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Professor Samaranayake (DOB: December 16, 1947) is an educationist, administrator, researcher and specialist in infectious diseases. He received his BDS from the Ceylon University, Sri Lanka (1971) and his DDS from the Glasgow University, UK (1982). He was a Senior Lecturer in Oral Medicine and Pathology at the same university (UK 1978-1990). He worked at the University of Hong Kong first as a Reader in Oral Biology (1991-1997), and then as Chair Professor of Oral Microbiology (1997-2013). He was the holder of various positions - Dean of Dentistry, Hong Kong University (2004 -2008, reappointed 2009-2013) or Director, Prince Philip Dental Hospital, Hong Kong (2004-2013). He was also Professor of Oral Microbiomes and Infection and Head of the School of Dentistry, University of Queensland, Australia (2014-2016).

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Research interests: (1) infections in medically compromised individuals; (2) oral candidiasis; (3) clinical oral microbiology; (4) infection control in dental practice.