**Opinion**

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Subject: competition for the academic position of "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR"

Field of higher education 7. "Health care and sports",

Professional direction 7.1 "Medicine", scientific specialty "Obstetrics and gynecology" for the needs of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic of "Ajibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" - Sofia

 In the competition announced in SG no. 82/ 14.10.22, two candidates participate -

Dr. Maria Gicheva Atanasova, PhD and Dr. Lachezar Stoyanov Tanchev, PhD.

1. BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL DATA AND CAREER PROFILE

 Dr. Maria Atanasova was born in 1980. She graduated as a doctor in 2004 at the Medical University - Sofia, and for her excellent success she was awarded the "Golden Hippocrates" award. 2005 - 2018 is the period in which she worked at SBALAG "Mother's House" - Sofia as an assistant, and acquired the specialty "Obstetrics and Gynecology". After a successfully defended dissertation on the topic: "Management of epidural analgesia delivery" in 2014, she obtained the title of "PhD". In the same year, she also graduated with a master's degree in "Public Health and Health Management" at the Medical University of Sofia. From 2018 to the present, Dr. Atanasova is part of the team of the Department of Gynecological and Pelvic Surgery and Obstetrics at "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" - Sofia.

 Dr. Lachezar Tanchev was born in 1981. He completed his higher medical education in 2006 at Medical University - Sofia. 2012 is the year in which he successfully defended his dissertation on the topic: "Study on selected anatomical structures in the course of minimally invasive radical hysterectomy combined with pelvic lymph dissection" at the Medical University of Pleven, where he successively held the positions of assistant and chief assistant. Since 2017 and currently, Dr. Tanchev works in the Department of Gynecological and Pelvic Surgery and Obstetrics at "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" - Sofia.

EDUCATIONAL AND TEACHING ACTIVITY

 Dr. Maria Atanasova participated in the education of students of Medicine and specialists in Obstetrics and Gynecology. There is participation in basic and thematic courses. It also certifies activities in the specialty "Midwifery" at the Department of "Health Care" at the Medical University - Sofia.

 Dr. Lachezar Tanchev participated in the training of Bulgarian and English-speaking medical students at the Medical University - Pleven in the form of practical exercises and lectures. He was also part of examination committees.

 3. SCIENTIFIC-METRIC INDICATORS

 High-risk pregnancy, labor analgesia, fetal medicine are some of the directions to which Dr. Atanasova's scientific interests are devoted.

In the current competition, she participated with 38 scientific papers, 30 of which were published in Bulgaria, and 8 - abroad.

There are 29 full-text publications /2-abroad/. 9 abstracts are presented, 6 of which are foreign. 26 are in refereed journals, and 8 in journals with an Impact factor.

According to the SCOPUS, WEB OF KNOWLEDGE and GOOGLE SCHOLAR databases, there are 39 citations, 7 of which are in Bulgarian publications and 32 in foreign ones.

 Minimally invasive gynecological surgery, oncogynecology and detailed study of the anatomy of the small pelvis are some of the directions to which Dr. Tanchev's scientific research is devoted.

He participated in the current competition with 53 full-text publications, 38 of them in Bulgarian editions, and 15 in foreign ones. The number of abstracts is 30, 8 - foreign and a total of 14 - in refereed publications. 50 of the scientific works are in refereed journals, 6 - in journals with an Impact factor.

Dr. Tanchev also participated in 2 chapters of the textbook "Minimally Invasive Gynecological Surgery".

In the reference provided by the CMB and based on the database from SCOPUS and WEB OF SCIENCE, 22 citations are indicated in Bulgarian publications and 33/34 in foreign ones.

 4. CONCLUSION

 The announced competition and the rules for the eligibility of the candidates have been followed.

Both participants provide documents that correspond to the requirements in the RASRB and the Regulations for its application in "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" - Sofia.

I positively evaluate both candidates, and according to art. 1a, para. 1 and para. 2, and art. 53., para. 1 of the Regulations for the development of the AS of "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" - Sofia, I rank first Dr. Lachezar Stoyanov Tanchev, and respectively in second place - Dr. Maria Gicheva Atanasova.

I recommend to the respected members of the Scientific Jury to vote positively for the appointment of the academic position "ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" by Dr. Lachezar Tanchev, PhD for the needs of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic of "Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL Tokuda" - Sofia.

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