

## Keynote speaker Jaap van Lakerveld

Is the director of PLATO, an independent research centre established by the University of Leiden in the Netherlands. He has been the director of this centre since 1986.

His field of expertise is learning. It includes learning within educational settings as well as learning of professionals in work environments. Throughout his career he worked as a researcher and consultant in inservice teacher education, vocational and adult education and learning, and human resources development. In this last area he completed a PhD study.

In the last few years he was involved in a series of European studies and network activities in adult life lifelong learning, vocational education and corporate education.

Beside being the director of PLATO, he taught at the university and in a teacher training institute. In his work he engaged in a variety of international projects with fellow researchers from many other institutions in Europe and beyond.

For three years he held the position of chairman if the Research and Development Centre of Inservice education of teachers of the Association of Teacher Education in Europe (ATEE), of which he is a long standing member.

Main interests include:

- How to turn work situations of teachers and educators into a professional learning environments?
- What kind of policies could help us establish such work-learning conditions?
- What role could action resarch and self evaluation play in adult education and learning?
- How do we keep the balance between professional autonomy and externally set standards?

Jaap van Lakerveld's contribution will be about:

1. trends in adult learning
2. related learning conditions
3. the specific requirements in adult education
4. contexts of learning, working, and living
5. challenges for Adult educators