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Protulis to Receive the 2005 NISH Sid Spector Award

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Steve Protulis, Executive Director/Executive Vice President of the Elderly Housing Development and Operations Corporation (EHDOC), will receive the 2005 National Institute of Senior Housing (NISH) Sid Spector Award. NISH is a constituent group of NCOA.



The award will be presented at the Medicare 40th Anniversary Luncheon, to be held March 11, 2005, 11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. in conjunction with the 2005 American Society on Aging-NCOA Joint Conference.

These NCOA constituent groups are sponsoring the luncheon: National Institute on Community-Based Long-Term Care (NICLC), National Institute of Senior Housing (NISH), National Center on Rural Aging (NCRA), and National Coalition of Consumer Organizations (NCCO).

A national activist for elderly concerns, Protulis heads the EHDOC. He was formerly assistant to the president of the AFL-CIO and executive director of the National Council of Senior Citizens, one of the nation's strongest voices for older Americans and families. In 2001-2002, he served on a prestigious, Congressionally appointed 14-member committee, the U.S. Commission on Affordable Housing and Health Facility Needs for Seniors in the 21st Century.

Protulis came to the United States from Uruguay in 1961 to attend Wayne State University, but received his real education as a UAW Local 174 member on the shop floor of a General Motors plant in Detroit.

By 1970, he chaired the nation's largest cut-and-sew plant, with 6,000 members. He served as the deputy field director for Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign, and as the administrative assistant to UAW President Douglas Fraser. For the AFL-CIO, he was the national coordinator for support groups in Washington, D.C. He also was secretary of Citizens for Tax Justice and a former member of the editorial advisory board of *Caring Magazine*.

Protulis serves on the NCOA's National Institute of Senior Housing's Delegate Council. He also serves as vice president of both the American Association of Service Coordinators and Americans for Democratic Action.

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