

## Press release

# BRILL acquires HES & DE GRAAF Publishers

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**Koninklijke Brill N.V., the international scholarly publisher, announces to have reached agreement about the acquisition of the publishing activities of HES & DE GRAAF Publishers B.V (Houten, NL) per 1 January 2014.**

Brill and HES & DE GRAAF Publishers announce they have reached agreement about the acquisition by Brill of all scholarly publishing activities of HES & DE GRAAF. Brill acquires an English language list of high reputation with book series in fields like book history and the history of cartography. In total the list includes over 600 titles, with 10-15 new titles added each year. The annual revenues amount to approx. € 500,000,-.

“The quality of the publications of HES & DE GRAAF is unparalleled in the world, not only at the scholarly level, but also in the quality of design, printing and binding”, says Herman Pabbruwe, Brill’s CEO. “We are proud to become the successors of this beautiful catalogue to further strengthen our position in book history, the history of cartography and neighboring fields. We aim to offer the majority of these publications digitally on our platform BrillOnline in the near future.”

Sebastian Hesselink, managing director of HES & DE GRAAF, adds: “We were looking for a suitable candidate to continue our special niche of publishing and we are extremely grateful to have reached an agreement with Brill. Brill is not only an important global player in the Arts and Humanities, but they are also well positioned to take our work into the digital future.” To ensure the continuity of the program Mr. Hesselink has agreed to support Brill in an advisory role.

A special part of the agreement is Brill’s exclusive global distribution rights for the highly prestigious *Atlas Blaeu-Van der Hem*, a unique facsimile publication of one of the most famous atlases from the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

The take-over will take effect on 1 January 2014.

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#### About HES & DE GRAAF Publishers

Founded in 1971, HES Publishers expanded in 2000 by the incorporation of the renowned DE GRAAF Publishers. Both houses were to continue as an entity, under the new name of HES & DE GRAAF Publishers BV. The program focuses on scholarly works on books, on the history of books, on the history of their production and on any interesting topic related to manuscripts as well as the printed book. The list also includes books on other subjects, such as Fine Arts, Cartography, Travel and Navigation, History of Sciences, Humanism and Neo-Latin Literature, Theology and Church History (the Reformation in particular). See [www.hesdegraaf.com](http://www.hesdegraaf.com).