Doctoral defense Antoon Ott
On July 7, 15.00 hrs (CET), Antoon Ott will defend his thesis Verzameldrift. Biografie van Nanne Ottema (1874-1955) in the Grote Kerk, Leeuwarden. Ottema was active in Frisian cultural life as a governor, collection keeper, notary, commentator and speaker. He brought together a world famous collection of ceramics, and was the founder of Princessehof, the Dutch national museum of ceramics in Leeuwarden. The research was supervised by prof. Hans Renders and prof. Goffe Jensma.

Book launch biography Theo van Doesburg
The book launch of Ik sta helemaal alleen, the monumental biography of Theo van Doesburg (1883-1931) by Sjoerd van Faassen and Hans Renders will take place on September 29. After years of archival research, this biography will provide a new and enriching insight on Van Doesburgs life and work as a visual artist, critic, magazine editor, architect and poet. The biography will be presented to the public at the Kunstmuseum in The Hague.

Harmsma, Meister and Veltman will speak at IABA-Worldconference
During the conference of the International Auto/Biography Association, the Biography Institute will be represented by three scholars. Jonne Harmsma, Daniel Meister and David Veltman will serve a panel under the title of ‘Biography: Method or Methods?’ On June 16, 13.30 hrs (EET) they will present their papers at the Center for Storytelling, Experientiality and Memory of the University of Turku, Finland.

Public defense John A. Farrell
The biography Ted Kennedy. A Life will be submitted as PhD thesis by the American biographer John A. Farrell on September 15, 12.45 hrs (CET). After the death of his brother JFK, Edward M. Kennedy (1932-2009) became one of the most influential politicians in the US. For this research, Farrell was given access to major new sources, including Kennedy’s diary. His involvement in the car accident at the seaside resort Chappaquiddick will thus be brought into a new light. The research took place under supervision of prof. Hans Renders and prof. Doeko Bosscher.

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