

## DERlab General Assembly Welcomes TNO as New Member and Prof. Graeme Burt as New Spokesperson of the Association

**22 March, 2017. Arnhem, the Netherlands** – The DERlab Association held its annual General Assembly today to report on the work of the association, consider members’ advances in their laboratory capabilities, and discuss key areas of future activity through international opportunities and the association’s working groups. The event provided a vibrant programme with lab tours to the facilities of DERlab members EnergyVille in Genk (BE) and DNV GL (NL).

This year’s gathering gladly welcomed TNO as a new member of the DERlab Association. The Dutch organisation for applied scientific research will assist the association with its expertise in intelligent energy networks and smart grids. With the newly opened HESI facility (Hybrid Energy System Integration), TNO will contribute to the DERlab collective knowledge base and an already wide range of DERlab members’ testing services.



For the year 2017 the General Assembly elected Prof. Graeme Burt of the University of Strathclyde as the new Spokesperson of the DERlab Association. Succeeding Peter Vaessen of DNV GL, Prof. Burt is anticipating the prospective endeavours of his term, *“I’m delighted to continue my cooperation in DERlab as its Spokesperson. We are at a very exciting stage in the development of distributed energy and smart grids, with new and emerging opportunities in power system testing and laboratory integration. I look forward to serving the network in this new position as DERlab grows and expands further.”* Prof. Graeme Burt has been a member of the DERlab Board for 6 years, supporting the objectives and development of the association throughout.

DERlab started out as a network of excellence in 2005 and grew into an association of leading research institutes and companies worldwide in 2008, with 33 members to date. Members of the DERlab Association offer a wide range of testing services and perform collaborative research contributing to the transition to a low carbon energy future.