

OPINION

by

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Member of Scientific Selection Committee appointed by Order of the Executive Director Nr. РД-26-2401/14.12.2023.

Regarding: a competition for holding the academic position Associate Professor, area of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sport, on professional direction 7.1. Medicine, in scientific speciality Neurosurgery, for the needs of Maxillofacial Surgery Department, UMHATEM N.I.Pirogov, announced in the State Gazette, issue 67/04.08.2023.

One applicant participates in the competition and is allowed by a committee: Dr. Svetoslav Vasilev Slavkov, MD

There is no conflict of interests and I have not found plagiarism in the documents submitted to me.

Biographical data.

Dr. Svetoslav Slavkov was born in 1970 in the town of Kostenets. In 1996 the same graduated the speciality Stomatology in the Faculty of Dental Medicine at Medical University - Sofia. In 2002 he acquired the rights of a specialist in Oral Surgery. In 2014 the same completed a Master's degree course with professional qualification Master - Physician. Since 2007 he also has had the rights of a specialist in Maxillofacial Surgery.

Since 2001, Dr. Slavkov has worked in Specialized Hospital for Active Treatment of Maxillofacial Surgery EOOD, Sofia. Since 2015, the same has been the head of medicinal activity in the specialized hospital and is in charge of a team of 20 doctors. After the bundling of SHAT of MFS in UMHATEM N. I. Pirogov, Dr. Slavkov continues to carry out this activity, and since 2022 until now the same has held the position Head of the Maxillofacial Surgery Department.

Research work.

In this competition Dr. Slavkov participates with 30 publications, with the exception of those of them which are recorded in the National Centre for Information and Documentation (NCID) according to the procedure for conferment of the educational and scientific degree PhD, and a book published on the basis of a thesis. 10 of them are published in magazines reported

in world databases, Web of Science, Scopus, and the remaining 20 - in publications reported in the National Reference List of NCID. According to the information provided by CML, the publications of Dr. Slavkov bring him a value of IF 6.2, and the information about the quotations exceeds a lot of times the points required according to indicator D (Д) of the minimum national requirements and the table with the scientific-metric criteria of UMHATEM N. I. Pirogov. The distribution of the points according to the provided materials shows that Dr. Slavkov surpasses the necessary points for holding the academic position of Associate Professor:

Group of indicators	Content	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR Minimum number of points according to the national requirements	Required points according to the requirements of UMHATEM EAD - Sofia	Available points according to the provided scientific-metric data of the applicant
A	Indicator 1	50	50	50
Б	Indicator 2	-	-	-
B	Indicators 3 or 4	100	100	133
Г	Sum of the indicators from 5 to 9	200 (160 for PD 7.6)	250	252,56
Д	Sum of the indicators from 10 to 12	50	50	60
Е	Sum of the indicators from 13 until the end	-	-	200
Ж	IF (refers only to the requirements of UMHATEM N.I.Pirogov)	-	5	6,2

Scientific contribution.

The scientific contribution of the materials provided in the competition contains exclusively various knowledge, skills and diagnostic-medicinal assessments in the field of maxillofacial and oral surgery. Research affecting in depth diseases in the maxillofacial and neck areas is explained, as well as specific surgical diseases of the oral cavity and the surrounding tissues. On the basis of more than 28-year professional experience, maxillofacial oncology and traumatology, Varia diseases, maxillofacial plastic-restorative and orthognathic surgery (congenital and acquired defects), have been researched. Operative interventions have been

carried out both according to a schedule and in case of emergency through new medicinal approaches and extended analysis of diagnostic methods and postoperative control and care. The scientific interests of Dr. Svetoslav Slavkov also concern the field of the modern digital technologies, 3D modelling and printing, contemporary conceptions in the surgical control of malignant diseases of the deep zones of oral cavity and pharynx. He has skills to work with specialized software and apparatuses for both specialities.

Dr. Slavkov also has contribution in teaching, by being in charge of post-graduate students in both specialities, Maxillofacial Surgery and Oral Surgery, he is included by order of the Rector in the committees carrying out preliminary oral examinations according to their programs. Besides that, he is in charge of practical training of students. Dr. Slavkov also performs editor's activity to the Special Medicine Magazine and organizes boards in specific cases from the department's practice.

CONCLUSION:

With a view to the abovementioned, I think that Dr. Svetoslav Vasilev Slavkov fulfills completely the requirements for holding the academic position Associate Professor in scientific speciality Neurosurgery, in a competition announced for the needs of Maxillofacial Surgery Department of UMHATEM N.I.Pirogov EAD - Sofia. He impresses not only with his qualities of an established clinician well-known and much sought in the whole country, but also with his rich and diverse scientific production with which he makes accessible his knowledge accumulated during his serious professional practice. All requirements on carrying out of a procedure for holding the academic position Associate Professor of the Act on Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulation for its implementation and the Regulation on Development of the Academic Staff of UMHATEM N.I.Pirogov are complied. There are no established data for plagiarism.

The overall assessment of the applicant gives me the right, without any hesitations, to give my positive vote and to suggest to the honored selection committee to vote positively for Dr. Svetoslav Slavkov, MD, to hold the academic position Associate Professor in scientific speciality Neurosurgery.

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