

To: Career Development Department
according to Order No. P-109-418/03.10.2025
of the Rector of MU - Varna

Scientific Statement

Re: Announcement of a competition for the Academic Position of **"Professor"** in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports; Professional field 7.1. Medicine and the scientific specialty **"Surgery"** for the needs of the Department of General and Operative Surgery at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Varna.

by Prof. Dr. Rossen Evgeniev Madjov, MD, PhD, DSc

Information about the procedure:

Following a decision by the Academic Council and an order by the Rector of MU-Varna, dated 3 October 2025, a competition was announced for the position of Professor of Surgery in State Gazette No. 64/05.08.2025 for the needs of the Department of General and Operative Surgery at MU-Varna.

Following the first meeting of the Scientific Council and a decision by the Chair of the Scientific Council, I have been appointed to prepare an opinion.

Only one candidate has submitted documents for participation in the competition: Assoc. Prof. Veselin Marinov Marinov, MD.

I received all the documents necessary for preparing this opinion from the Career Development Department at MU - Varna.

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

Professional details of the candidate:

Dr. Veselin Marinov Marinov was born on March 29, 1973, in Sofia.

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| 1997 | - graduated Medicine in MU – Sofia. |
| 2003 | - recognized specialty in "Surgery". |
| 2012 | - receives the title of PhD. |
| 2014 | - Master's degree in Health Management. |

2016	- AD - senior assistant
2019	- AD "Associate professor" – MU – Varna.
2024	- Doctor of Science degree

Assoc. Prof. V. Marinov has many specializations in leading university surgical centers in Bulgaria and abroad.

Assoc. Prof. V. Marinov, MD, has certificates in minimally invasive - laparoscopic and robotic surgery.

Assoc. Prof. V. Marinov, MD, is an active member of the Bulgarian Heart Association, the Bulgarian Medical Association, and EAES.

Assessment of quantitative and qualitative scientific indicators:

The following have been submitted for participation in the competition for the academic position of "Professor":

- Dissertation - 2
- Monographies - 1
- Full-text publications in refereed and indexed journals in world-renowned databases - 9
- Full-text publications in journals and scientific collections - 25
- Participation with reports at scientific forums in Bulgaria - 39

Dr. Veselin Marinov successfully defended his dissertation for the degree of PhD on the topic *"Study on the surgical treatment of chronic pancreatitis and its complications."* Medical University - Sofia; 2012.

In 2024 Assoc. Prof. V. Marinov successfully defended his dissertation on the topic: *"Effectiveness and safety of laparoscopic colorectal resections. Comparative analysis with open surgery. Risk assessment and methods for reducing perioperative complications"* for the scientific degree of "DOCTOR OF SCIENCES."

Compliance with minimum national requirements:

According to the data from the Academic Reference of Assoc. Prof. Veselin Marinov, MD, prepared by the library of MU – Varna (No. 714 of 02.09.2025) and the compliance with the minimum national criteria in Area 7. Healthcare and Sports, Professional field 7.1 Medicine – Medical-clinical field – The total number of points for G5 - G9 is **254.14**.

Nine of the publications covering the minimum national requirements for the academic degree of "Professor" are indexed in global databases (Scopus, Web of Science) (G7.1-G7.9) – **130.57** points, and **25** are in non-referenced peer-reviewed journals (G8.1-G8.25) **123.57** points, with a total number of points of **254.14** points, and a mandatory minimum for MU-Varna is **200** points.

Citations:

Citations reflecting the scientific activity of the candidate for the academic degree of "Professor" according to the report from the Medical Library – Varna (indicator D 10-12) – with a list of citations of the works of Dr. Veselin Marinov, MD (15) – **150** points.

The scientific output presented is sufficient in volume for participation in the competition and meets the criteria adopted by MU - Varna.

Medical and diagnostic activities:

Over the years, Assoc. Prof. V. Marinov has established himself as a highly skilled surgeon and has gained considerable experience in the multidisciplinary diagnostic and treatment process.

According to the information provided on Assoc. Prof. V. Marinov's surgical activity for 2023-2025, he has performed many surgical procedures, most of which were very extensive and complex, including minimally invasive procedures - laparoscopic and robotic.

He also has numerous specializations in leading clinics in Europe.

Teaching and lecturing activities:

According to the certificates provided by MU - Varna and Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda University Hospital Assoc. Prof. Veselin Marinov has a teaching load as an honorary lecturer at MU (AEO lectures to students) and a teaching load with residents at Tokuda University Hospital.

According to Certificate No. 109-569/02.09.2025 from MU - Varna, Assoc. Prof. V. Marinov is a scientific supervisor of doctoral students - one successfully defended doctoral student and supervisor of another doctoral student in independent form of training.

Conclusion:

Assoc. Prof. Veselin Marinov, MD, has over **26** years and **6** months of total work experience as a surgeon.

His scientific works include contributions based on clinical material from diagnosed and treated patients, advanced methods, and developed algorithms for diagnostic and therapeutic behavior. He also trains surgical residents.

All the facts mentioned in the professional biography, scientific output, diagnostic-therapeutic and teaching activities of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Veselin Marinov, MD, DSc, corresponding to the legal requirements of the ZRASRB, the Regulations for its application, as well as the Regulations of the Medical University – Varna, give me sufficient grounds to recommend that the Scientific Jury vote positively and award him the academic degree of "**Professor**" in "**Surgery**" for the needs of the Department of General and Operative Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University of Varna.

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With compliments:
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