

*To the Chairman of the Scientific Jury,
appointed by order No. RD-262401/14.12.2023
of the Executive Director of UMBALSM, "N.I. Pirogov"*

OPINION

***By Prof. Dr. Anton Yordanov Jorov, MD,
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Regarding: Competition for the academic position "associate professor" by Dr. Svetoslav Vasilev Slavkov, MD in the field of Higher Education 7. Health care and sports, by professional direction 7.1. Medicine, scientific specialty Neurosurgery, for the needs of the Maxillofacial Surgery Clinic at UMBALSM "N.I. Pirogov", on the basis of art. 60, paragraph 2 of the Regulations for the development of the academic staff of UMBALSM "N.I. Pirogov" - EAD - Sofia, after the decision of the Scientific Council with Protocol No. ND-01-04/04.08.2023.

Biographical data and career development of Dr. Svetoslav Slavkov, MD

Dr. Svetoslav Slavkov was born in 1970. in Kostenets. He has a Master's degree in "Dental Medicine" - 1996, "Medicine" - 2014. and "Health Management and Organization of Health Care" - 2017. He acquired a specialty in "Oral Surgery" - 1998. and "Maxillofacial Surgery" - 2007. He has completed additional qualification courses in "Orthognathic surgery", "Bimaxillary and craniofacial surgery", "Squamous cell carcinomas of the head and neck", "Form with Function: Current Standarts in Tissue Preservation and Simplant Site Development", "AO CMF Lighthouse Course - Reconstructive Surgery in Head and Neck with Flop Harvesting (with Human Anatomical Specimens).

Dr. Slavkov works at Specialized Hospital for Active Treatment for maxillofacial surgery EOOD since 2001, and at UMBALSM "N.I. Pirogov" since 2019, where he is the Head of the Department of Maxillofacial Surgery at the Neurosurgery Clinic as of 2022. He conducts practical exercises for students at the Medical University - Sofia and Medical University - Varna. He supervises three specialty trainees in Oral Surgery and two in Maxillofacial Surgery. He has 29 years of surgical experience, works in almost the entire volume of Oral and Maxillofacial surgery. He is a member of the European Association for Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery, Bulgarian Dental Union, and Bulgarian Medical Union.

Research activity

Dr. Slavkov successfully defended his dissertation on "Diagnostic, therapeutic and epidemiological features in patients with salivary gland tumors - 10-year experience" in the scientific specialty "Surgery" in 2020. In the current competition, he presents 30 publications and the monograph "Diagnostic-treatment algorithms for patients with salivary gland tumors", which reflects his dissertation work. Ten of the articles are referenced in the database: Web of Science, Scopus and meet the requirements of indicator B4, as well as the additional requirements of the scientific council of Pirogov for IF. According to the official report prepared by the Central Medical Library IF of the articles included in the competition, it has a value of 6.2 from the following journals: Applied Sciences (Switzerland), Oral Diseases, Journal of IMAB. The remaining publications score 252.56 points and are from publications

such as "Emergency medicine", "Medinform", "Military medicine", "Bulgarian society of medical science journal". In eight of the articles, Dr. Slavkov is the first author. He took part in more than 20 international and national scientific forums for the last five years

Dr. Slavkov's contributions are mainly in the field of oncology and postoperative care of these patients. Among them of an applied nature are: algorithms and protocols for the treatment of patients with tumors of the salivary glands. He introduces a method of tracking them, which ensures better survival. He applies combined palliative therapy to patients in advanced stages of oncological diseases. He proposes new clinical behavior in granular cell tumor. A confirmatory contribution is his study in the treatment of Eagle syndrome.

Dr. Svetoslav Slavkov has 16 citations in Bulgarian sources and 33 in foreign sources.

Overall assessment for the candidate

Dr. Slavkov is a well-established maxillofacial surgeon with many years of clinical experience, which he accumulated at the Specialized Hospital for Active Treatment for maxillofacial surgery - Sofia and UMBALSM "N.I. Pirogov". He conducts practical classes for medical students and supervises the specialization of doctors in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. With the publications presented in the competition, Dr. Slavkov meets the minimum national requirements, as well as those of the Scientific Council of UMBALSM "N.I. Pirogov". They are up-to-date, with positive quality characteristics and sufficient in volume according to the "Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria", the "Regulations on its Implementation" and the "Regulations on the Development of the Academic Staff of UMBALSM "N.I. Pirogov".

Conclusion

I believe that Dr. Slavkov possesses theoretical knowledge, research qualities and extensive professional clinical experience. This gives me the reason to vote "YES" for awarding the academic position of "associate professor" to Dr. Svetoslav Vasilev Slavkov, MD in the scientific specialty "Neurosurgery" for the needs of the Clinic for Maxillofacial Surgery of UMBALSM "N.I. Pirogov" EAD, Sofia.

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