

## **OPINION**

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**RE: PROCEDURE FOR ACADEMIC POSITIONS "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" IN THE AREA OF HIGHER EDUCATION 7. HEALTH AND SPORTS, PROFESSIONAL FIELD 7.1 MEDICINE AND THE SCIENTIFIC SPECIALITY "PAEDIATRICS" FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CLINIC OF PAEDIATRICS "ACIBADEM CITY CLINIC UMHAL TOKUDA" EAD**

### **1. 1. Information about the procedure**

The competition for the academic position "Associate Professor" in the area of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field, 7.1 Medicine, and the scientific specialty "Paediatrics" for the needs of the Paediatrics Clinic of Acibadem City Clinic UMHAT Tokuda EAD was announced in SG, issue 82/14.10.2022 By order № 19-843/30.11.2022 of the Executive Director and the Procurator of Acibadem City Clinic UMHAT Tokuda EAD I was appointed a member of the Scientific Jury and the decision of the first absentee meeting was to present an opinion.

Only one candidate has submitted documents for participation in the competition – Kalin Yordanov Lisichki, MD, PhD who meets all the requirements of the Law for development of academic staff in Republic of Bulgaria (LDASRB), the Regulations for its application and the Regulations on the terms and conditions for obtaining scientific degrees and employment to academic positions in Acibadem City Clinic UMHAT Tokuda EAD.

In connection with the materials provided to me for the preparation of an opinion, I declare that I do not establish evidence of plagiarism and I have no conflict of interest.

### **2. Professional data of the candidate**

Dr. Kalin Lisicki graduated medicine in 1984 at Medical University - Sofia with excellent results. He has acquired specialties in Pediatric Diseases in 1991 and Pediatric Rheumatology in 1997. In 2001, he has obtained a certificate in Health Management, and in 2002, a Certificate in Abdominal Echography.

In September 2022, Dr. Lisichki was awarded the educational and scientific degree "PhD" at the Medical Faculty, SU "St. Kliment Ohridski" on the basis of a defended dissertation on the topic "Macrophage activation syndrome in childhood - analysis of clinical and laboratory changes, evaluation of the diagnostic approach and therapeutic effectiveness".

From 1984 to 1987 Dr. Lisicki worked as a pediatrician in the Regional Hospital - Dupnitsa. From 1987-2007, he was successively assistant, senior assistant and chief assistant

in the Pediatric Rheumatology Clinic at the University Children's Hospital (NIP, later SBALDB). From 2007 to 2014, he was a physician at the Tokuda Hospital, Clinic of Pediatrics, and from 2014 until now he has been working as Deputy Head of the Pediatric Clinic at "ACC UMHAT Tokuda". He is a part-time assistant at the MF of the Sofia University of "St. Climent Ohridski" for the academic year 2019/2020, for 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 to medical students in Bulgarian language and English language V course and VI course "Pediatrics".

Dr. Lisicki has completed a number of qualification courses and trainings in joint ultrasound and joint punctures. In 1997, he specialized in France for two months under the TEMPUS program (1997).

### 3. Evaluation of the quantitative and qualitative indicators

Dr. Lisicki presented himself at the competition with a **total of 72 scientific papers**: one dissertation for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "PhD", 48 scientific publications, 4 chapters as an independent author in 2 collective monographs and 19 scientific papers with published abstracts. Of the 48 publications presented, 33 are in refereed and indexed scientific journals - 31 Bulgarian and 2 international, and 15 are in non-refereed and indexed, with 13 being Bulgarian and 2 international. In 26 (50%) of them, he is an independent or first author. His scientific activity also includes 19 participations in congresses and conferences. In 18 (95%) of them, he is the first or independent author.

A total of 41 citations were registered in the citation reference made by the CMB - 23 in Bulgarian sources (5 of which in Scopus) and 18 - in foreign sources: Scopus (Elsevier) - 15 and Web of Science (Clarivate) - 3. The calculated h-index is 2. The number of citations is proof of the significant scientific value of the publications.

