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To the Chairman of the Scientific Jury

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To the Executive Director of "N.I. Pirogov University Hospital"

Prof. Nikolay Gabrovsky, MD, PhD

## STATEMENT

By Prof. Dr. Ventsislav Todorov Tsvetkov, MD

Subject: Contest for the academic position of Associate Professor, field of higher education 7. Health and Sport, professional field 7.1.Medicine, scientific specialty "Neurosurgery", for the needs of the Clinic of Maxillofacial Surgery

For participation in the competition has submitted documents one candidate - Dr Svetoslav Vassilev Slavkov, Ph. Verification of the documents was carried out by the admission committee. All the materials comply with the Law on Academic Staff Development and Section III of the Rules for Academic Staff Development of "UMHATEM N.I. Pirogov" EAD - Sofia on the conditions and procedure for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor".

Dr. Slavkov was born in the town of Kostenets. He completed his first higher education in Dentistry in 1996, and in 2008 he obtained a second Master's degree in Medicine - both at the Medical University - Sofia. In 2002 he obtained two medical specialties in both Master's degrees - in 2002 in Oral Surgery and in 2007 in Maxillofacial Surgery. He started his professional development in the Specialized Hospital of MFS in Sofia, until its merging into "UMHATEM N.I.Pirogov" EAD - Sofia. At the present moment he holds the position of Head of the Clinic of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Pirogov, for the needs of which the present procedure was announced.

Dr. Slavkov holds additional qualifications and specializations in the field of both specialties, such as course in "Orthognathic Surgery", "Bimaxillary and Craniofacial Surgery", "Squamous Cell Carcinomas of the Head and Neck", "Form with Function: Current Standards in Tissue Preservation and Implant Site Development", "AO CMF Lighthouse Course - Reconstructive Surgery in Head and Neck with Flop Harvesting (with Human Anatomical Specimens), etc. He is a member of the EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF Craniofacial Surgery, Bulgarian Dental Association (BDA), Bulgarian Medical Association (BMA).

Analysis of the candidate's submitted scholarly output shows a deep and sustained interest in several areas encompassing knowledge, technical skills, and evaluations in maxillofacial and oral surgery. A wide range of scientific research on the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the maxillofacial and cervical regions, as well as specific surgical diseases of the oral cavity and surrounding tissues, is presented. Based on more than 28 years of professional experience, maxillofacial oncology and traumatology, "Varia" diseases, maxillofacial plastic and reconstructive surgery, and orthognathic surgery (congenital and acquired defects) have been studied. Surgical interventions are performed both in elective and emergency procedures through new treatment approaches and extended analysis of diagnostic methods and

postoperative control and care. The scientific interests of Dr. Svetoslav Slavkov are in the field of modern digital technologies, three-dimensional modeling and printing, modern concepts in the surgical control of malignant diseases of the deep areas of the oral cavity and pharynx.

The scientific-metric characteristic of the presented materials exceeds the minimum national requirements and the increased requirements of the Scientific Council of "UMHATEM N.I. Pirogov" EAD - Sofia for IF and additional points from publications in indicator D. Thirty full-text publications, ten of them refereed in world databases and the rest in the National Reference List of NACID, and one monograph based on a defended dissertation were submitted for review. They are illustrated as follows:

Group of indicators	Content	DOCENT Minimum points according to national requirements	Required points according to the requirements of the UMHATEM "N.I. Pirogov" EAD - city of. Sofia	Points available according to the scientific and metric data provided by the candidate
A	Indicator 1	50	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>
B	Indicator 2	-	-	-
C	Indicator 3 or 4	100	<b>100</b>	<b>133</b>
D	Summary of indicators 5 to 9	200 (160 for PD 7.6)	<b>250</b>	<b>252,56</b>
E	Summary of indicators 10 to 12	50	<b>50</b>	<b>60</b>
F	Summary of indicators 13 to the end	-	-	<b>200</b>
G	IF (refers only to the requirements of the N.I. Pirogov University Hospital)	-	<b>5</b>	<b>6,2</b>

As scientific contributions can be brought out:

- Introduction of a method for intraoperative electrophysiological neuromonitoring to preserve functionally important nerve structures in parotid gland surgery;
- Establishing a technique for performing fine needle aspiration biopsy under ultrasonographic guidance as a safe and reliable method for diagnosing patients with salivary gland tumors;
- Conduct research with evidentiary value in the treatment of Eagle syndrome;
- Introduce a new clinical management for the treatment of granular cell tumors; Establishes combined palliative therapy for patients with advanced cancer;
- Used an original approach for surgical treatment of odontogenic tumors;
- An analysis of the multidisciplinary approach to cancer treatment is conducted;

IN CONCLUSION: the analysis of the scientific, diagnostic and therapeutic activity of Dr. Svetoslav Slavkov, shows that they meet and exceed the qualitative and quantitative criteria for the development of the academic staff at the "UMHATEM N.I. Pirogov" EAD - Sofia, which give me a reason to support his candidacy and vote positively for his promotion to the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty "Neurosurgery" for the needs of the Clinic of Maxillofacial Surgery at "UMHATEM N.I. Pirogov" EAD - Sofia.

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