

József Kaposi

József Kaposi, General Director of *Hungarian Institute for Educational Research and Development* (OFI) was born in Budapest in 1955.

He graduated from Ho Si Minh College of Pedagogy (receiving his degree equivalent to BA in Hungarian literature and history) in 1980. He continued his studies at Eötvös Loránd University and acquired his MA degrees in Hungarian literature and history in 1983 and 1986 respectively. He also received a degree in drama pedagogy (2003), as well as a PhD in educational science (2009) at Pécs University.

His first job was at Pesti Barnabás Technical and Vocational Secondary School of Food Industry, from where he went on to the *National Institute of Public Education* (OKI). He worked as the Head of Committee of History As a Subject at the Department of Secondary School Leaving Exam and Test Assessment Development. He worked on the further development of secondary school leaving assessment in history.

Mr. Kaposi has been teaching in higher education since 2000: first at ELTE University, and at the Pedagogy Faculty at Pázmány Péter Catholic University since 2003, where he gives lectures and holds seminars on subject pedagogy. He has been associate professor at the university since 2010.

He has been involved in writing textbooks and other materials for teaching history for more than a decade. His pedagogy-related writings can be found in New Pedagogical Review (ÚPSz) as well as in other OKI and OFI publications.

In the summer of 2010, he became Deputy General Director of OFI responsible for the scientific and professional-related fields. He was appointed General Director of OFI in May, 2011.

Professional and study trips to abroad

The goal of these trips was to get acquainted with the educational systems, curricula, school equipment and assessment methods etc. of the countries below:

- **USA** 2006. (United States Department of State Bureau of Educational Cultural Affairs, International Visitor Leadership Program)
- **Denmark** 2002.
- **Switzerland** 2002. (visiting a textbook and school equipment exhibition)
- **France** 2002.
- **Israel** 2001. (Yad Vashem)
- **Belgium** 1999. (NATO Headquarters)
- **England** 1999. (UCLES Cambridge)
- **Germany** 1998. (Bavaria, Munich)
- **Scotland** 1998. (Scottish Qualifications Authority – Dalkeith)
- **Germany** 1996., 1997. (North Rhine Westphalia)

Fields of research

- public education, vocational education, higher education
- teaching methods in secondary education
- subject pedagogy in history, textbooks, development of teaching materials
- educational research, public education management
- working out of general curricula in history and drama
- expert studies as well as management of the field of assessment in history and drama in secondary education
- research and development in domestic and international projects

Public scientific and professional activities

- National Drama Contest in Secondary Schools – chairman of the panel
- Teaching History (Történelemtanítás) – an online history didactics magazine – deputy chief editor
- Hungarian Historical Society, Teachers Department – member of the board
- Hungarian Drama Teaching Society – member of the board (2006 – 2010)
- International Association of Theaters for Children and Young People (ASSITEJ) – member of the board
- Foundation of Public Education Modernization – curator (2001-2005)
- Hungarian Historical Society – member of the committee to elect directors (2000-2007)
- Cultural Association for Vocational Secondary School Students - chairman (1989 – 2010)

Mr. Kaposi has also directed theatre performances such as *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey, among many others.