

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910451539703321
Autore	Hinrichs Jan Paul
Titolo	Nicolaas van Wijk (1880-1941) : Slavist, linguist, philanthropist // Jan Paul Hinrichs
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Leiden; ; Boston : , : BRILL, , 2006
ISBN	94-012-0313-X 1-4237-9111-8
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (342 p.)
Collana	Studies in Slavic and General Linguistics ; ; 31
Disciplina	410/.92
Soggetti	Philanthropists Linguists - Netherlands Philanthropists - Netherlands Slavists - Netherlands Electronic books.
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Biography.
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Nota di contenuto	Foreword -- Chapter I - Youth and student years -- Chapter II - Teacher -- Chapter III - Deputy librarian -- Chapter IV - Professor: the first years -- Chapter V - Linguist -- Chapter VI - Publicist -- Chapter VII - Students -- Chapter VIII - Colleagues -- Chapter IX - Friends -- Chapter X - The last years -- Epilogue -- Acknowledgements -- Archives and correspondence consulted -- Bibliography of Nicolaas van Wijk:corrections and additions -- References -- Index of personal names -- Illustrations.
Sommario/riassunto	Nicolaas van Wijk (1880-1941) was the founder of Slavic studies in the Netherlands and one of the greatest Slavists in general. This book describes for the first time how a scholar of the Dutch language, whose etymological dictionary of the Dutch language is still considered the best of its kind, was appointed in 1913 to the newly created Chair in Slavic languages at Leiden University and built up a tremendous reputation for himself in Eastern Europe. Van Wijk's relations with his famous teacher, the linguist C.C. Uhlenbeck, are followed attentively, as is his postgraduate apprenticeship in Leipzig (1902-1903), where he followed August Leskien's lectures in Slavic studies. Attention is also

paid to the various aspects of Van Wijk's enormous oeuvre covering the whole field of Slavic studies and of phonology, of which he was one of the pioneers. Van Wijk did not, however, follow the lines approved for the social conduct of a Leiden professor and was at one time suspected by the police of communist activities. His commitment to materially helping all he could from an Eastern Europe torn apart by the First World War and its aftermath was exceptional. His fascination with all things Russian is a background theme that played throughout his life and even at his death: son of a Dutch Reformed minister, the bachelor Van Wijk was buried in a grave surmounted by a Russian Orthodox cross beside his Russian foster son, who died young. This book is of interest to Slavists, linguists and cultural historians.