The table presents correspondences with Minimum Required Points of Acibadem City Clinic UMHAT Tokuda EAD

Group of indicators	Contents	Minimum Required Points of Acibadem City Clinic UMHAL Tokuda EAD	Presented
A	Indicator 1	50	50
B	Indicator 2	-	-
B	Indicators 3 or 4	100	149
Г	Sum of indicators from 5 to 9	200	339
Д	Sum of indicators from 10 to 12	50	385
E	Sum of indicators from 13 to the end	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>400</b>	<b>923</b>

The comparison of Dr. Lisicki's data with the scientometric criteria of the Hospital for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" shows that he covers them, and in a number of points significantly exceeds them.

#### **4. Basic scientific contributions**

Dr. Lisicki's scientific interests are diverse and affect different areas of pediatric rheumatology and pediatrics. The main directions are:

I. Macrophage activation syndrome, to which pays special attention (Dissertation, 24, 25, 26, 44)

II. Arthritis and spondyloarthritis (10, 12-15,17,18,35,37,42)

III. Systemic connective tissue diseases and vasculitis (9,11,29,34,36,38)

IV. Varia

- A therapeutic algorithm for the treatment of childhood COVID-19 has been proposed depending on the severity of the disease and the results of laboratory tests (8).

- Guidelines for immunizations in children with rheumatic diseases have been published (28)

- Differentiation of rare diseases representing casuistics - Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada disease (6), Mucha-Habermann disease with contribution of two cases (19), Primary septic myositis - with contribution of one case, Amyopathic dermatomyositis - diagnostic and therapeutic problems (20).

- .Others

Dr. Lisicki's scientific works have proven scientific-theoretical and scientific-applied contributions, have been published in renowned specialized medical journals. The results have been reported at authoritative international congresses. They contribute to optimizing the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of rheumatic diseases in children.

#### **5. Teaching activity**

The study load of Dr. Kalin Lisicki for the period 01.01.2018 - 30.11.2022 is very well presented. In "ACC UMHAT Tokuda" EAD has realized a total of **1520 eq. hour**, which includes active participation in the training of pediatric specialists. As a part-time assistant at the MF of SU "St. Kliment Ohridski" for the academic years 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 has conducted **a total of 1495.5** lessons hours, of which 1495.5 hours are classroom work for medical students in Bulgarian language and English language V course and VI course "Pediatrics".

#### **6. Expert activity and research activity**

Dr. Lisicki is a member of several scientific societies and organizations: European League Against Rheumatism, Organization for International Studies in Pediatric Rheumatology, European Society of Pediatric Rheumatology, Bulgarian Pediatric Association (BPA) and Bulgarian Society of Rheumatology (BDR).

Dr. Lisicki has made multiple media appearances on the most current pediatric and organizational issues due to his competence and authority.

### **CONCLUSION**

The candidate, Dr. Kalin Lisicki, MD, fully meets the requirements of the LDASRB, the Regulations for the implementation of the LDASRB and the Regulations of "Acibadem City Clinic UMHAT Tokuda" EAD for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor".

Dr. Kalin Lisicki is a an established doctor - pediatrician and pediatric rheumatologist, being one of the first specialists in the subspecialty in Bulgaria. Actively participates in medical-diagnostic, teaching and research work. He has extensive clinical experience, with a sufficient volume, with high quality indicators and real theoretical-practical contributions to scientific activity.

Dr. Lisicki also has managerial experience as Head of the Pediatrics Clinic of "Acibadem City Clinic UMHAT Tokuda" EAD

**Given the above, I strongly recommend the esteemed members of the Scientific Jury to vote in favor of the election of Dr. Kalin Yordanov Lisichki, PhD for holding the academic position "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty " Paediatrics" for the needs of the Paediatrics Clinic of "Acibadem City Clinic UMHAT Tokuda" EAD.**

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