

Statement

From Assoc. Prof. Georgi Konstantinov Poptodorov, member of the Scientific Jury (Protocol Nr. NS 07-19/12.06.2019) and Order Nr. RD – 26-1176 / 19.06.2019 of the Executive Director of UMBALSM “N.I. Pirogov”.

For the competition for the academic position „**Professor**” in the scientific area “**Neurosurgery**” in the Department of Neurosurgery of UMBALSM “Pirogov”, Sofia; published in “Darjaven vestnik”, Nr. 16/22.02.2019

The statement is part of the procedure of the Competition for the academic position “professor” for the needs of the Department of neurosurgery of UMBALSM “Pirogov” with the only candidate assoc. prof. Venelin Gerganov, dm and is accomplished according to the requirements of Paragraph 29 of the ZRASRB, ch. 60 of PPZRASRB and the Decree for the development of the academic staff (Attachment 1) of UMBALSM “N.I. Pirogov”. The documents of the candidate are according to the requirements of the Rule.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Venelin Gerganov graduated his medical training. As a medical doctor he started in 1997 (CSMP, Radomir) and in the same year he joined the Section of Emergency Neurosurgery of UMBALSM “N.I. Pirogov”, where his residency begun. From 2001 to 2006 he worked as doctor student in the Department of Neurosurgery of UMBAL “Alexandrovska”.

He performed specializations in prestigious European neurosurgical centers: department of Neurosurgery, University of Vienna, AKH, Vienna, Austria: 01.10.1999-30.12.1999; International Neuroscience Institute in Hannover, Germany: 01.09.2003-30.12.2003; International Neuroscience Institute in Hannover, Germany: 01.06.2005 – 30.06.2005.

In 2005 he was board certified in neurosurgery. He achieved and the educational and scientific degree “Doctor” in 2005 (medical university Sofia, Chair of neurosurgery, Head: prof. K. Romansky).

Research fellowships:

- 1999: research grant of the ÖAAD (Austrian Academic Exchange Office, Vienna)
- 2003 research grant of the German Academic Exchange Office, Bonn
- 2006-2008 International Karl Storz Stipendium for clinical application of neuroendoscopy

From 01.02.2006 the carrier of the candidate continued mainly in the International Neuroscience Institute Hannover Germany, where in he had the following positions:

- 2006-2008 Assistentarzt.
- 2008-2009 Funktionsoberarzt
- since 2009 responsible for the section for intraoperative electrophysiological monitoring
- 2009-2014 Oberarzt
- since 2014 Leitender Oberarzt.

Assoc. prof. Gerganov has also a master degree in Public health and Hospital management (2014-2016 Medical University Plovdiv).

Academic activity

Assoc. prof. Gerganov authored a considerable number of scientific publications that undoubtedly can be regarded as contributions.

The candidate is author and co-author of a monograph and of 31 chapters of neurosurgical textbooks. The number of his published publications is 84: 60 articles and 7 letters to the editor (editorials) in journals with Impact factor, indexed in PubMed; 17 in journals without Impact factor. Presentations: 106 (33 presentations with published abstracts, 38 presentations without published abstracts and 34 invited lectures. He has 30 published comments in journals with impact factor (Neurosurgery, Neurosurg review, World Neurosurg, Surgical Neurology).

The Naukometr pokazat considerably exceed the minimal requirements, formulated by the Law for the development of the academic staff (Attachment 1) of UMBALSM "NI Pirogov".

- Overall citations: 2036 (Google scholar)
- General impact factor: 137
- A-index: 25 (Google scholar)

- I-index: 44 (Google scholar)

He has been lecturer in the Faculty of natural sciences, University of Magdeburg and in the Departments of Anatomy, ENT and Neurosurgery in the Medical High School of Hannover. Since 2010 he lectures “General neurosurgery- basics” in the departments of Neurosurgery in the Medical High School of Hannover. In November 2012 he is elected as associate professor of neurosurgery in the Medical High School of Hannover and his procedure for full professor was opened on the 04.04.2017 in the same High School.

He was scientific counselor of two successfully presented theses for the “Doctor” degree at the Medical High School of Hannover.

The scientific activity of assoc. prof. Gerganov includes editorial functions in specialized journals: Associate Editor-in-Chief of International Neuroscience Journal, member of the editorial board of Clinical Neurology and Neurosurgery, BioMed research International and Neurosurgery Journal. Peer reviewer in Neurosurgery, Neurosurgical Review, Clinical Neurology and Neurosurgery, Asian Journal of Neurosurgery, World Neurosurgery, J of Neurosurgical Sciences and other.

He received the award of the European Skull Base Association for best scientific abstract (the 6th International Congress of the World Federation of Skull Base Societies and 10th European Skull Base Society Congress in Brighton, UK, 16-19.05.2012).

Assoc. prof. Gerganov is member of many scientific organizations:

- Bulgarian Society of Neurosurgery
- German Society of Neurosurgery
- European Association of the Neurosurgical Societies
- International Society of Neurosurgery Madjid Samii
- AO Spine
- European Society of Skull base Surgery
- German Society of Skull Base Surgery
- Association of the university lecturers in Germany

and honorary member of:

- Southeast European Neurosurgical Society
- Macedonian Neurosurgical Society

Conclusion

The documents related to the professorship competition of assoc. prof. Gerganov, dm, present him as an educated, highly competent, creative and internationally recognized expert with considerable scientific production and proven contributions.

When they are evaluated and compared to the requirement, stated in the aforementioned decrees, I can conclude that he completely meets them.

Therefore I give a positive vote and with deep conviction propose the members of the Scientific Jury to select assoc. prof. Gerganov for the academic position "Professor" in the area of high education 7. „Healthcare and sport“. Professional area 7.1. Medicine and the scientific specialty "Neurosurgery" for the needs of the Department of Neurosurgery of UMBALSM "Pirogov" EAD – Sofia.

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