



Date

04 November 2021

Subject

Iconclass

Dear Colleague,

The RKD – Netherlands Institute of Art History is pleased to announce that it supports the mission of the newly established Henri van de Waal Foundation, <https://henrivandewaalfoundation.org/>, facilitating ‘the study of image content, visual communication, and digital art history’. This foundation is planning to establish a consortium wherein institutions and other stakeholders can participate, also to ensure a sustainable and open source Iconclass-platform for the future. Although the handover of the Iconclass management marks the end of RKD’s day-to-day involvement, the RKD will continue advocating for connecting data through thesaurus sources. Not only is the RKD actively involved in the AAT-NED, it is also the owner of RKDartists, available as Linked Open Data. Furthermore, within the Dutch heritage field the RKD will be chairing (from 2022 onwards) the Working Group Thesaurus Sources.

For further information on Iconclass: info@henrivandewaalfoundation.org

For further information on connecting data through thesaurus sources: thesaurus@rkd.nl

We hope to have informed you with this.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Stolwijk', written over a horizontal line.

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