Doctoral assessment: supervisor's opinion on MD. Liubov Kastnerova

Dr. Liubov Kastnerova (previous name Kyrpychova) (born 1981) graduated from the State Medical University, Faculty of Medicine, Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine in 2004. In the 2005 year, she was trained in pathology at the Faculty of Medicine of State Medical University, Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine and worked thereafter (2005-2015) as a pathologist in state and a private laboratory in Ukraine.

I came to know her in 2013 when she visited our ICDP-UEMS Dermatopathology Training Center in Pilsen where she started her training in dermatopathology and soon qualified enough as to pass the International Examination of Dermatopathology held in 2015 in Frankfurt, Germany, obtaining the Diploma of Dermatopathologist as the first-ever Ukrainian pathologist. The same year she enrolled in her postgraduate study (Ph.D. course) in the field of "Pathology" under the direction of prof. MD. Dmitry Kazakov, CSc, leading to the finalization of the research work as a dissertation titled: "Clinicopathological and molecular biologic characteristics of selected cutaneous epithelial and nonepithelial tumors". Simultaneously, Dr. Kastnerova successfully validated in the Czech Republic her Medical Diploma issued in Ukraine, mastered the Czech language and, on November 2018, started to work as a Resident in Bioptical Laboratory s.r.o.

With respect to the Ph.D. Course, Dr. Liubov Kastnerova completed all obligatory courses, fulfilled all other duties and formalities related the individual student plan. He research resulted in 20 publications, in 8 of which she became the first author of eight publications and co-authored the remaining other 12 publications (all in the American journals with Impact factor).

In addition, she delivered 4 oral presentations at the Student Scientific conference in Pilsen and. actively participated at the Annual Meetings of the American and Canadian Congress of the Academy of Pathology (USCAP) Congress, where she presented 8 posters.

I strongly recommend the current dissertation work for defense procedure and propose to award the Ph.D. degree to MD. Liubov Kastnerova

In Pilsen, 24.7. 2019

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