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Professor Barker is course director of the Institute's MSc Clinical Dermatology for overseas graduates. This internationally renowned course has existed for more than 40 years and has helped train many dermatologists around the globe extending from the Caribbean through Africa to the Middle and Far East.

Professor Barker has published over 250 peer-reviewed papers, authored and edited several books including the new edition of the 'Rook Book'- the most comprehensive textbook in the English language. Highly cited publications include those in the Lancet, Nature Genetics and New England Journal of Medicine. He sits on the editorial boards of several dermatology journals. He has delivered plenary keynote lectures at many meetings internationally including Dohi Memorial Lecture at Japanese Dermatology Association in 2016 and Eugene M Farber Oration at Society for Investigative Dermatology, USA in 2017. He is a past President of the European Dermatology Forum and the European Society for Dermatological Research. He is currently President-elect of the International Psoriasis Council. He is an honorary overseas member of the several professional associations including Denmark, Germany, Japan and the USA.