

#### OPINION

Prof. Dr. Radoslav Nenkov Gaydarski, PhD, DMSC. for Dr. Veselin Marinov PhD in connection with his participation in a competition for "Associate Professor" announced by MU "Prof. Parashkev Stoyanov" Varna for the needs of the Department of Surgical Diseases. The competition was announced in GG.

Dr. Marinov was born in Sofia on March 29, 1973. He graduated from secondary school with an excellent English language teaching. He is admitted to a medical student at MU. - Sofia, who also graduated with excellent success in 1997. In the same year, he was appointed as a surgeon at the Third Surgical Clinic of the Institute for Emergency Medical Care, Pirogov. In 2003, after a successful examination, he received a specialty in Surgery, after which he was appointed surgeon at LOZENETS Hospital (formerly "Governmental"), where he worked until 2005, then went to a one-year specialization in Germany - University Hospitals in Essen and Bochum. Specialization is in the field of liver transplantation and hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery. After discovering the so-called Japan's TOKUDA Hospital was appointed as a surgeon in the newly opened surgical department at the hospital in November 2006. In 2014, he was appointed Head of the Department of Mini Invasive and Laparoscopic Surgery to the previously established "Liver-Biliary, Pancreatic and General Surgery" at the Tokuda Hospital. In 2012 he successfully defended dissertation on "Surgical Treatment of Chronic Pancreatitis and its Complications", then gained the scientific degree PhD In the same year he graduated with a degree in Public Administration - Health Management at the University of National and World Economy - Sofia. Chosen as Chief Assistant of the Clinic, 2016, which currently occupies the position. Dr. Marinov's total length of service is 21 years, of which as a specialist surgeon in the current year he will be 15 years.

#### SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY

In this competition Dr. Marinov presents 89 scientific publications distributed in the place of their publication in scientific journals, congresses, symposiums in Bulgaria and abroad. They are arranged according to the years of publication and the place of Dr. Marinov in the author's protocol is described up to first – third place. The presented papers for participation in the competition are: Monographic work on Chronic Pancreatitis covering 212 standard pages with the participation of the best specialists dealing with the problems of chronic pancreatitis. It is noteworthy the distribution protocol for the participation of each individual expert in the scientific work, including Dr. Marinov, where he is mentioned that he participates with 121 pages corresponding to 100 points and recognition as academic habilitation. The same theme is the thesis "Surgical treatment of chronic pancreatitis and its complications" defended in 2012.

Publications in scientific journals and scientific forums are divided into the following sections:

PUBLICATIONS INDEXED IN WORLD SCIENTIFIC DATA BASES (ACCORDING TO THE AUTHOR) - a total of 7 in which Dr Marinov occupies 2 first places, 2 - second and third place in the remaining 3 is after third place.

PUBLICATIONS IN SCIENTIFIC AND SCIENTIFIC MAGAZINES AND ISSN AND ISBN - 52.

In them Dr. Marinov was the first author in 23, second and third in 11 and third place in 18 publications, divided by areas: "Surgical interventions of the pancreatic gland" - 17 participations,

"Hepatobiliary Surgery" - 15 , "Stomach Surgery" - 7, "Colorectal Surgery" - 10, the remaining 10 in various areas of diseases requiring surgical intervention or treating problems related to diagnostics, treatment of other diseases.

PUBLICATIONS AND PARTICIPATINGS IN OUR FOREIGN SCIENTIFIC FORMS NOT INCLUDING ISSN AND ISBN - 28.

In them Dr. Marinov was the first author in 8 reports, second and third author - 11, and third - 9 participations.

Scientific reports are in "Pancreas Surgery" - 3, "Hepatobiliary Surgery" - 5, "Stomach Disease Surgery" - 7, "Colorectal Interventions" mainly in Malignancies - 4, Other Diseases - 9.

Dr. Marinov has presented certificates for participation in 22 postgraduate courses in our and foreign scientific surgical clinics and departments in various areas of abdominal surgery. Preferred are liver, pancreatic and colorectal diseases. It is also worth mentioning his one-year specialization in Germany at the clinics of University Hospitals of the cities of Essen and Bochum on "Transplantation, Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery".

From the scientific publications Dr. Marinov presents an author's report for 9 contributions related to the dissertation, 5 contributions in the scientific publications and 6 in the monograph "Chronic pancreatitis". The contributions in the first section of a total of 9 actually correspond to those with the exception of the first created input document for the creation of a database for patients with chronic pancreatitis and the last 9th contribution made an original questionnaire for the assessment of the late results of the chr. pancreatitis.

