



Dean of HKU Faculty of Dentistry named 2010 Distinguished Scientist by the International Association for Dental Research (IADR)



Professor Lakshman Samaranayake, Dean and Chair Professor of Oral Microbiology at the HKU Faculty of Dentistry has been selected as the winner of the 2010 IADR Distinguished Scientist Award for Oral Medicine and Pathology Research.

Supported by Unilever Oral Care and awarded by an international selection committee, the IADR Distinguished Scientist Award for Oral Medicine and Pathology recognises Professor Samaranayake's "significant contribution to the field of dental research". In particular, the award acknowledges his "outstanding and sustained peer-reviewed research that has contributed to the understanding of the mechanisms governing the health and disease of the oral cavity and associated structures".

Over the past three decades, Professor Samaranayake has contributed to the scientific literature on oral candidal infections, infection control in dentistry, and oral microbial diseases, including more than 300 original, peer-reviewed research and review articles (more than 200 on oral candidiasis); five major texts and monographs; 50+ invited review articles; 30+ book chapters; and 150+ published abstracts, as an invited speaker at seminars, workshops, and symposia in over 30 countries. He is considered the world's foremost expert on oral candidiasis according to www.Biomedexperts.com

The highly coveted IADR Distinguished Scientist Award for Oral Medicine and Pathology will be presented at the Opening Ceremonies of the 88th General Session and Exhibition of the IADR, which will be held on 14 July 2010 in Barcelona, Spain.

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The IADR is the largest non-government organisation in dental research, with more than 10,000 researchers worldwide. For more information about the IADR, visit <www.iadr.org>.

For more information about Professor Lakshman Samaranayake, visit <<http://odont.hku.hk/dean/index.htm>>.

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