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Albert van den Berg received his MSc in applied physics in 1983, and his PhD in 1988 both at the University of Twente, the Netherlands. From 1988-1993 he worked in Neuchatel, Switzerland, at the CSEM and the University (IMT) on miniaturized chemical sensors. In 1998 he was appointed as part-time professor “Biochemical Analysis Systems”, and later in 2000 as full professor on Miniaturized Systems for (Bio)Chemical Analysis in the faculty of Electrical Engineering and part of the MESA+ Institute for Nanotechnology. In 1994 he initiated together with Prof. Bergveld the international MicroTAS conference series. He published over 400 peer reviewed publications (H=53) a.o. in Science, Nature, PNAS, NanoLetters etc. He received several honors and awards such as Simon Stevin (2002), two ERC Advanced (2008, 2015) and three ERC Proof of Concept (2011, 2013, 2016) grants, Simon Stevin award (engineering sciences), Spinoza prize (2009), Distinguished University Professor (Twente, 2010), Distinguished Professor (South China Normal University SNCU, 2012) and board member of the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences (KNAW) (2011-2016). In 2014 he was appointed scientific director of the MIRA institute for Biomedical Engineering. In 2017 he became co-PI of the Max Planck – University of Twente Center for Complex Fluid Dynamics.