

Curriculum vitae Mr. Albert van der Zeijden



Born: 28 October 1941

After a study of psychology and pedagogy he was till 1980 a teacher and director of a college and till 1988 he was member of the board and chairman of a teacher training college.

In 1980 he was being diagnosed as having Crohns' disease and enkylosing spondylitis (Bechterews disease).

Since 1982 mr. Van der Zeijden is active as a board member of patients organisations. His involvement with patients' organisations is on as well a national and an international level.

At present he is both: Chairman of the first global disease and boarder crossing patients' organization: International Alliance of Patients Organisations (IAPO) and of the Dutch National Council of the European Disability Forum.

As such he is a member of the board of a numerous number of organisations, including:

- The Foundation "The Week of the Chronically Ill"
- Chairman of the committee on medicine policies of the Dutch Council of the Chronically Ill and the Handicapped
- Chairman of the Dutch National Council of the European Disability Forum (VGPN)
- The Dutch National Steering Committee on Orphan Drugs (and rare diseases)
- Vice-Chair of The European Health Forum Gastein
- The European Health Policy Forum (DG Sanco)
- The Dutch National Platform Patients' and Industry

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