

OPINION

from

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regarding competition for the acquisition of the academic position "Associate Professor"

In the field of higher education 7. "Health and sports", professional direction 7.1 "Medicine" and scientific specialty „General surgery” for the needs of the Clinic for hepatic, biliary, pancreatic and general surgery of Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL “Tokuda” Sofia, published in the State Gazette issue 98 from 24.11.2023.

Regarding: SCIENTIFIC AND TEACHING ACTIVITY of:

Dr. Dimitar Delchev Rusenov, PhD

For the procedure:

Dr. Dimitar Rusenov is a sole candidate.

The regulations of the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB) and the Regulations for its application in Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL “Tokuda” Sofia, respectively - the clauses for acquiring the academic position "Associate Professor" have been followed.

Biographical data and career profile of the candidate

Dr. Dimitar Rusenov, PhD completed his medical education in 2000 in MU-Sofia, subsequently acquired a specialty in Surgery in 2007 at the Department of Surgery of MU-Sofia. In 2020 he defended a dissertation on the topic: "Anatomical and atypical liver resections - results and comparative analysis" at Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL "Tokuda" Sofia, with which he obtained the scientific and educational degree "Doctor". From 2021, he also holds a master's degree in the specialty "Public Health and Health Management" at the Faculty of Public Health of MU-Sofia. In the period 2003-2009 Dr. Rusenov worked at the "Alexandrovskia" UMBAL Sofia, where he successively held the positions of: clinical resident, assistant and senior assistant. Since 2010 he was a research associate II degree at Tokuda Hospital, Sofia. In 2020 he was appointed as chief assistant in General Surgery at Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL "Tokuda" Sofia.

In his professional and scientific development, Dr. Dimitar Rusenov has successfully passed through various SDO-courses related to increasing his professional qualification in the field of biliary-liver surgery, pancreatic surgery, laparoscopic bowel and gastric surgery, ultrasound diagnostics of the gastrointestinal tract and others.

Evaluation of the teaching activities

According to the official notes presented - from the Medical Faculty of the Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" and from Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL "Tokuda" Sofia, for the period 2019-2023 Dr. Dimitar Rusenov has taught students of "Medicine" and "Medicine in English", as well as general surgery residents, has been conducting practical exercises, leading continuing education and thematic courses within the scope of his specialty.

Evaluation of the scientific metrics

The main areas of Dr. Dimitar Rusenov's research activity are: biliary-liver surgery, pancreatic surgery, laparoscopic bowel and gastric surgery.

In the current competition, one dissertation, one independent monograph and 42 scientific works are subject to review, of which 17 are published in English. 38 publications are in full text, of which 14 are in English. 9 of the publications were published in journals referenced in world-renowned databases of scientific information.

A total of 5 citations were found in the databases: SCOPUS and Web of Knowledge and 29 citations were found in Bulgarian sources. The so-called Hirsch index (**h-index**) = 1, i.e. on average, 1 of his scientific works is cited at least 1 time in a period of one year.

Scientific contributions

I divide the scientific contributions of Dr. Dimitar Rusenov into two categories:

1. Contributions of an original scientific nature

This category undoubtedly refers to the dissertation on the topic: "Anatomical and atypical liver resections - results and comparative analysis" (paper No. 20), in which the results of two main approaches in biliary-hepatic surgery are compared based on the analysis of a significant amount of clinical material. The independent monograph on the topic: "Rare localizations of echinococcal disease" (paper No. 38) also has its original scientific value, because it fully and comprehensively examines the problem of echinococcal disease and its complications in the human body.

2. Contributions of a scientific and applied nature

Works related to various aspects in the scope of abdominal surgery are presented, including analysis of classic surgical approaches and description of a number of specific postoperative complications, rare clinical cases, numerous topics from the field of oncosurgery, application of mini-invasive methods in abdominal surgery, etc.

CONCLUSION

All procedures for the announcement of the competition and the admission of the candidate to participation in the competition have been followed.

From the presented facts, it is clear that the scientific creativity and academic commitment of Dr. Dimitar Rusenov meet, both quantitatively and qualitatively, the modern criteria for the academic title "Associate Professor" in terms of all the parameters laid down in ZRASRB and the Regulations for its application in Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL "Tokuda" Sofia.

The described contributions of original and applied nature demonstrate high qualifications, practical experience and in-depth theoretical knowledge in many areas of the specialty of General Surgery.

I offer a positive assessment in the current competition to the candidate Dr. Dimitar Rusenov and I recommend to the honorable members of the Scientific Jury to evaluate the overall scientific production and teaching activities of Dr Dimitar Delchev Rusenov as meeting our national criteria for quantity and quality and **to vote positively** for the acquisition of the academic title "Associate Professor" for the needs of the Clinic for hepatic, biliary, pancreatic and general surgery at Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL "Tokuda" Sofia - in the field of higher education 7. "Health and sports", professional direction 7.1 "Medicine" and scientific specialty „General surgery”.

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