

Hans Becker

Hans Becker was born in 1942 in Rotterdam's bombed inner city. He was educated at the Erasmus University, Rotterdam, earning a Masters in Economics.

In 1969 he became Assistant Professor in institutional economics and the history of economic thought.

In 1984 he became Chief Executive of the Humanitas Association (not the present Foundation). The Association had 400 employees and focussed on home care and social work with older people. He found time to both lecture and manage Humanitas.

In 1992 Hans Becker was appointed Chairman of the Managing Board of the Humanitas Foundation, which is still his present position. The Foundation has 2,500 employees, over 1,000 volunteers and an annual turn-over of 100 million euro (\$164 million AUD).

He "fathered" the concept of Apartments for Life and the Humanitas philosophy.

In 2003 Hans Becker received his Ph.D. at the University for Humanistics in Utrecht. He was appointed Professor of the Chair in the Humanising of Care at this University in 2005.

Hans Becker is an Instructor in the Office of Executive Education, Harvard University USA, and has received many rewards and honours for his lifelong service to the community.

He is Honorary Consul of the Republic of Mali in the Netherlands.

Besides his full time job, Hans Becker remains active as chairman of a variety of foundations, boards and consultancies, including a renowned high tech company.