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In relation to the Procedure of awarding the Academic Degree "Associate Professor"

In the Scientific Specialty Cardiology (30147), professional field 7.1 Medicine

For the needs of Clinic of cardiology, Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL EAAD

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Dr. Zoran Jovan Stankov is the only candidate for the published in State Gazette № 60/29.07.2022 procedure of awarding the Academic Degree "Associate Professor" for the needs of Clinic of cardiology, Acibadem City Clinic UMBAL EAAD. The whole procedure of announcing and handling the contest corresponds to the requirements of the law and the Regulations of Acibadem-City Clinic UMBAL EAAD, Sofia. The set of materials for the procedure were presented according to the rules and the Regulations of Acibadem-City Clinic UMBAL EAAD and contain substantial quantity of supporting evidence and well organized for the needs of the jury.

Professional development:

Dr. Zoran Stankov was born in 1982 in the Republic of North Macedonia. In 2007 he graduated from the Medical University of Sofia. From 2009 to 2012 Dr. Stankov is consecutively a cardiologist at the Cardiology Department of Tokuda Hospital Sofia, and since 2012 he has been working in the Department of Invasive Cardiology at the Cardiology Clinic of Acibadem City Clinic University Multiprofile Hospital for Active Treatment.

Dr. Stankov acquired specialties in cardiology in 2015, angiology in 2020. and has certificates in interventional cardiology 2016 and health management 2021. He has passed numerous training courses in Bulgaria and abroad and is a member of a number of Bulgarian and foreign professional and scientific organizations and societies, such as Bulgarian Medical Association, Bulgarian Society of Cardiology, European Society of Cardiology, Bulgarian Society of Endovascular Therapy of which he is a co-chairman.

In 2022 he acquired the degree of Doctor of Science in Cardiology and defended dissertation on the topic: Endovascular treatment of type "A" and type "B" dissection of the aorta.

Dr. Stankov holds the academic position of assistant-professor and is teaching medical students IV year in the cycle "Cardiology", field "Internal Medicine".

Scientific and research activity:

In this procedure Dr. Stankov participated with a total of 50 scientific papers: 1 dissertation for educational and scientific degree "Doctor", 43 scientific articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals, most of them foreign with impact factor, 8 scientific reports with published scientific abstracts and participations in 3 textbooks and in 3 collective monographs.

The total number of citations is 192 in Bulgarian journals, 19 in international journals.

Based on a certificate from Central Medical Library Dr. Stankov has IF 113.28

Dr. Stankov's main research interests are related to his long-standing diagnostic and therapeutic activity in the field of interventional cardiology and are dedicated mainly to the endovascular treatment of complex structural defects. There is considerable practical experience and scientific interest in the field of endovascular treatment of aortic dissection type A and type B at Stanford, where much of his scientific work is based. Dr. Stankov conducted the first in Bulgaria and one of the few studies in the world for endoprosthetic treatment in aortic dissection. Dr. Stankov participates in the development and implementation of a minimalist and precise approach for TAVI in Bulgaria and has conducted many successful TAVIs with fully percutaneous access. The candidate is the author and co-author of a significant number of scientific publications and reports on interventional treatment of complex coronary interventions.

The scientific production of the candidate in this procedure is with original character and with a number of scientific theoretical, confirmatory and with practical importance contributions. There are no indices of repetitions and plagiarism.

Educational activity

The educational and academic workload of Dr. Zoran Stankov for the period 01.01.2019 - 31.12.2021 is as follows: In City Clinic UMHAT Ltd. has realized a total of 300 hours as an assistant-professor at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Department of Internal Diseases, Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology, Pediatrics, Epidemiology, Infectious and Skin Diseases for the academic years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 had respectively 60h total employment, of which 60h Auditorium work (2019/2020), 150h total employment, of which 150h Auditorium employment (2020/2021), 90h total employment, of which 90h Academic activity (2021/2022) of medical students IV course in the cycle "Cardiology", field "Internal Medicine".

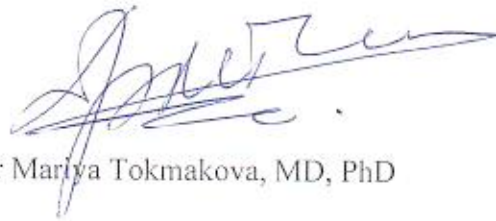
Regardless of the intensive medical activity, Dr. Stankov has a significant academic workload that meets the conditions for acquiring the academic position of Associate Professor.

Dr. Stankov is a completed specialist and a recognized expert nationwide in the field of cardiology and invasive cardiology. The information presented for the fulfillment of the national requirements for occupying the academic position "Associate Professor" according to Article 26 of the Law on Combating Organized Crime proves that the total sum of points from all scientific metrics of the applicant exceeds the set minimum criteria.

Conclusion: Based on the documents provided and the analysis of the overall scientific and academic teaching activity, I believe that Zoran Jovan Stankov, MD, DSc, fully meets the mandatory and specific conditions and scientificmetric criteria for occupying the academic position "Associate Professor".

I propose to the Honorable Scientific Jury to vote positively for awarding the academic position "Associate Professor" to Dr. Zoran Jovan Stankov.

13.12.2022r

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mariya Tokmakova', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Professor Mariya Tokmakova, MD, PhD