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**Foreword**

**[Voorwoord]**

**Catalogus van de Bibliotheek van de Nederlandse Bond van Filatelistenverenigingen.,  
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Since 1953, when the National Library was moved to Arnhem, the number of works was expanded extensively. Even though they had a card catalogue available in the library, an up-to-date catalogue in book form was not available. The catalogue issued in 1952 contained very little and had become useless.

Especially after absorbing the privately purchased philatelic library in 1959, there was a great need for a catalogue in book form which would be available for philatelists at a reasonable price.

With a lot of co-operation from the city of Arnhem and IBM in Arnhem it was possible to put a catalogue together. In order for the catalogue not to be too extensive nor too expensive, we had to observe certain rules which we mention here:

- 1) The title description has been kept very simple, subtitles and other extras have been omitted.
- 2) Books without interest for philatelic studies have been omitted.
- 3) All books are mentioned only once.

After a discussion with the library commission, to facilitate the search, a division is made, rather for practical than for scientific order. We strove to form groups to make it conveniently arranged and put works from certain areas together. This means that you may have to search in more than one group, but for philatelists we assume this would be no problem.

General catalogues and journals are not included. We are still working on a write-up of the journals in our possession and as soon as this is ready, we will also put a catalogue together for these.

In closing, may I wish that because of this catalogue, many philatelists will find the way to the National library and that they may enrich their philatelic knowledge.

Arnhem, April 1962

H. L. J. Weidema  
The Director of the National Library

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