

STATEMENT

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Subject: A competition procedure for the position of Professor in the Health and Sport, professional field 7.1 Medicine and scientific specialty "Gastroenterology" for the needs of the Clinic of Gastroenterology of Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda University Hospital EAD

Procedural items: by the decision of the Scientific Council of the ASC of Tokuda University Hospital EAD and Order No. 15-05-83/27.03.2025 I have been included in the Scientific Jury for the evaluation procedure of the participants in the competition.

The admitted candidate - **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Petko Ivanov Karagyozev**, is an Associate Professor at the Clinic of Gastroenterology of ACC Tokuda University Hospital, Sofia. The submitted competition documents of the candidate have been evaluated according to the fulfillment of the conditions for holding the academic position of "Professor" under Articles 2, 26, 3, 4, 29, 29, 296 of the Law on Academic Staff Development, Articles 1a, 2, 60, 61 of the Regulations for its implementation in the Republic of Bulgaria, Articles 2, 3, 134, 135, 137, as well as the qualitative and quantitative criteria under the Regulations for the Development of Academic Staff of the ACC Tokuda University Hospital.

Brief biographical data, education. Assoc. Prof. Karagyozev was born on 08.08.1979. In 2004 he graduated from Medical University - Sofia with a degree in Medicine. The candidate has two clinical specialties - Internal Diseases and Gastroenterology, which he acquired at the MMA, Sofia. He obtained his PhD in Internal Medicine in 2020. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Karagyozev has a Master's degree in Public Health and Health Management from Medical University - Plovdiv in 2016.

Work experience, professional development, position held. Between 2006 to 2011, Assoc. Prof. Karagyozev was a physician-resident at the Clinic of Gastroenterology and Hepatology of MMA - Sofia. From 2011 to 2015 he was a doctor at the Clinic of Gastroenterology and Pulmonology of Tokuda Hospital, Sofia. From 2015 - 2017 he held the position of Head of the Interventional Gastroenterology Department of the Clinic of Gastroenterology and Pulmonology of the TOKUDA University Hospital. Since 2017 he has been the Head of the Department of Interventional Gastroenterology of ASC Tokuda University Hospital EAD. Since 2022, he has held the position of Head of the Gastroenterology Clinic of ACC Tokuda University Hospital EAD. He is a honorary lecturer at the Medical Faculty of Sofia University. Since 2019.

On the basis of the above, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Petko Karagyozev meets the legal provisions for the occupation of the academic position "Associate Professor" for no less than 2 academic years, the presence of an acquired clinical specialty "Gastroenterology" and an acquired educational and

scientific degree "Doctor" in the specialty "Gastroenterology". The candidate's possession of a defended Master's degree in Public Health and Health Management is an added advantage,

Research activity. The candidate presents a Dissertation on The place of cholangiopancreatography in the diagnostics of pancreato-biliary diseases; 12 full-text publications in refereed journals; 1 full-text publication in non-refereed journals in English; 71 full-text publications in non-refereed journals in Bulgarian; 4 co-authorships in textbooks.

Citations in Bulgarian and foreign scientific sources: in Bulgarian sources from the library fund of the CMB - 6; foreign sources Scopus (Elsevier) - 106; foreign sources Web of Science (Clarivate) - 166. Total Impact factor of the candidate - 184.091.

Participations in scientific forums. Assoc. Prof. Karagyozev presents the following number of participations in scientific forums: Participations with abstracts - 40; participations without abstracts - 12; upcoming events with approved participation - 4.

Teaching activity. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Karagyozev has a teaching load with postgraduate students (in equivalent hours) of 1415 equivalent hours for the period from 01.01.2020.

Membership in scientific organizations: Assoc. Prof. Karagyozev is a member of the European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE), the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE), the World Endoscopy Organization (WEO), the European Cholangioscopy Study Group (ECG), the European Group of Endoscopic Ultrasonography (EGEUS), the Bulgarian Scientific Society of Gastroenterology, the Bulgarian Association of Ultrasound in Medicine (BAUM). In 2018 he was elected as a member of the Board of the Bulgarian Scientific Society of Gastroenterology (re-elected in 2022). In 2021 he was elected as a fellow of the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (FASGE). Since 2021 he is the representative of the Bulgarian Society of Gastroenterology in the European Society of Gastroenterology (UEG Meeting of Members) - since 2021. Since 2017 he is a certified trainer in cholangiopancreatography with SpyGlass DS system and conducts trainings for doctors from Central and Eastern Europe, Middle East and North Africa.

Based on all the above, I believe that Assoc. Prof. Dr. Petko Ivanov Karagyozev fully meets the requirements of the legal provisions and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda University Hospital EAD, necessary for holding the academic position of "Professor". I propose to the esteemed scientific jury that Associate Professor Dr. Petko Ivanov Karagyozev be elected Professor at the Clinic of Gastroenterology of Acibadem City Clinic University Hospital EAD.

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