

# Improve smart grid communication system architecture to increase the reliability and efficiency of distribution networks

*Network with an array of utilities driving Distribution Automation investment and innovation at SMI's 4th annual Distribution Automation Europe conference.*

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The global [Distribution Automation \(DA\)](#) market was worth over \$9m in 2012 and is expected to reach a value of over \$17m by 2019, growing at a CAGR of 8.5% from 2013 to 2019. Growth is driven by increased investment in Distribution Automation from Europe, which was the largest market for DA in 2012. Against this backdrop, SMI's 4th annual [Distribution](#)

[Automation Europe](#) conference, taking place on 29-30 September in London, will feature an array of European utilities who are behind DA innovation and investment such as Union Fenosa Distribucion, Scottish Power, Alliander, UK Power Networks, E.ON Innovation Center Distribution, Scottish and Southern Power Distribution, and Electricity North West.



Speaker Panel includes:

- David Treballe, Active Management, Network and Control and Advanced Applications, Union Fenosa Distribucion
- Stuart Neumann, Director, Advisory Services, Verdantix
- John Kirkwood, Automation NCP Manager, Scottish Power Energy Networks
- Bas Mulder, Senior Consultant, Operational Excellence, DNV GL - Energy
- Pavla Mandatova, Advisor, Eurelectric
- Furong Li, EPSRC Advanced Research Fellow, University of Bath
- Stewart Reid, Future Network Policy Manager, Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution
- Frans Campfens, Senior Business Architect, Asset Management, Alliander
- Robin Hagemans, Manager Innovations & Livelab, Alliander
- Tim Manandhar, Low Carbon Solutions Design Manager, UK Power Networks
- Kevin Hoban, Future Networks Project Manager, Electricity North West
- Damien Coyle, Future Networks Engineer, Electricity North West

To view the full speaker line-up and complete two-day [conference programme](#), visit

<http://www.smi-online.co.uk/2014distribution-automation17.asp>

Plus, don't miss the post-conference workshop taking place on 1st October 2014:  
From Big Data to Smart Data - Using signal, image and statistical processing techniques to extract value from Smart Grid and Smart Metering data | Led by Furong Li, EPSRC Advanced Research Fellow, University of Bath | 08.30-12.30

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