Second Section - 5 Contributions, of which I consider the first and the fourth to be non-compliant. The same applies to the first, fourth and fifth contributions in the third section of the Chronic Pancreatitis monograph. The other contributions I consider to be well formulated with proven scientific value and practical expediency, which should be promoted among the surgical community in our country because, due to ignorance and a lack of practical training in the departments in the country even in leading clinics are allowed simple errors in the treatment of chronic pancreatitis with severe consequences for the treated patients.

From the reference made in connection with the citations of the scientific publications of Dr. Marinov, 22 citations were searched in our scientific journals and 2 in the database of SCOPUS.

#### TEACHING ACTIVITY

After his appointment as Chief Assistant in 2016, Dr. Marinov is responsible for the educational activities in the Clinic of Pancreatic, Liver-Biliary and General Surgery. According to data issued by the Acibadem - City Clinic - Tokuda Hospital certificate for the period 01.01.2014 to 31.03.2019, Dr. Marinov has completed a training course with postgraduates and continuing education amounting to 528 eq. hours of which 438 with postgraduates and 90 with continuing education.

#### SURGICAL ACTIVITY

He began his appointment as a surgeon in the Third Surgery of the Pirogov Institute in 1998 and covers the period from then to today - that is, more than 20 years, of which 15 as a specialist in surgery. Dr. Marinov has participated as operator and assistant operator in numerous operative interventions of different caliber and nature. Presents documents for a 5-year period - 2014-2018 years for personal 1711 operations as an operator without his participation as first and second assistant operator. Operative interventions are described by years and the corresponding area of the abdomen and other parts of the body.

Type of the operative intervention	2014 г.	2015 г.	2016 г.	2017 г.	2018 г.	Total
Thyreoid interventions	25	24	23	23	25	120
Abdominal wall hernia recovery	69	80	64	69	85	367
Colorectal operations	20	29	33	33	43	158
Surgery of distal esophagus, stomach, duodenum	6	7	14	7	20	54
Hepato-biliary operations	22	38	35	39	30	164
Operations of the pancreas	8	5	10	9	9	41
Intestinal surgery	12	18	13	8	10	61
Laparoscopic cholecystectomies	55	54	80	73	73	335
Appendectomies	8	16	14	8	6	52
Laparoscopic hiatal hernia repair	1	5	3	7	14	30
Retroperitoneal space operations	0	3	1	3	3	10
Splenectomies	2	5	0	4	2	13
Mammary gland operations	1	1	0	1	1	4
Others	61	62	65	68	46	302
Total	290	347	355	352	367	1711

The presented table shows Dr. Marinov's exceptional surgical activity, which, as the first operator, performed more than 350 surgical interventions annually in various areas of the abdominal cavity with a medium and large volume of operative interventions on the liver, bile, colon and rectum. the clinic is the leading surgeon in the laparoscopic surgical interventions - gall bladder, diaphragmatic hernia, colon and rectum - 335 laparoscopic cholecystectomies and 158 colorectal and 120 thyroid resections. In recent years Dr Marinov has been certified to work with the Da Vinci surgical robotic system.

#### CONCLUSION

From the materials presented for review, covering the scientific, educational and surgical activities of Dr. Marinov, it is clear that he possesses the qualities of a formed young scientific worker with accumulated practical experience, which allow him not only to improve himself, but also to transmit and prepare young candidates for surgery. 89 scientific publications, 1,711 personally executed surgical interventions, more than 500 hours of study are proof of his ability and willingness to participate in the "Associate Professor" competition. According to data from

the Electronic Report of Indicators, according to the actual legislation, Dr Marinov has 2295 points, which are divided down into groups of the law and have the following structure: Group A - 50 tons of dissertation. Group B - 100 m, h.p.: Group D - 420 m.p. In the world-famous magazine in the same group - 1560t. publ. in the Sbor 52 issue, group -A - 95 pt. and reviews, group E 70 points total 2295. Dr. Marinov is known among the surgical community in our country as a participant with reports and scientific reports at the annual national symposiums, conferences and congresses in Bulgaria and abroad. A respected personality is in the team of the "Biliary Liver, Pancreatic and General Surgery Clinic" both among the medical staff and among the treated patients. Drawing from all this and witnessing his career scientific and surgical practical development and growth for more than 15 years, I strongly recommend to the Honorable Scientific Jury to award the academic position of Doctor Vesselin Marinov.

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