

## STATEMENT

By prof. Dr. Ognyan Georgiev Brankov, DSc, pediatric surgeon, Acibadem City Clinic University Hospital Tokuda – Sofia, elected as an internal member of the Scientific Jury by decision of the Scientific Council (Protocol N 49/01-11.2023) according to Article 56 of the Rules of Development of the Academic Staff of „ASK University Hospital Tokuda“. The decision of the first non-attendance meeting is to present an opinion.

### ABOUT

Contest for academic position „Associate Professor“ in higher education 7. Healthcare and sports, professional field, 7.1 Medicine, scientific specialty „General surgery“ for the needs of the clinic of liver, biliary pancreatic and general surgery of „Acibadem city clinic UMBAL Tokuda“ EAD, announced in SG, no. 98/24.11.2023.

Dr. Dimitar Delchev Rusenov, PhD, who is the only candidate for the competition, is admitted to the competition. It meets all the requirements of ZRASRB, the Regulations for its application and the Rules for the conditions and procedure for obtaining scientific degrees and holding academic positions in „Acibadem City Clinic University Hospital Tokuda“ EAD. All necessary documents are provided.

#### *Professional data*

Dr. Dimitar Rusenov graduated higher education in medicine in 2000 at MU — Sofia. He has acquired a specialty in Surgery in 2007. Since 2011 he has acquired a master's degree in Health Management. In 2020 he defended his dissertation on the topic „Anatomical and atypical liver resections - results and comparative analysis“, for which he was awarded the educational and scientific degree „Doctor“ .

Dr. Rusenov worked from 2003 to 2010 as a clinical physician, assistant and senior assistant at „Alexandrovskia“ University Hospital - Sofia, where he was a consecutive assistant, senior assistant in the clinic of General Liver, Biliary and pancreatic surgery of UMBAL „Alexandrovskia“

From 2010 until now he is a doctor, research assistant II degree and chief assistant at the Clinic of Liver, Biliary pancreatic and General Surgery“ of Tokuda Hospital. He is a honorable assistant to the MF of SU „Sv. kl. Ohrid“ for the academic years 2019 – 2024 of students of medicine of III, V and VI course „Surgery“.

#### *Qualification*

Dr. Rusenov has passed a number of qualification courses and trainings on ultrasound of the gastrointestinal tract, biliary-hepatic, pancreatic as well as laparoscopic colon and gastric surgery. His research and practical interests are mainly in the listed surgical areas.

#### *Scientific production*

Dr. Rusenov presents himself at the competition with a total of 45 titles:

1. Dissertation on the acquisition of educational and scientific degree „PhD“,

2. Monograph on the topic „Rare localizations of echinococcal disease: rules of diagnosis, methods of treatment and prevention“, CMB Publishing, 2023, 128 p.

3. 43 real scientific publications, of which 25 is an independent or first author.

The scientific activity of Dr. Rusenov includes also participations with reports at congresses and conferences presented as a list.

#### *Scientific indicators*

According to a reference from the Central Medical Library at MU – Sofia, a total of 29 citations were found in Bulgarian sources. In the Scopus, Web of Knowledge databases, Google Scholar found a total of 9 citations in foreign journals. Thus, the total number of citations found amounted to 38. They talk about the significant scientific value of publications. The author has not provided a reference for Impact Factor.

According to the data on the scientific criteria for holding the academic position presented in the Minimum Points table „Associate Professor“, Dr. Rusenov has 400 points, which covers and even exceeds these requirements.

#### *Scientific contribution*

I accept the scientific contributions presented by Dr. Rusenov, which are diverse and affect different areas of surgery. His works have solid scientific-theoretical and scientific-applied contributions, published in reputable specialized medical journals. The results have been reported to authoritative international congresses.

#### *Teaching activity*

The workload of Dr. Dimitar Rusenov is very well represented. In ASA, University Hospital Tokuda EAD has realized a total of 932 hours, which includes active participation in the training of students of surgery as a honorable assistant to the Faculty of medicine of Sofia University „Sv. Kliment Ohridski“ for the school years 2019 - 2024.

#### *Conclusion*

The candidate Dr. Dimitar Delchev Rusenov, PhD, fully meets the requirements of ZRASRB, the Rules for the implementation of ZRASRB and the Rules of „Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda“ EAD for the academic position „Associate Professor“. Given the above, I propose to the honorable scientific jury to vote positively on the choice of d-r Rusenov for academic position „Associate professor “ in this competition.

Sofia, Prof Dr. Ognyan Brankov, DSc

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