the Pelvic Floor", Germany. In 2024, he acquired the legal qualification to work with the CMR Versius robotic system. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tosho Yordanov Ganev, PhD is the author of 2 monographs with a total volume of 240 pages. He has 50 full-text publications in the country and abroad. He participates with scientific reports and presentations in our and international scientific forums. He is a member of the editorial board of the journal "Urology and Endourology" and "Clinical Urology". He is a member of the Bulgarian Medical Union, the Bulgarian Urological Society, the Bulgarian Association of Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery and the European Association of Urology. He participates as a principal investigator in international multicenter studies in the field of oncourology. He is fluent in written and spoken English, German and Russian and is computer literate.

#### II. Evaluation of the candidate's scientific works

To participate in this competition, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ganev presents himself with a habilitation work - a monograph on the topic: "Modern diagnostics of prostate cancer", MU - Varna, 2025 and 9 full-text publications indexed in Scopus and Web of Science. In addition to them, there are 9 publications in non-refereed journals with scientific review or in edited collective volumes. From the submitted reference of the Medical Library at MU-Varna, it can be seen that the candidate has 23 citations in Scopus, Web of Science and Google Scholar. He has a total IF - 19.219. Assoc. Prof. Ganev has participated in a total of four successful scientific projects at MU-Varna. He has 2 defended doctoral students.

#### III. Scientific research activity - main directions and contributions

The main directions in the scientific research work of Assoc. Ganev are related to modern methods of prostate gland diagnostics, surgical treatment of high-risk prostate gland carcinoma, optimization of hormonal therapy in prostate carcinoma, kidney complications after extracorporeal lithotripsy, study of the relationship between PSA density and the degree of differentiation of prostate carcinoma assessed by Gleason score.

# IV. Teaching and learning activities

The teaching activities of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ganev include work with Bulgarian and foreign students, interns, postgraduates and doctoral students. He participates in semester and state exams in "Urology". He is the author of a number of curricula. His total teaching experience is over 26 years.

## V. Diagnostic and therapeutic activity

The active surgical activity of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tosho Ganev is reflected in his scientific research. The use of the entire spectrum of urological interventions is evident: endoscopic, laparoscopic, robotic and open. The operations performed are related to the application of the most modern technologies. The diagnostic methods used also cover all urological standards.

## VI. Conclusion

Taking into account the surgical achievements and scientific development of Assoc. Prof. Ganev, his appearances in national and international urological forums, as well as his undeniable professional qualities and authority, I confidently give my positive assessment for his appointment to the academic position of "Professor". I also recommend to the esteemed members of the Scientific Jury to vote positively for Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tosho Ganev, PhD, to hold the academic position of "Professor" at the Department of Urology of the Faculty of Medicine, Medical University - Varna.

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Respectfully:

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