

REVIEW

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Subject: competition for the academic position "**Professor**" (0.25 full-time position) in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine and scientific specialty "**Nephrology**" for the needs of the Second Department of Internal Medicine, Board of Nephrology, Dialysis and Toxicology, Faculty of Medicine, MU-Varna, announced in SG no. 8 / 28.01.2020

1. Presentation of the procedure

Based on an order of the Rector of MU-Varna № r-109-193 / 03.06.2020. and protocol №20 / 16.03.2020. of the Faculty of Medicine at the Medical University - Varna I have been appointed to participate in the scientific jury of the competition.

At the first absentee meeting of the Scientific Jury from 15.06.2020. I have been selected as a reviewer of the competition for the academic position "Professor" in the scientific specialty "Nephrology" (0.25 full-time position) for the needs of the Second Department of Internal Medicine, Board of Nephrology, Dialysis and Toxicology at the Faculty of Medicine at MU-Varna.

For the announced competition for the academic position "Professor" in Nephrology (0.25 full-time position) at the Faculty of Medicine at MU - Varna in SG issue 8 / 28.01.2020. There is an application received from one candidate: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Atanas Ivanov Koundurdjiev, Ph.D.

I received the set of materials on paper / electronic media within the regulated period, which corresponds to the requirements of the announced competition for the academic

position "Professor" of Nephrology at MU - Varna. When reviewing the materials, I did not find any violations of the competition procedure.

2. Biographical data

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Atanas Ivanov Koundurdjiev, Ph.D. was born on July 11, 1957. He studied medical education at the Medical Academy, MF - Sofia in the period 1977-1983. In 1983 he started his professional career as a district therapist in Hadjidimovo village in until 1985. After that in 1985 he became a clinical resident in internal medicine until 1988, assistant at the Cardiology Clinic from 1988. until 1992, assistant at the Clinic of Nephrology from 1992 until 1993, senior assistant at the Clinic of Nephrology from 1993 until 1995, chief assistant at the Clinic of Nephrology at the University Hospital "Alexandrovska" since 1995 until 2015, Head of the Nephrology Department at the Clinic of Nephrology and Dialysis of the University Hospital "St. Ivan Rilski ", Sofia since 18 September 2015. to 05.05.2017, Head of the Clinic of Nephrology at the University Hospital "St. Ivan Rilski" since 05 May 2017 until now. For this period of academic development Assoc. Prof. Dr. At. Koundurdjiev, PhD holds important administrative positions - Deputy Minister of Health from 2000 until 2001, Executive Director of University Hospital "Alexandrovska" from 2001 to 2002, Secretary General of the BMA from 2002 until 2003 and others. In his work experience he goes through all stages of medical practice - from a doctor head of the rural health service in the village of Hadjidimovo, to the Head of the Clinic of Nephrology. He has a scientific degree "Doctor" - diploma № 177-D / 2013 and academic position "Associate Professor" - diploma № MUS-AD-D-2017-004, MU-Sofia, MF, University Hospital "St. Ivan Rilski ", Sofia.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. A. Koundurdjiev, PhD has three acquired specialties: Internal medicine (1990), Cardiology (1992), Nephrology (1995) and "Health Management" - master's degree (2002), which presupposes extensive practical, teaching, research and administrative experience.

3. Research and teaching activities

The research and teaching activity of Assoc. Prof. Dr. A. Koundurdjiev, PhD can be summarized as follows:

1. scientometric criteria

The scientific activity of Assoc. Prof. Dr. A. Koundurdjiev, PhD has 43 titles after taking academic degree "Associate Professor":

- ♦ monographs - 5
- ♦ participation in textbooks, books and teaching aids - 4
- ♦ full-text publications in scientific journals and collections - 23, of which:
 - abroad - 12
 - in the country - 11
- ♦ publications of abstracts in journals and collections - 11

From publications in journals and collections, Assoc. Prof. Dr. A. Koundurdjiev is:

- first and independent author in 20
- second author in 15
- third and consecutive author in 8

From the mentioned publications Assoc. Prof. Dr. A. Koundurdjiev, PhD has a total IF - 46,798.

Citation:

According to a reference from the Central Medical Library of MU - Sofia (citation reference №51 / 07.02.2020) the scientific works of Assoc. Prof. Dr.A. Koundurdjiev,

PhD are cited in Bulgarian sources 63 times, and in Scopus, Web of Knowledge, Web of Science - over 300 times.

2. Scientific interests

The scientific interests of Assoc. Prof. Dr. A. Koundurdjiev are in the following main directions:

- 1) studies on the changes in the kidneys, heart and blood vessels with age;
- 2) study on the changes in the kidneys, heart and blood vessels at the different stages of CKD;
- 3) studies of the changes in the kidneys, heart and blood vessels after transplantation;
- 4) gout and cardiovascular risk;
- 5) cardiorenal syndrome.

As a summary of the scientific interests I can point out that they are significantly focused on the cardiac characteristics and assessment of patients with renal pathology, assessment of the cardiorenal syndrome in these patients with detailed theoretical justification and clinical focus.

3. Teaching activity

Assoc. Prof. Dr. A. Koundurdjiev, PhD has been teaching for over 20 years. With a certificate from MU - Sofia, the study activity is 250 hours for 2019 and 275 hours for 2018. Conducts training for students from 4th and 5th year of "medicine" in the disciplines of Internal medicine and Nephrology. Participates in examination commissions for students and graduates, state examination commissions for the specialty "Nephrology". Specialists and MD students are trained in the clinic run by him.

These data give me the reason to conclude that the teaching activities of Assoc. Prof. Dr. A. Koundurdjiev, PhD exceeds the required minimum.

4. Diagnostic and treatment activities

Assoc. Prof. Dr. A. Koundurdjiev, PhD has a proven and significant clinical experience. In theoretical and practical aspect, his clinical and academic experience is optimized with the possibilities of another clinical specialty - Cardiology, which he masters. He goes through all stages of clinical practice in parallel with an academic career. This development logically led to his election as an associate professor and appointment as a head of a Nephrology Clinic at a University Hospital. Based on many years of professional experience as a nephrologist, he conducts training for students, as well as in the system of postgraduate training of doctors. Assoc. Prof. Dr. A. Koundurdjiev, PhD participates in professional and scientific societies in the field of nephrology with active collaboration and authority over his colleagues.

CONCLUSION

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Atanas Koundurdzhiev, Ph.D. is a respected nephrologist with many years of practice and proven scientific and practical own results in the field of Nephrology. He has defended his dissertation for the scientific and educational degree "Doctor". Participates in the competition for the academic degree "Professor" with a sufficient number of scientific publications, of which one dissertation, participation in textbooks and manuals, monographs and published abstracts. He has achieved very high IF and citations in the scientific literature. His teaching activity exceeds the required minimum. From the presented data I believe that the research, teaching and medical-diagnostic activity of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Atanas Koundurdjiev is definitely above the minimum national requirements. His candidacy meets all the criteria for the academic position of "Professor". This gives me a reason to vote in favor and I propose to the esteemed members of the scientific jury to vote positively for Assoc. Prof. Dr. Atanas

Koundurdjiev to take the academic position "Professor of Nephrology" at the Second Department of Internal Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine - MU - Varna.

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