

To the Chairman of the Scientific Jury,  
determined by order № P-109-167 /  
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Prof. Dr. Krassimir Ivanov, DSc

## OPINION

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**Subject:** Competition for the academic position "Associate Professor", field of higher education 7. Health and sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty "Surgery" - one, 0.5 full-time position for the needs of the Department of General and Operative Surgery at the Faculty of Medicine and 0.5 full-time position for the First Clinic of Surgery at the University Hospital "St. Marina" EAD-Varna. The competition was published in the State Gazette issue 14 / 18.02.2022: The scientific jury was appointed by order of the Rector of the Medical University - Varna № P-109-167 / 14.04.2022.

The only candidate in the competition is Dr. Alexander Kamenov Zlatarov , Ph.D. Meets all the necessary requirements for participation in the competition for the academic position "Associate Professor", listed in the Regulations for academic development of the Medical University "Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna.

Dr. Alexander Kamenov Zlatarov , Ph.D. is born through 1987 Graduated \_ Medicine at the Medical University of Varna in 2012 . The professional you are career begins through 2012 \_ such as doctor - specialist in specialty " Surgery" at the First Clinic of Surgery at the University Hospital "St. Marina " . Through 2018 acquires \_ specialty on Surgery. Since 2012 he has held the positions of Assistant, Administrative Assistant and Chief Assistant at the Department of General and Operative Surgery, MU-Varna. Dr. Zlatarov has participated in congresses and forums in Bulgaria and abroad in the field of surgery and oncology.

His active pursuit of improving medical skills is confirmed by his participation in a number of courses and specializations held in the country. His desire to develop and acquire new skills in the field of surgery should be noted. Dr. Zlatarov has completed courses in endoscopy , minimally invasive surgery. It is noteworthy that he is certified as a console surgeon for the daVinci Xi robotic surgery system.

Dr. Zlatarov has had the opportunity to master a wide range of surgery, which contributes to the good treatment results that are presented in scientific reports.

He is a member of BMA and BSS.

Fluent in English, German and Russian.

55 real articles are presented for the competition - dissertation - 1, chapter of a monography, Ph.D. (published abroad) - 7, chapter of a monography (published in Bulgaria ) - 1, publications in journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information , of which: published abroad - 5 , published in Bulgaria - 9, publications in unreffered journals, of which: published in Bulgaria - 30, published abroad - 3.

The presented dissertation work "New methods in the laparoscopic treatment of hiatal hernias ", with which in 2018 Dr. Zlatarov acquired ONS "Doctor" systematizes the latest achievements on this issue with lasting medical significance, which are reflected in Bulgarian and foreign literature, and illustrates the long experience of First Clinic of Surgery for Minimally Invasive Surgery for Hiatal Hernia The work is highly praised by reviewers and is a valuable tool for practitioners and especially novice surgeons.

The thematic scope of her scientific works is wide enough, covering a large practical and theoretical part of surgery. The publications meet high scientific criteria. Rare cases of severe pathology have been presented, which have ended favorably, thanks to the application of high-tech and innovative methods.

The publications of Dr. Zlatarov have 8 citations (reference was prepared by the Library of MU -Varia ).

Dr. Zlatarov has 9 years of teaching experience. Conducts lectures and exercises for students from the Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Dental Medicine, Faculty of Public Health. His excellent language skills are manifests itself in the teaching of students in the program "Foreign Language Teaching. His workload definitely meets and exceeds the requirements for his position.

Dr. Zlatarov's practical activity is highly appreciated by colleagues and patients.

## CONCLUSION

The scientific activity of Dr. Alexander Kamenov Zlatarov meets the requirements for acquiring an academic position, Associate Professor ", defined in the regulations for the development of the academic staff at the Medical University "Prof. Dr. P. Stoyanov " - Varna and the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria. He is a colleague with sufficient experience and a proven desire for scientific and practical development. In addition, he is involved in research and teaching.

I believe that Dr. Alexander Kamenov Zlatarov covers the academic and scientometric criteria for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" at the Medical University - Varna.

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