

ASSESSMENT
of the international recognition of the candidate for appointment as a professor

according to part III point 6 of the Rector's Decision no. 1/2021, which regulates the procedure for obtaining scientific-pedagogical titles and artistic-pedagogical titles Associate Professor and Professor at Pavel Jozef Šafárik University in Košice and Art. 7 pt. 4 (a) b) Standards for the habilitation and inauguration procedure of the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education dated 2.7.2020:

I. Identification of the candidate for appointment as a professor

Name, surname, titles:	Marek Šoltés, assoc. prof., MUDr., PhD.
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Position:	Associate Professor at 1 st Department of Surgery
ORCID ID /	0000-0002-5990-5547
Area of habilitation proceedings and inaugural proceedings:	Surgery

Output identification 1:

„Management and follow-up of gallbladder polyps: updated joint guidelines between the ESGAR, EAES, EFISDS and ESGE“ Authors: Foley, KG., Lahaye, MJ., Thoeni, RF., Šoltés, M., Dewhurst, C., Barbu, ST., Vashist, YK., Rafaelsen, SR., Arvanitakis, M., Perinel, J., Wiles, R., Roberts, SA. In: Eur Radiol., vol. 32, 3358-3368, 2022, (https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC9038818/pdf/330_2021_Article_8384.pdf), IF: 5,9, Q1, cited: 57x (WoS 52x)

Output identification 2:

„EAES Consensus Developmnet Conference on endoscopic repair of groin hernias“ Authors: Poelman, MM., van den Heuvel, B., Deelder, JD., Abis, GSA., Beudeker, N., Bittner, RR., Campanelli, G., van Dam, D., Dwars, BJ., Eker, HH., Fingerhut, A., Khatkov, I., Koeckerling, F., Kukleta, JF., Miserez, M., Montgomery, A., Munoz Brands, RM., Morales Conde, S., Muysoms, FE., Šoltés, M., Tromp, W., Yavuz, Y., Bonjer, HJ. In: Surg Endosc., vol. 27, 3505-3519, 2013, (<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00464-013-3001-9>), IF: 3,313, Q1, cited: 118x (WoS 118x)

Output identification 3:

„Psoas density – an optimal sarcopaenic indicator associated with postoperative complications after colorectal resection for cancer?“ Authors: Pekařová, A., Pekař, M., Šoltés, M., Havrlentová, L., Chovancovaná, T. In: Videosurgery Miniinv., vol. 16, 91-97, 2021, (<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC7991955/pdf/WIITM-16-42413.pdf>), IF: 1,627, Q4, cited: 3x (WoS 3x)

Output identification 4:

„The risk of sarcopenia 24 months after bariatric surgery – assessment by dual energy X-ray absorptiometry (DEXA): a prospective study“ Authors: Pekař, M., Pekařová, A., Buzga, M., Holéczy, P., Šoltés, M. In: Videosurgery Miniinv., vol. 15, 583-587, 2020, (<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC7687671/pdf/WIITM-15-40039.pdf>), IF: 1,195, Q4, cited: 28x (WoS 28x)

Output identification 5:

„Development and validity evidence of an objective structured assessment of technical skills score for minimally invasive linear-stapled, hand-sewn intestinal anastomoses: the A-OSATS score“ Authors: Schmidt, MW., Haney, CM., Kowalewski, KF., Bintintan, VV., Abu Hilal, M. Arezzo, A., Bahra, M., Besselink, MG., Bienl, M., Boni, L., Diana, M., Egberts, JH, Fischer, L., Francis, N., Hashimoto, DA., Perez, D., Schijven, M., Schmelzle, M., Šoltés, M., Swanström, L., Welsch, T., Muller-Stich, BP., Nickel, F. In: Surg Endosc., vol. 36, 4529-4541, 2022, (https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC9085690/pdf/464_2021_Article_8806.pdf), IF: 3,1, Q1, cited: 10x (WoS 10x)

Output identification 6:

„Laparoscopic left and right adrenalectomy from an anterior approach – is there any difference?“ Authors: Kokorák, L., Šoltés, M., Vladovič, P., Marko, L. In: Videosurgery Miniinv., vol. 11, 268-273, 2016, (<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC5299086/pdf/WIITM-11-28962.pdf>), IF: 0,493, Q4, cited: 15x (WoS 15x)

Output identification 7:

„A risk score to predict difficulty of elective laparoscopic cholecystectomy“ Authors: Šoltés, M., Radoňák, J. In: Videosurgery Miniinv., vol. 9, 608-612, 2014, (<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC4280432/pdf/WIITM-9-24144.pdf>), IF: -, Q-, cited: 39x (WoS 32x)

II. Identification of the assessor - foreign expert

Name, surname, titles:	Michel Adamina, prof., MD, PD, MSc, EMBA HSG, FASCRS, FEBS
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Scientific focus / Research area:	Surgery
ORCID ID /	0000-0002-5464-6953
Number of outputs in WoS:	185
Number of citations in WoS (without self - citations):	9312
H index in WoS:	40

III. Assessment of the applicant's international recognition

1. *Assess the international context of the applicant's published publications:*

- ☒ The applicant's publication outputs are important in an international context
- ☐ The applicant's publication outputs are not important in an international context

2. *Assess the applicant's participation in foreign conferences and congresses in the field of his / her scientific and pedagogical activities:*

- ☒ The applicant participates in foreign conferences and congresses in the field of his / her scientific and pedagogical activities
- ☐ The applicant does not participate in foreign conferences and congresses in the field of his / her scientific and pedagogical activities
- ☐ I do not have relevant information

3. *Assess the citation response of the candidate's work in international journals:*

- ☒ Applicant's works are frequently cited in international journals indexed in WoS
- ☐ Applicant's works are not frequently cited in international journals indexed in WoS

Final assessment:

- ☒ the candidate meets the requirements to work as a professor in an international context
- ☐ the candidate does not meet the requirements to work as a professor in an international context

Brief rationale:

I have known the candidate for more than 10 years, first by his scientific reputation, second from our common term in the Education & Training Committee of the European Association for Endoscopic Surgery (EAES) where he chaired a large group of surgeons from many nations. Later he represented EAES in the Education Committee of the United European Gastroenterology. Today he chairs the EAES UEMS MIS exam task force and presides the UEMS Board of minimally invasive surgery: these prestigious positions reflect well on his impressive drive towards clinical excellence by education and make him a role model for many. I am convinced that he will keep outperforming as a full professor of surgery and I do recommend him wholeheartedly for this position.

Place: Fribourg

Date: 18.6.2025

Assessor's signature: prof. Michel Adamina, MD, PD, MSc, EMBA HSG, FASCRS, FEBS