

## **News Release**

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### **Jan Hommen to step down as Chairman and as a Board member of Reed Elsevier**

Reed Elsevier announced today that Mr Jan Hommen will step down as Chairman and as a Board member of Reed Elsevier PLC and of Reed Elsevier NV at the companies' Annual General Meetings on 21 and 22 April 2009 respectively. This follows his appointment as Chief Executive Officer of ING Group from 27 April 2009 on confirmation at the ING Group Annual General Meeting. The Reed Elsevier Nominations Committee will oversee the process of appointing a successor as Chairman to Mr Hommen.

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### **Notes to Editors**

#### About Reed Elsevier

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