

OPINION

By Prof. Stoyan Stefanov Handjiev, MD, PhD

Head of the Clinic of Gastroenterology of Acibadem City Clinic University Hospital
Mladost

in connection with participation in a competition in the field of higher education 7.
Healthcare and sports, Professional field 7.1. Medicine for holding the academic
position of "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" in the scientific specialty
"GASTROENTEROLOGY" for the needs of the Clinic of Gastroenterology,
Department of Interventional Gastroenterology of "Acibadem City Clinic University
Hospital Tokuda" EAD,
announced in SG N. 85 / 12.10.2021

Candidate: Dr. Petko Ivanov Karagiozov,
Head of the Department of Interventional Gastroenterology at Acibadem City
Clinic UMHAT Tokuda

Biographical data:

After graduating from high school in Lovech at the Language High School with German and English teaching Exarch Joseph, he continued and graduated from the Medical University of Sofia with a degree in Medicine in 2004. As an officer from the Military Medical Academy, the candidate began specialization in Internal Medicine at the Military Medical Academy - Sofia with the acquisition of a specialty in 2009, then acquired a specialty in Gastroenterology in 2012. Since 2011 holds the position of resident physician, Department of Gastroenterology; Clinic of Gastroenterology and Pulmonology at Tokuda Hospital Sofia and since 2015 so far - Head of the Department of Interventional Gastroenterology, Clinic of Gastroenterology and Pulmonology; Acibadem City Clinic UMHAT Tokuda, as of 2020. is Chief Assistant.

Research activity:

The candidate presents a total of 83 scientific papers, of which 31 are real publications in Bulgarian, 12 - in foreign journals, 2 co-authorship in monographs and textbooks. 19 abstracts of congresses published in journals with impact factor and 20 - in collections and non-peer-reviewed journals were presented. The detailed list of publications is presented in tabular form with the required specifics.

The number of publications fully satisfies and significantly exceeds the scientometric criteria for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" (1223/400 points). A total of 35 citations were found from the report presented by the CMB. The total impact factor of the candidate is 26,087.

The scientific works of the candidate are in the following main directions:

- Digital oral cholangiopancreatography (DPOHPS) in the diagnosis and treatment of pancreatic-biliary diseases
- Echoendoscopic biliary drainage
- Echoendoscopic pancreatic gastrotomy
- Mini-invasive approach in the treatment of late recognized esophageal perforations
- Iatrogenic perforations of the colon and duodenum

- Liver biopsy under echoendoscopic control
- Iatrogenic lesions of the bile ducts
- Echoendoscopic-navigated fine-needle biopsies
- Oral techniques for diverticulostomy
- Biliary intervention procedures in pediatric practice
- Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy with jejunal extension in patients with Parkinson's disease

Contributions of clinically applied and didactic nature:

- Clinical behavior and treatment of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease, Barrett's Esophagus, Pancreatic Carcinoma, Chronic Pancreatitis, Cystic Pancreatic Neoplasms, Diverticulosis of the Colon, Functional Dyspepsia, Chronic Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Ulcer.
- Recommendations, possibilities and practical guidelines in the interventional treatment of bile duct stones, endoscopic stenting in malignant biliary obstructions, interventional procedures under echoendoscopic control. Recommendations for endoscopy and organization of work in the endoscopic sector in the conditions of Covid-19.
- Treatment of some rare diseases and conditions, such as radiation esophagitis, precancerous lesions of the bile ducts, some rare duodenal diverticula, abdominal ossification after polytrauma, drug damage to the bile ducts, IMPN, biliary complications after liver transplantation.
- Trends, current scientific achievements and current recommendations for behavior in cystic pancreatic lesions, malignant colon polyps, Barrett's esophagus, esophageal pH.
- Co-author of a monograph on "Chronic pancreatitis", presenting the place and role of endoscopic techniques in diagnosis and therapy, technical guidelines for their implementation, specific forms and complications of chronic pancreatitis. Co-author in the guide "Behavior in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma" (SEA 2021) - defining guidelines for the use of endoscopic ultrasound in the diagnosis and staging of pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma and mini-invasive endoscopic techniques for control of biliary and duodenal obstructive situations.
- Co-authorship in the manual "Behavior in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma" (SEA 2021) - defining guidelines for the use of endoscopic ultrasound in the diagnosis and staging of pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma and mini-invasive endoscopic techniques for control of biliary and duodenal obstructive situations.

Teaching activity:

Dr. Karagiozov is a long-term lecturer, and in the report on his activities from Sofia University and ASK UMHAT Tokuda certifies 1111 hours for Tokuda Hospital with specialists and 600 hours, of which 15 - classroom employment at Sofia University.

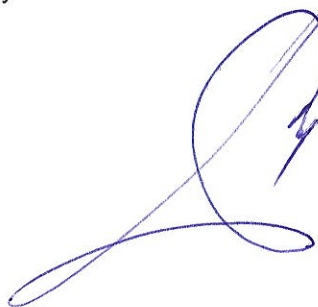
Public activity and membership in scientific organizations:

Member of the European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE); American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE); Privileged member of ASGE (Fellow of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy-FASGE) from 02.2021; member of the Bulgarian Scientific Society of Gastroenterology. Member of the Board of Directors of BDGE since 2018. Member of the European Group for the Study of Cholangioscopy (ECG), the European Group on Endoscopic Ultrasound (EGEUS) Representative of BDGE in UEG Meeting Of Members (since April 2021);

Cholangiopancreatography instructor with SpyGlass DS system, Boston Scientific for Eastern Europe; Vice-Chairman of the Commission for granting biological therapy at patients with ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease at Acibadem City Clinic UMHAT Tokuda, Sofia

In conclusion, I believe that Dr. Petko Karagiozov is an established, erudite authority of national and international importance and recognition in the field of clinical and interventional gastroenterology, as well as in a multidisciplinary-team aspect with abdominal and thoracic surgery. Possesses and exceeds the mandatory activities for acquiring the academic position of "Associate Professor" according to the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria. I am convinced of my positive assessment and recommend to the Scientific Jury to propose to the Scientific Council of ASK UMHAT Tokuda to choose Dr. Karagiozov as "Associate Professor" of Gastroenterology.

02.01.2022



Prof. Stoyan Handjiev, MD, PhD

