

# **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 was appointed to prepare a statement as an internal member of the Medical University of Varna. The only candidate for the announced competition for acquiring the academic position of Associate Professor at the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery and Angiology is Dr. Angel Angelov, MD. The electronic report under the current Development of Academic Staff in Republic of Bulgaria Act (DASRB) shows that Dr. Angelov meets the requirements for occupying the academic position of Associate Professor. The candidate submitted all required documents specified in the Rules for Development of Academic Staff of the Medical University of Varna. All other mandatory documents are up-to-date and meet the requirements.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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 was appointed to work as an intern at the surgical ward of the Municipal Hospital of Veliki Preslav, where he began his specialization in surgery. In December 1994, he defended his first surgical specialty, and in May 2004, his second specialty in vascular surgery. Between January 1990 and 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. On 18.03.1996, he occupied the academic position of Senior Assistant, and on 18.02.2010, the academic position of Chief Assistant. In the period from 2004 to 2006, he had a two-year specialization in Germany, at the Hospital for Cardiovascular Surgery in Bad Bevensen. He specialized in vascular surgery and phlebology and mastered the technique of minimally invasive access. Then he returned to Bulgaria and on 31.05.2006 started working at the outpatient care of St. Marina Diagnostics and Consultation Centre. On 26.01.2011, he was appointed at the Vascular Surgery Department of UMHAT St. Marina EAD. On 01.03.2018, he started his specialization in his third specialty – Angiology - at ACIBADEM Tokuda Hospital, city of Sofia.

According to the information submitted, Dr. Angelov has 32 years and 8 months of work experience and 28 years and 6 months of lecturer experience in Surgery. In addition to the mandatory documents for participation in the competition, Dr. Angelov also submitted certificates of participation in postgraduate courses for continuing education in Bulgaria and abroad. He is especially interested in the field of minimally invasive phlebology. He declared skills for working with most modern phlebological equipment. Of note is the fact that he was certified to work with Biolitec laser generators. He is fluent in German and speaks English and Russian.

### SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Dr. Angel Angelov, MD, has had extensive scientific activity that 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. 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 he is first author; in 4 – second or third author; and in 2 – with another position in the authors' team. The publications are in the following areas: endoluminal laser ablation - 6; arterial vascular surgery - 4; sclerotherapy - 2; phlebology - 1; others – 2.

Two official reports were presented from the Central Medical Library (CMB) of Sofia and an appendix thereto with citations, where there are 13 citations in the Scopus database and 31 Bulgarian citations.

### SCIENTIFIC WORKS CITATIONS

By indicator	Number
D10: Citations or reviews in scientific publications, refereed and indexed in world-renowned scientific information databases or in monographs and scientific volumes	1
D11: Citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific reviews	2
D12: Citations or reviews in non-refereed journals with scientific reviews	10

From the author's report submitted on contribution to scientific papers, the candidate stated contribution to the defended dissertation thesis - *EVLA - Endovenous Laser Ablation of Varicose Veins - Analysis of Results by Wavelength and Type of Fibre* -, based on a series of 812 extremities of patients whose treatment the author was directly involved in. The published habilitation thesis *Endoluminal Laser Ablation of Stem Varicose Veins* can be mentioned as a contribution, too, with Dr. Angelov as its main author.

There are other contributions related to the studies reported in the publications on the



administration of tumescent anaesthesia and the development of algorithms in the complex treatment of complicated varicose disease. He was the first in the country to report transcutaneous laser treatment of spider varicose veins.

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

The candidate submitted a list of 120 scientific forums attended in Bulgaria and abroad.

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

### CONCLUSION

The documents presented by Dr. Angel Angelov, MD, and his professional and academic development fully meet the requirements for acquiring the academic position of Associate Professor set out in the Rules for Development of Academic Staff of Prof. P. Stoyanov Medical University of Varna. Given the undoubtedly high level of professionalism of Dr. Angelov as a lecturer and a contemporary surgeon, I propose that the scientific jury vote positively for him to occupy the academic position of Associate Professor at the Medical University of Varna.

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