

OPINION

by Prof. Dr Dimitar Petkov Sivrev, MD, PhD - Department of Anatomy at the Faculty of Medicine of Thrace University, Stara Zagora, for the evaluation of candidates for the academic position of "Professor" in "Anatomy, Histology and Cytology", in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and sports and professional direction 7.1. Medicine, according to order No. RD-38-499/24.8.2022 of the Rector of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski".

The competition is for one position for a Professor for the needs of the Department of "Anatomy and Histology, Pathology and Forensic Medicine" at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Sofia. The same was announced in State Journal No 48/28.06.2022

Ivan Ilkov Maslarski, Associate Professor in the Department of "Anatomy and Histology, Pathoanatomy and Forensic Medicine" at the Faculty of Medicine of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" is a candidate. He has submitted detailed documents in accordance with the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff and the Regulations for its Application, the Regulations on the Development of the Academic Staff at SU "St. Kliment Ohridski" for occupying the academic position of "Professor".

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

According to the documents, Ivan Ilkov Maslarski graduated with a degree in "Biology and Chemistry" at the University of St. Kliment Ohridski" in 2002 with the acquired qualification "master degree" - diploma ser. A-2002SU No 160719, 24/02/2003, after which he won a competition for the academic position of "Assistant-Professor" in "Anatomy, Histology and Cytology" in the Medical Faculty of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski".

Defends a dissertation on the topic "Health education through the study of Anatomy" for the ESD "PhD" - diploma No 31859 dated 12.12.2007.

He acquired a specialty in "Anatomy, Histology and Cytology". Certificate No 000006 dated 20.05.2016

PRACTICE TEACHING

From the attached report it is clear that from 29.10.2007 until now Ivan Ilkov Maslarski works in the Department of "Anatomy and Histology, Pathology and Forensic Medicine" of the Faculty of Medicine, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" by successively passing through the academic positions:

Assistant-Professor - from 29. 10. 2007 to 01. 04. 2011.

Chief Assistant-Professor - from 04/01/2011 to 05/16/2016

Associate Professor - from 16.05.2016 to the present moment.

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY

- ✓ The research activity of Assoc. Prof. Ivan Maslarski is directed in several directions:
 - ✓ Carrying out experiments related to the study of vessel variations, topographic variants with clinical significance.
 - ✓ Creation of programs for the prevention of psychoactive addictions and experimentation with them.
 - ✓ Study of the morphology of the posterior root cells (neurons, astroglia, microglia) after spinal cord injuries in experimental mice.
 - ✓ Twin method in medical research and implementation of early disease screening model through dermatoglyphic fingerprinting.
 - ✓ Examination of Glomus coccygeum in operative preparations.
 - ✓ 3D modeling and virtual rendering of dissections and wet preparations.
- Epidemiological studies related to lung and breast cancer.

Assoc. Professor Maslarski was the leader of 3 national scientific projects that were successfully completed and participated in 3 other projects, all funded by the Ministry of Education and Culture and Sofia University. He participated in 1 international scientific project, also financed by the Ministry of Education and Culture and Sofia University.

The candidate for the academic position "Professor" has presented a total of 22 scientific publications. Of these, 13 were published in refereed scientific journals - in Scopus and Web of Science, and 9 were in non-refereed journals.

Assoc. Prof. Ivan Maslarski has presented a reference for 31 citations, of which 10 are in refereed journals - Scopus and Web of Science, 17 are in non-refereed journals, and 4 are in monographs and collective volumes.

For participation in the competition, the candidate submitted 1 monograph and participation in 1 textbook. The subject of the monograph is "The Twin Method in Medical Research" and the textbook is "General Cytology and Histology" for first-year medical students.

The scientific activity of Assoc. Prof. Ivan Ilkov Maslarski includes 11 participations in national and international scientific forums.

PUBLIC ACTIVITY

Since 2015 Assoc. Prof. Maslarski has been a member of the Commission for the verification and evaluation of candidate student works in biology (for the specialty "Medicine" at the Faculty of Medicine of Sofia University, and since 2022 he has been the vice-chairman of the same commission.

Since 2018, for 4 years, he has been the head of the Department of "Anatomy and Histology, Pathology and Forensic Medicine" at the Faculty of Medicine of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski".

Since 2010, he has been a member of the Bulgarian Anatomical Society, and from 2018 to today, a member of the management board of the same society. For the past 5 years, he has been an expert at the National Assessment and Attestation Agency (NAAA).

It can be seen that the candidate shows excellent ability to work in a team acquired during the work experience described above, responsibility, discipline, friendly attitude and

empathy towards colleagues. Highly motivated, communicative, well-intentioned. Skills in imparting teaching experience to pupils and students and excellent communication skills. He has a very good ability to organize, conduct and analyze experimental tasks and organize events with students.

He has an excellent knowledge of the English language - written and spoken, and is excellent with computer programs related to his direct work. He is fluent in Spanish.

The evaluation of the scientific research activity of Assoc. Prof. Ivan Maslarski is based on the criteria for occupying the academic position of "Professor", in accordance with the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff and the Rules for its Application. It can be seen that he meets the quantitative criteria and scientometric indicators for this academic position, and meets the general conditions, which is presented in the following table.

INDICES	CONTENTS	Necessary points	Presence points
A	Dissertation for the educational and scientific degree "PhD"	50	50
B	Dissertation for DSc	-	no
B	Habilitation thesis - monograph, or scientific publications in publications that are referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information (Web of Science and Scopus)	100	100
Г	Publications submitted to the competition for Professor, excluding those for ESD "PhD"	200	504
Д	Citations in the submitted publications in the competition for the academic position "Professor"	100	275
E	Indicator E	100	175
Total		550	1104

STUDY ACTIVITY

The candidate for the academic position "Professor" has submitted a document on his academic workload. He is:

Lecturer in the compulsory disciplines General Cytology, Histology and Embryology, Human Anatomy for students majoring in "Medicine" and "Medicine in English", and lecturer in the compulsory disciplines Human Anatomy and Physiology, Anatomy, human physiology and hygiene, respectively in the specialties Medical rehabilitation and occupational therapy and Social activities at Sofia University.

The lessons conducted are:

- over 2,500 hours of lectures on the above-described disciplines for students majoring in "Medicine", "MRE", at the Faculty of Medicine of the Sofia University.
- over 5000 hours of exercises in the listed disciplines with the relevant specialties in Bulgarian and English.

It is clear from the attached regulation for teaching activities at the Medical Faculty of Sofia University that the candidate's academic workload is sufficient for the academic position of "Professor".

CONCLUSION

According to the above, it is clear that Associate Professor Maslarski is an established scientist whose research has both theoretical and important practical significance. Based on the scientific and teaching qualities of the candidate Associate Professor Ivan Maslarski, MD, PhD, which are reflected in the submitted documents and taking into account his theoretical and practical contributions, as well as teaching experience expressed by his academic workload, I give a positive assessment to the candidate and make a proposal to the respected Scientific jury to rank Associate Professor Ivan Ilkov Maslarski, MD, PhD, for the position of "Professor" and to present him to the Academic Council of Sofia University - Sofia for the confirmation of the academic position of "Professor" in "Anatomy, Histology and Cytology" in the field of higher education education 7. Healthcare and sports and professional direction 7.1. Medicine, for the needs of the Department of Anatomy and Histology, Pathology and Forensic Medicine at the same University.

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