

To the Chairman of the Scientific Jury,  
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Prof. Dr. Krassimir Ivanov, MD

## **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 Ch. Assistant Professor 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.

### **Biographical data**

Dr. Alexander Kamenov Zlatarov , PhD is born through 1987 in the city of Varna. It's over First Language High School in 2006 and Medicine at the Medical University of Varna in 2012 . He has 9 years of experience in the specialty, and since 2012 he has been working as a doctor in the First Clinic of Surgery at the University Hospital "St. Marina" , since 2018 he has a recognized specialty in Surgery. After a competition held in 2012, he held the positions of Assistant, Administrative Assistant and Chief Assistant at the Department of General and Operative Surgery, MU-Varna.

Dr. Zlatarov has actively passed a number of postgraduate courses in the field of endoscopy, laparoscopy and robotic surgery.

Dr. Zlatarov has had the opportunity to master a wide range of surgery. The experience gained, together with the staff of the Department of General and Operative Surgery is presented in a number of publications in Bulgarian and international journals.

Participates in two research projects.

He is a member of BMA and BSS.  
Fluent in English, German and Russian.

### **Research activity**

For the competition are presented 55 real articles - dissertation - 1, chapter of a monograph (published abroad) - 7, chapter of a monograph (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 unrefereed journals, of which: published in Bulgaria - 30, published abroad - 3.

In 2018, Dr. Zlatarov defended his dissertation "New methods in the laparoscopic treatment of hiatal hernias."

The candidate's contributions are obvious and have both scientific and practical nature. As a contribution can be mentioned the dissertation defended in 2018 "New methods in the laparoscopic treatment of hiatal hernias", conducted a statistical analysis of a large number of patients operated at the First Clinic of Surgery using modern methods. There are other contributions related to studies in the field of colorectal surgery, upper gastrointestinal surgery, hepatobiliary surgery, minimally invasive surgery for adrenal tumors and others.

As a practical contribution can be considered the participation in the first in the University Hospital "St. Marina" robotic surgery for rectal cancer.

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

### **Teaching activity**

Dr. Zlatarov, MD leads exercises and lectures on "General and operative surgery" - students of Medicine Bulgarian and English language training, III year, "Surgical diseases" - students of Medicine Bulgarian and English language training, IV and V year, "Surgery incl. Anesthesiology and Emergencies" - students of Dental Medicine - Bulgarian and English language training - III year "Surgery" - students majoring in "Midwife", "Rehabilitator", "X-ray laboratory assistant". His excellent language skills are manifested in the teaching of students in the program "Foreign Language Teaching. Its study load is constantly increasing, reaching 541 in the 2020/2021 academic year . o'clock.

## **CONCLUSION**

The research and teaching activity of Dr. Alexander Kamenov Zlatarov, Ph.D. 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.

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

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