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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

(RULE 13D-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO RULES 13D-1(B) AND (C) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-2(B)

(AMENDMENT NO. 5)

REED ELSEVIER N.V.

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(NAME OF ISSUER)

ORDINARY SHARES

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(TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES)

290259100

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(CUSIP NUMBER)

DECEMBER 31, 2002

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(DATE OF EVENT WHICH REQUIRES  
FILING OF THIS STATEMENT)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule  
is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

CUSIP NO. 290259100

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS

ING Groep N.V.

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

Not applicable

(a)

(b)

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

The Netherlands

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	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	
			48,674,962
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	
			0
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
			48,674,962
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
			0

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

48,674,962

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10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

Not Applicable

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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

6.20%

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

HC

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ITEM 1(A). NAME OF ISSUER:

Elsevier N.V.

ITEM 1(B). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

Van de Sande Bakhuyzenstraat 4  
1061 AG Amsterdam  
The Netherlands

ITEM 2(A). NAME OF PERSON FILING:

ING Groep N.V.

ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE:

Amstelveenseweg 500

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1081 KL Amsterdam  
P.O. Box 810  
1000 AV Amsterdam  
The Netherlands

ITEM 2(C). CITIZENSHIP:

See item 4 on Page 2

ITEM 2(D). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:

Ordinary Shares

ITEM 2(E). CUSIP NUMBER:

290259100

ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B), OR 13D-2(B) OR (C), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A: (Not Applicable)

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act");
- (b)  Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act;
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act;

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- (d)  Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act");
- (e)  Investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E) under the Exchange Act;
- (f)  Employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F) under the Exchange Act;
- (g)  Parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(ii)(G) under the Exchange Act;
- (h)  Savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i)  Church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j)  Group in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(ii)(H) under the Exchange Act.

ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:

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- (b) Percent of class:

See item 11 on Page 2

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- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:  
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  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:  
See item 6 on Page 2
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:  
See item 7 on Page 2

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- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:  
See item 8 on Page 2

- ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS.  
Not Applicable
- ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.  
Not Applicable
- ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY OR CONTROL PERSON.  
Not Applicable
- ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.  
Not Applicable
- ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP.  
Not Applicable
- ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION.  
Not applicable.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 12, 2003  
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(Date)

ING GROEP N.V.

By:

/s/ Cornelis F. Drabbe

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(Signature)

Cornelis F. Drabbe,  
Assistant General Counsel

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(Name/Title)

/s/ Bert H. Uyttenbroek

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(Signature)

Bert H. Uyttenbroek,  
Compliance Officer

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(Name/Title)