

OPINION

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Under a procedure for a competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in Dermatology and Venereology at Acibadem City Clinic UMHAT Tokuda EAD Sofia, in the scientific specialty "Dermatology and Venereology" professional field 7.1 Medicine, higher education 7. Health and Sports. The competition was announced in SG, issue 91 / 02.11.2021 /

Based on a decision of the Scientific Council of ACIBADEM CITY CLINIC UMHAT TOKUDA EAD Sofia from 07. 10.2021. (Minutes № 39) and Order № 695 / 29.12.21 of the Executive Director of the hospital I was elected a member of the scientific jury for the evaluation of applications for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in "Dermatology and Venereology".

Only one candidate participated in the competition, Dr. Ivan Assenov Bogdanov.

The documents provided to me by the candidate meet the requirements of the ZRASRB, the regulations for its implementation and the Regulations for the development of the Academic Staff of Acibadem City Clinic UMHAT Tokuda EAD Sofia.

The candidate has presented a detailed autobiographical reference, as well as diplomas for completed education, acquired specialty and acquired educational and scientific degree "Doctor". In 2006 he graduated in Medicine from the Medical University, Sofia, and has a 2-year 1st cycle of medical education at the University of Joseph Fourier in Grenoble, France. From 2008 to 2011 he was a doctoral student at the Department of Dermatology and Venereology, Medical University of Sofia, defending his dissertation in 2013 on "Combined climatotherapeutic method in the treatment of psoriasis".

Dr. Bogdanov has been a resident at London Clinic, UK and St. Louis Hospital, Paris, France. He has conducted numerous international and national trainings and courses in the field of dermatosurgery, dermatoscopy, dermatooncology, dermatohistopathology and research methodology.

Since January 1, 2015 he has a recognized specialty in "Skin and Venereal Diseases". In the same year he started working as an intern at Tokuda Hospital Sofia. Since 2020 he has been the Chief Assistant in Dermatology and Venereology at Acibadem City Clinic UMHAT Tokuda.

Scientific activity:

Dr. Bogdanov presents a detailed author's report on scientific papers and scientific contributions in accordance with the requirements of the Scientific council at Tokuda Hospital Sofia. The presented scientometric data significantly exceed the necessary minimum requirements of NACID for the academic position "Associate Professor" -1543 points.

A total of 149 scientific papers related to the author's research activities are presented. Of these, 3 are chapters from monographs (2 in Bulgaria and 1 abroad), 1 textbook (Men's Health 4e, Ed. Roger S. Kirby,

Culley C. Carson, Alan White, Michael G. Kirby) and 1 textbook for patients with psoriasis. The actual scientific publications in scientific journals are 48, of which 13 abroad and 35 in Bulgarian scientific journals. He is an independent and first author in 18 of them. The total impact factor of the journals referenced and indexed in Scopus and Web of Science in which the publications were made is 29.4. (Official Note Ex. № 597 / 25.11.2021 of CMB-MU-Sofia).

The participation in scientific forums is 93, of which 23 are abroad and 70 in national scientific events. Quotations - 50 in Bulgarian and 44 in international scientific journals (according to the Scopus and Web of Science databases - reference Ex. 6 606 / 29.11.2021 of CMB-MU-Sofia. He has participated in 2 scientific projects.

Scientific and practical contributions:

The main directions of his scientific and professional interests are in the field of:

- Casuistry in dermatology: Many rare diseases have been described, as well as rare associations of different dermatoses, some of which are described for the first time in Bulgaria.
- The topic of psoriasis is a significant part of the scientific activity of Dr. Bogdanov. The main directions in the study of the disease are related to climatotherapy of psoriasis and the consideration of psoriasis as a systemic disease, which is the subject of several monographs (2 in Bulgaria and 1 abroad), as well as publications in Bulgaria and foreign scientific journals. the EuroGuiDerm Psoriasis Guideline working group of the European Dermatological Forum. He has been actively involved in drafting a consensus on the treatment of psoriasis of the BDS since 2013, and as the first author in its update and guide to the treatment of psoriasis with biological agents. As Chairman of the Psoriasis Foundation, he has participated in the organization of numerous scientific symposia and conferences. He publishes the book "Everything about psoriasis", second and supplementary edition, intended for patients with psoriasis. The development and introduction of an electronic register of patients with psoriasis in Bulgaria has begun.
- In the field of allergodermatoses, his contribution is related to participation in the development of consensus for the treatment of atopic dermatitis and urticaria, but I address special importance to its research related to the coronavirus epidemic and ways of treatment and prevention. The article "Cutaneous adverse effects of the available COVID-19 vaccines", is the first publication in the world on this subject.
- Dermatooncology is an extremely important topic and in this direction Dr. Bogdanov has made significant contributions with numerous articles and participations in Bulgarian and international scientific forums, as well as in the chapter "Dupuytren's Contracture" in the fourth edition of Men's Health - a textbook with special focus in the field of men's health problems. I accept the publication "The effect of the application of raw extracts of a special strain of Lactobacillus bulgaricus in cases of various skin tumors" as an original scientific and practical contribution. With this direction he contributes to raising the prestige of Bulgarian medicine in historical terms, presents materials and data that have not been published so far.
- Significant is his contribution related to historical references to major scientific discoveries in dermatology and historical figures related to dermatology and medicine.

- He is an active participant in the preparation of 11 consensus and therapeutic guidelines for the treatment of various dermatoses, in 2 of which he is the first author.
- He is one of the pioneers in the development of the extremely important for the world dermatology topic of Antarctic climatic influences on the skin. His personal scientific medical research in Antarctica is particularly original and has a great future. They were made within the Scientific Project "Adaptation of the skin to the extreme weather conditions of Antarctica" at the Ministry of Education and Science. The theme is "Changes in the skin microflora under the influence of the Antarctic climate."

The teaching activity during the last five academic years is presented with certificates. The teaching activity with students and residents since 2017 accounts on 984 equivalent hours. As a part-time lecturer for the period 2019/2021 he has 331 hours.

Organizational skills, membership in scientific organizations and awards:

Dr. Ivan Bogdanov has exceptional organizational skills. He is a member of the Communications Committee of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology. He is a member of the Management Board of BDS. Member of the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS). Technical Secretary and Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Dermatology and Venereology. Owner and editor of www.dermahelp.bg, www.prodermaclub.com. Member of the 28th Bulgarian Antarctic Expedition. Chairman of the Psoriasis Foundation.

He has received numerous international scholarships and awards "Bulgaria's trusted physicians" for 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, Certificate of Appreciation in the category "Doctor of the Year" in 2017 and "Doctor of the Year" Award 2018, "Patient Rights Fighter" for 2018, "Institution that best corresponds with patients" for 2018 – Awards "Daniela Seizova - in the name of life" 2018, Award "40 of 40" for 2018, Darik Radio.

An excellent physician and dermatologist, with undeniable authority over his colleagues, specialists and patients, a leading specialist in dermatosurgery, with an outstanding contribution to the restoration of thalassotherapy in the treatment of patients with psoriasis and research in Antarctica. His scientific publications and participation in scientific forums are characterized by originality and depth. He is a clinician and scientist with a future, pride for the Bulgarian dermatology.

In connection with the above, I confidently vote "FOR" the award of the academic position "Associate Professor" to Dr. Ivan Assenov Bogdanov PhD.

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