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Interview with Panker Mihály, director of the United Healthcare and Social Institute

„The conference looks back on the 25 years of the institute. I would like to mention, that the 25 years are not the 25 years of the care for old people and another services, as naturally we can speak about these before the 1980-s, the 25 years mean just the establishment of the United Social Institute.

The conference today looks back the operating of the integrated institute itself, we take into consideration those tasks, that were done during the 25 years by the institute, from the daily care for the elderly to the foundation of the family counselling centres and the nurseries. The institute played active role in the help of homeless people, nowadays its important task is to organize the main part of the health services of the self-government.

Recently we have changed the name of our institute to United Healthcare and Social Institute from United Social Institute. Considered it we prepared our professional programme of the conference, which includes recollections, modern researches with renowned lecturers, such as Professor Iván , who is one of our greatest professors in the field of caring for the elderly. Ferge Zsuzsa, who for decades has dealt with poverty, equal opportunities, with the elderly and the youth alike, and also with many different things in the field of welfare.

We have also invited lecturers, who are actively involved in elderly support, e.g. Páternosztér Pirooska, in behalf of the Health and Welfare Department, Győr, who introduced the „Welhops” welfare housing policies for senior citizens project, which promotes a better housing and living conditions for senior citizens.

On behalf of the authority Göncz Kinga Minister and Szabó Sándorné state secretary take part in the conference. We tried to prepare such a programme, where we are both celebrating and giving professional knowledge of the participants.

Among the invited people are colleagues of the old institutions, social workers of the region, there are many experts, who have supported the issue of the elderly and handicapped care, nursing the injured people, and take actively part in the health care.