

OPINION

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CONCERNING

Announced Competition for occupying academic position: "Associate professor" in the field of Higher Education 7. Health and sports, professional direction 7.1. Medicine in the scientific specialty of Obstetrics and gynecology for the needs of the Department of Obstetrics and gynecology, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna, and Maternity ward at MPHAT "St. Anna" AD, city of Varna, promulgated in the State Gazette, issue 62/06.08.2019.

In fulfilling Order of the Rector of the Medical University - Varna № P-109-137/07.10.2019 and the decision of the first meeting of the Scientific Jury, held on 21.10.2019, I was appointed to prepare an opinion as an internal member of the Medical University - Varna.

The only candidate on the announced competition for the acquisition of the academic position "Assistant Professor" at the Department of Obstetrics and gynecology is Dr. Nikolay Dimitrov Kolev, MD. The electronic reference in accordance with the current Law on the development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria shows that Dr. Kolev meets the requirements for occupation of the academic position of Associate Professor. The applicant has submitted all required documents specified in the Rules for development of the academic staff of MU – Varna. All other mandatory documents are up-to-date and meet the requirements.

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

Dr. Nikolay Kolev, MD was born on 19.06.1968 in the city of Varna. He graduated from the Medical University of Varna in 1994. In 2002 he was appointed as a resident in the Maternity ward, MPHAT "St. Anna – Varna" AD. In 2004 he acquired a specialty in Obstetrics and gynecology. The candidate's academic development began as a part-time lecturer at the Department of Obstetrics and gynecology in the period from 2014-2017, from 2017 to 2018 he was an assistant, and since 2018 he's been a chief assistant.

Dr. Kolev has conducted a number of training and qualification courses. He completed training in Colposcopy in OG in 2002 at MU-Sofia, 2003 - training in Ultrasound diagnostics in OG in MU-Varna, 2005 - Training course about: 3D ultrasound diagnostics and qualified to operate with CHISON 8800 crystal 3D ultrasonic scanner; 2010 - Qualification on topic: "Modern trends in contemporary gynecology". BMA, BSOBGYN; 2010 - Qualification of the topic: "Modern aspects of obstetrics and gynecology". BMA, BSOBGYN; 2012 - Qualification on topic: "Contemporary prenatal diagnostics - risk pregnancy". BMA, BSOBGYN; 2013 – Qualification on topic: "Preterm birth, preterm fetus". BMA, BSOBGYN; 2016 – Medical training on topic: "Maternal-Fetal Medicine". BMA, "Maternal-Fetal Medicine" Association;

2017 – Training in “Ultrasound diagnostics in obstetrics and gynecology practice”. Medical University Varna.

He's been a member of the Bulgarian Medical Association, Bulgarian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

He is fluent in Russian and English.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Dr. N. Kolev has had a rich scientific activity, as the scientific activity is distributed as follows:

1. An abstract of a dissertation for awarding the educational scientific degree Doctor of medicine on topic "Biochemical changes and transvaginal ultrasound in preterm birth"
2. Habilitation work on topic “Preterm birth. Modern diagnostics”.
3. Publications in scientific journals, peer-reviewed and indexed in world-famous scientific information databases – a total of 9 full-text publications, 1 abstract.
4. Publications in non peer-reviewed scientific journals or published in edited collective volumes - 17 full-text publications.

There have been publications in scientific journals and collections produced, beyond those involved in the evidence material for covering the minimum requirements for occupying the academic position of Associate Professor, three of which are related to the dissertation thesis and one is a publication abstract of a report from a scientific forum.

One (1) official reference from the Library to the Medical University-Varna has been presented, as well as a supplement to them for citations, which shows the presence of 9 citations or reviews in scientific publications, peer-reviewed and indexed in world-famous databases of scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes, and 2 citations in non-peer-reviewed scientific journals.

It is apparent from the submitted author's reference on the contributions to the scientific works that the applicant's total publication activity contains 33 scientific papers. Of these, 29 participate as evidence in the reference on the fulfillment of the minimum requirements for occupying the Associate Professor AP, pursuant to the Law on the development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria from 2018. The presented scientific works and the results of the research work have been thematically distinguished in the following scientific fields: preterm birth, alternative methods of treatment, pregnancy and dental treatment, varia. Scientific contributions with original, confirmatory and practical character for each area have been presented.

There have been also 4 publications produced beyond the evidence material for meeting the minimum requirements for occupying the Associate Professor AP.

The Certificate of educational workload shows reported 388 teaching hours for the 2017/2018 academic year and 448 teaching hours for the 2018/2019 academic year.

The candidate has presented a list of participations in 13 scientific forums in Bulgaria and abroad.

The electronic report, according to the current LDASRB shows that Dr. Kolev meets the requirements for occupying the academic position of Associate Professor.

CONCLUSION

The scientific activity of Dr. Nikolay Kolev, MD meets the requirements for acquiring the academic position "Associate Professor", set out in the regulations for the development of academic staff at the Medical University "Prof. Dr. P. Stoyanov "- Varna. He is a proven obstetrician-gynecologist with excellent development, with significant scientific research and widely represented educational and teaching activity. Dr. Kolev, MD demonstrates erudition in his teaching and treatment activity.

I believe that Dr. Nikolay Kolev, M.D. covers the academic and scientometric criteria for occupying the academic position of Associate Professor at the Medical University of Varna.

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