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STATEMENT

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Re: The announced competition for occupying the academic position of Associate Professor in higher educational field 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty: Vascular Surgery, for the needs of the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery and Angiology, Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov Medical University of Varna; promulgated in State Gazette 43/ 31.05.2019.

Pursuant to Order P-109-241/ 26.07.2019 of the Rector of the Medical University of Varna and the decision of the first meeting of the scientific jury held on 05.08.2019, I present my statement as an external member in the above mentioned competition.


In the announced competition, Dr. Angel Angelov, MD, is the only candidate. When preparing his application, Dr. Angelov presented the entire set of necessary documents required by the Rules for Development of Academic Staff of the Medical University of Varna, which meets the requirements. The information submitted shows that the candidate fulfils the necessary requirements for acquiring the academic position of Associate Professor as well as that in the Surgery and Vascular Surgery specialties Dr. Angelov has 32 years and 8 months of work experience and 28 years and 6 months of lecturer experience.

Short Biographical Information

Dr. Angel Angelov, MD, was born on 18.05.1959 in the city of Varna. In 1986, he graduated from the Medical University of Varna with honours. The same year, he started working as an intern at the surgical ward of the Municipal Hospital of Veliki Preslav. There, he began his training in surgery and graduated in December 1994.

In the period from January 1990 to October 1990, he worked as a surgery intern at the Municipal Hospital of Varna. In November 1990, he occupied the academic position of Assistant at the Clinic of Vascular Surgery of the Medical University of Varna. In 1996, he occupied the academic position of Senior Assistant, and in 2010, the academic position of Chief Assistant. In May 2004, he acquired his second specialty in vascular surgery.

In the period from 2004 to 2006, he had a two-year specialization in vascular surgery and phlebology in Germany, at the Hospital for Cardiovascular Surgery in Bad Bevensen. On 31



May 2006, he started working at the outpatient care of St. Marina Diagnostics and Consultation Centre, and in January 2011 he was appointed at the Vascular Surgery Department of UMHAT St. Marina EAD. In March 2018, he started his specialization in his third specialty – Angiology - at ACIBADEM Tokuda Hospital, city of Sofia.

During his career as a vascular surgeon, the candidate has participated in a number of specializations and postgraduate training courses in the country and abroad, in various fields of vascular diseases. Positive impression leaves his strong interest in modern therapeutic methods in the field of minimally invasive treatment of vascular diseases (laser ablation, mini-phlebectomies, sclerotherapy, etc.), evident from the relevant certificates and diplomas enclosed.

The documentation submitted proves that Dr. Angelov has 32 years and 8 months of work experience and 28 years and 6 months of lecturer experience in Surgery.

He is fluent in German, speaks English and Russian.

Scientific Activity

The scientific activity of Dr. Angel Angelov, MD, can be divided as follows:

1. Habilitation thesis *Endoluminal Laser Ablation of Stem Varicose Veins*. The thesis fulfils all the conditions for submission of a habilitation thesis under the current Development of Academic Staff in Republic of Bulgaria Act (DASRB);
2. Defended dissertation thesis - *EVLA - Endovenous Laser Ablation of Varicose Veins - Analysis of Results by Wavelength and Type of Fibre*;
3. Publications in journals and scientific collections, collective volumes, with ISSN and ISBN – 15 in total, in 9 of which Dr. Angelov is first author; in 4 – second or third author; and in 2 – with another position in the authors' team.

With respect to the scientific topics developed in the publications presented, his scientific activity can be divided as follows:

- endoluminal laser ablation – 6
- arterial vascular surgery - 4
- sclerotherapy – 2
- phlebology – 1
- others – 2

The documentation submitted (official reports from the Central Medical Library (CMB) of Sofia and an appendix thereto with citations) proves the presence of 13 citations in the Scopus database and 31 citations in Bulgarian publications. The report on scientific works citations looks as follows:



By indicator	Number
Д10: Citations or reviews in scientific publications, refereed and indexed in world-renowned scientific information databases or in monographs and scientific volumes	1
Д11: Citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific reviews	2
Д12: Citations or reviews in non-refereed journals with scientific reviews	10

The author's report on contribution to the scientific papers submitted puts as first the defended dissertation - *EVLA - Endovenous Laser Ablation of Varicose Veins - Analysis of Results by Wavelength and Type of Fibre*, which presents extremely up-to-date personal results based on the author's experience in the treatment of 812 extremities in different patients.

A significant contribution is also the published habilitation thesis *Endoluminal Laser Ablation of Stem Varicose Veins*, with Dr. Angelov as its main author.

Other significant contributions in Dr. Angelov's scientific career include:

- Algorithm in the complex treatment of complicated varicose disease;
- Indications and ways of administering tumescent anaesthesia, as well as possible complications and ways of their treatment;
- Transcutaneous laser treatment of spider varicose veins.

We should also mention Dr. Angelov's hard work in promoting laser ablation in Bulgaria as an option in the treatment of chronic venous disease.

As an important contribution to the vascular surgery in our country, we should also mention the merit of Dr. Angelov for organizing and conducting the 34th International Varadi Workshop of Phlebology, Lymphology, and Angiology in May 2019 in Varna.

In addition to the above, a list of 120 scientific forums attended, both in Bulgaria and abroad, was presented.

The workload certificate for the last 5 years shows 695 hours of lecturer activity.

The electronic report provided shows that Dr. Angelov fulfils the requirements for occupying the academic position of Associate Professor under the current Development of Academic Staff in Republic of Bulgaria Act (DASRBA).

Conclusion

Over the years of his professional career, Dr. Angel Angelov has established himself as a proven specialist in the field of vascular surgery, and his scientific works have become the basis for promoting the minimally invasive methods of treating CVD in the country. His lecturer activity also occupies a significant part of his work as a specialist and a lecturer.



Based on the documentation presented and my impressions of the candidate's professional career and scientific and lecturer activity, I believe that Dr. Angel Angelov, MD, meets the academic and scientific criteria for occupying the academic position of Associate Professor at the Medical University of Varna.

14.08.2019

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Stara Zagora

(Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimitar P. Petkov, MD)

The undersigned Ivelina Ivanova Ivanova hereby certifies that this is a true and accurate translation from Bulgarian into English of the attached document (Statement by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimitar P. Petkov, MD). The translation consists of 4 (four) pages.

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