

## **Danis Bois**

### **Biographical note**

Danis Bois was born in France in 1949. Trained as a physical therapist and osteopath, he was head of the re-education centre of Vendôme's hospital (France) for four years. In 1983, his career took a turn and he founded a school of Fasciatherapy, a manual therapy originally inspired by his experience of osteopathy. In the following years, this therapy spread across several countries in Europe and North America : France, Belgium, Switzerland, Greece, Portugal, Germany and Canada. More recently this work has been introduced in the US and in Brazil.

In 2000 his career took him back to university, where he completed a university diploma in "Développement Cognitif et Social du Nourrisson" (Cognitive and Social Development of the Newborn) at the Université Paris V, then a "Licenciatura de Psicopedagogia Curativa" (Masters in Curative Psychoeducation) at the Modern University in Lisbon, and finally in November 2005, he completed a doctoral program in Education Sciences at the University of Seville, on "Didactics and the Organisation of Educational Institutions". The subject of his PhD dissertation is : "The 'Sensible' Body and the Transformation of Adult Representations – Proposals for a Perceptual-cognitive Model in Adult Education."

Concurrently, he became Visiting Professor at the Modern University in Lisbon in 2003, where he created a post-graduate program in somatic-psychoeducation and a mestrado in perceptual psychoeducation. Both courses are attended by students from eleven different nationalities.

In 2004, Danis Bois was appointed Director of the Centre d'Étude et de Recherche Appliquée en Psychopédagogie Perceptive (CERAP) in the same university. Finally, in 2005, the Scientific Council of the Modern University in Lisbon appointed him Guest Chair.

Danis Bois is the author of several books and articles published in the fields of health, education and philosophy of the 'sensible'.