

Arthur J. Cropley

Summary Curriculum Vitae

Professor Arthur Cropley was born in Marree, South Australia in 1935, and graduated from the University of Adelaide in Arts and Education, completing his teacher training at the age of 19. He was also active in other areas, representing South Australia in cricket by playing against Victoria U21 in December 1952 at the age of 16. He served in the Australian Army from 1954-1958, mainly as a part-time soldier, and reached the rank of sergeant. After working as a school teacher in Australia, England and Canada, he attended the University of Alberta (Canada), where he obtained his PhD in Educational Psychology in 1965.

After two years (1965—1967) as lecturer in psychology in the University of New England (NSW), Professor Cropley spent most of the remainder of his working life outside Australia: He spent 10 years as assistant to full professor at the University of Regina (Canada). From 1976 to 1978 he was on the staff of the Unesco Institute for Education in Hamburg (Germany). In 1978 he became professor of psychology at the University of Hamburg. From 1992 to 1995 he was professor at LaTrobe University, Bendigo (Victoria), before returning to Hamburg. He has also lectured in Belgium, Bulgaria, Egypt, France, Latvia, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, and USA. He became professor emeritus on 01/04/99, and is presently living in Adelaide, South Australia. After retiring he was adjunct professor of engineering at the University of South Australia for six years, and has been visiting professor of psychology at the University of Latvia for the last 11 years.

He is the author of 24 books on creativity, lifelong learning, adaptation of migrants, and research methodology. These have appeared in English, German, Italian, Latvian, Spanish, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Hungarian, Korean, and Chinese. In 2007 two of his books occupied second and fifth place on Amazon.com's list of the 100 best books on creativity and teaching. In addition he has published about 160 papers and chapters. Over the years he has obtained more than \$A2 Million in research grants from various bodies such as the German National Research Council and the federal governments of Germany and Canada. He speaks English and German, moderate Latvian, basic French, and beginner's Italian, and his proudest linguistic achievement is translating the Latvian national epic poem *Lāčplēsis* (Bearslayer), a work of nearly 5,000 lines, into English heroic verse (University of Latvia Press, 2007).

From 1989—1996 he was editor of the *European Journal for High Ability*, published by the European Council for High Ability. He received the 1997 Creativity Award of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children in Seattle in September 1997, and was elected Visiting Fellow of the British Psychological Society in 2004. In 2004 he received an honorary doctorate from the University of Latvia, and in 2008 he was made an Officer of the Order of the Three Stars by the President of Latvia, for services to Latvian higher education.