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Brill will appoint Peter Coebergh as CEO and Olivier de Vlam as CFO in May 2018

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Brill, the international scholarly publisher, announces the appointments of Peter Coebergh as CEO and Olivier de Vlam as CFO and COO following the scheduled retirement of Herman Pabbruwe in May 2018.

Koninklijke Brill N.V. (Brill) announces that its Supervisory Board intends to appoint Peter Coebergh as CEO. He will succeed Herman Pabbruwe following his scheduled retirement at the AGM on 17 May, 2018. Herman Pabbruwe (1953) will have fulfilled the role of CEO for 14 years.

At the same time, the Supervisory Board intends to appoint Olivier de Vlam to the Management Board as CFO and COO. In order to ensure continuity in publishing policy, Brill furthermore intends to appoint a Chief Publishing Officer in early 2018. Together they will form Brill's Executive Committee.

Works Council has rendered their positive advice on this structure and the nomination.

Brill is a leading global publisher serving scholars in the humanities, international law, biology and the social sciences. Scholars increasingly benefit from Brill's capabilities in digital publishing, open access and global distribution. With offices in the Netherlands, USA, Germany, Singapore and China, Brill is a truly independent international publishing company bridging various academic traditions on the basis of peer review and strict quality control.

Peter Coebergh (1961) joined Brill in 2015 and currently holds the position of EVP Marketing & Sales. Prior to joining Brill, Peter held several executive positions in marketing and sales at Springer Nature, which he joined in 2001. In 2007, Peter was appointed to Springer's management board and starting 2011, he held the position of President Corporate & Healthcare markets.

Olivier de Vlam (1968) joined Brill in 2015 and currently holds the position of EVP Finance & Operations. Olivier started his career at Wolters Kluwer in 1995. During his tenure at Wolters Kluwer, Olivier held various positions in finance, operational audit, M&A, and ERP implementation. As of 2009, Olivier was the Financial Director of Wolters Kluwer's German software subsidiary Addison and as of 2011, VP Finance at Wolters Kluwer's Technology development subsidiary.

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Steven Perrick, Chairman of the Supervisory Board commented: "The Board is pleased that following careful succession planning, we were able to select two candidates who bring significant industry experience and who have proven their value to Brill already. We trust that through these appointments, Brill will be well positioned to continue its strategy to expand on its leading position in scholarly publishing. We look forward to a smooth transition period with ample time for a good handover".

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