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Subject: Re: Elsevier's Addressing the resignation of the Lingua editorial board

Dear Chris, Ann, and David,

Tom Reller, VP and Head of Global Corporate Relations at Elsevier, responded to the resignation of the editorial board of Lingua here:

<https://www.elsevier.com/connect/addressing-the-resignation-of-the-lingua-editorial-board>

I tried to publish a rectification on the (moderated) Elsevier site, which was denied. This rectification, which I published publicly on my Facebook page, reads as follows:

"Allow me to set the record straight.

(1) The editor-in-chief of Lingua did not want to take ownership of the journal. We asked to transfer ownership of the journal to the collective of editors, and we have the letter to prove it

(2) Lingua was founded in 1949 by Albert Willem de Groot (1892-1963) and Anton Reichling (1898-1986), two Dutch structuralist linguists. It was originally published by North Holland, a Dutch publishing house, that was purchased by Elsevier in the nineties. Elsevier didn't build that.

(3) Elsevier states that an APC of 400 euros is not sustainable, and that they must charge 1800 USD. However, they publish several journals where the APC is around 600 USD."

I demand that Elsevier correct Mr Reller's statement at the same outlet points where the allegations were made. In other words, I ask that this blog post be edited, as well as any other instances of this claim. Otherwise I will have to regard this as an intentional misrepresentation at your expense and one that provides serious reason for my immediate termination as Lingua executive editor, as per Dutch contract law. I look forward to your answer within 24 hours.

Sincerely,

Johan Rooryck

Lingua executive editor until 31 Dec 2015