



In the framework of Amsterdam World Book Capital 2008-2009 the Group of Scholarly Publishers of the Dutch Publishers Association (NUV), the Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) and the Koninklijke Bibliotheek (National Library of The Netherlands) are presenting the international conference

## **A CHALLENGE TO THE BOOK IN SCHOLARSHIP AND HIGHER EDUCATION: DODO OR DOG?**

**Dates: 12 (welcome dinner) & 13 October 2008**

Will the book in academic and higher education adapt itself to the digital era as the wolf evolved into the dog, or will it vanish as the dodo did because the bird had lost its ability to fly, was one time an easy prey and became extinct?

This is the central question to be discussed by authors, scholars, teachers, researchers, publishers, librarians, booksellers and politicians.

The conference will be chaired by Sijbolt Noorda,  
President of the Association of Universities in The Netherlands (VSNU).

**Venue: Public Library of Amsterdam (OBA)**

On the eve of 12 October participants and speakers are invited to the welcome dinner by the Mayor of Amsterdam, Mr. Job Cohen.

Prominent speakers at the conference include: Philip Carpenter (Wiley-Blackwell), Frits van Oostrom (University of Utrecht), Anthony F. van Raan (University of Leiden), Abram de Swaan (University of Amsterdam; winner of the prestigious Dutch P.C. Hooft Price for Literature 2008), John B. Thompson (University of Cambridge), Mariët Westermann (New York University Abu Dhabi and Institute of Fine Arts, New York University).

Connections from Amsterdam to the Frankfurter Buchmesse 2008 can be easily arranged at the end of the afternoon on 13 October by [www.nshspeed.nl](http://www.nshspeed.nl).

**Find all details of the conference in the full [program](#) and the [registration form](#).**

Members of KNAW, UKB, NUV/UVW, STM, FEP en IPA enjoy a discount.

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