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Hans Christian Michaelsen is a family therapist, supervisor and former assistant professor at VID Specialized University, Oslo. His academic background includes Nordic language and literature, English and American literature, psychology, medicine and Master in Family Therapy and Systemic Practice.

He has formerly worked with theatre, intercultural understanding and teaching. In 1980 - 2008 he was director of LEON, a foundation working with families suffering from relational and severe dependency problems, substance- and alcohol dependency, eating disorders, gambling, mental challenges, and family crises. The LEON foundation developed network programmes in local communities and prevention work. From 1989 they developed a multi-family group-therapy practice where several families (from 50 – 100 people) worked through weekends in various narrative processes.

Hans Christian Michaelsen was editor of the Nordic journal of family therapy *Fokus på familien* and has written articles and book chapters.

He was Chairperson of the Norwegian Family Therapy Association 2005-2009 and is currently President of the NFTO Chamber of EFTA and Vice President of EFTA.

He works today in his therapy practice as well as doing supervision and teaching in Norway and abroad.