

50 years of VDE ETG:

Let's Power the Change - Symposium on October 10 in Berlin

- **Founded in 1974, the VDE Energy Technology Society (VDE ETG) now has over 9,000 members and around 300 volunteers**
- **Representatives from science and industry are working on future topics such as operating resources in the energy transition grid or AI in grid control technology**
- **“With our anniversary event in Berlin, we want to encourage young people to help shape the future - the future needs unconventional thinking and fresh ideas,” says ETG Chairwoman Dr. Britta Buchholz**

(30.09.2024, Frankfurt a. M.) Since its foundation, the VDE ETG as an organization has experienced a number of crises, be it the oil price shock in 1973, the series of power outages in various regions of the world in 2003 or the current increase in natural disasters. Over the years, the focus of the specialist society has always been on pooling expertise from various disciplines and identifying technical solutions for the challenges ahead. “We are creating a platform for the joint exchange of knowledge between science and industry on all aspects of the energy system of the future,” says Buchholz. “We are connecting people from different generations as well as established institutions and start-ups with power and energy.” With the symposium Let's Power the Change at Fraunhofer ENIQ in Berlin, the VDE ETG wants to make this approach tangible and motivate young talent in particular to actively shape the future.

Thinking outside the box encouraged: discovering ways into the ETG

Experts often don't seem very approachable to young people. Yet even luminaries in a field started out small at some point. For this reason, the invited speakers and panelists at the anniversary event will not only discuss their respective topics, but also show how they have reached their current position and how beneficial committee work can be, both professionally

and personally. The message: young people should get involved, as many topics require not only decades of expertise, but also fresh ideas and enthusiasm. As an example, power electronics is rapidly gaining in importance as a key element of the energy transition. Conference chair Prof. Dr. Andreas Ulbig, Head of the Chair of Active Energy Distribution Grids at RWTH Aachen University: "The ETG's mission is to create a sustainable, climate-neutral, efficient and secure energy system. To achieve this, we need the younger generation, because they are the technology experts of tomorrow. We want to get young people excited about energy technology and motivate them to get involved."

Let's Power the Change: Symposium at Fraunhofer ENIQ Berlin, 10.10.24, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

At the anniversary symposium in Berlin, visitors can expect keynote speeches from Alf Henryk Wulf, VDE President, Prof. Dr. Hans-Martin Henning, Fraunhofer Executive Board, and Wilfried Breuer, Managing Director Maschinenfabrik Reinhausen. Over the course of the day, there will also be keynote speeches and a panel discussion with representatives from industry, research and VDE Young Net as well as career talks on the topic of "Let's power the change!". Of course, there will be plenty of time for discussions and networking.

Registration for the event at Fraunhofer ENIQ Berlin (EUREF-Campus 23-24, 10829 Berlin), 10.10.24 from 9:00 am at:

www.vde.com/symposium_50_jahre_etg (German version)

Participation is free of charge. We look forward to seeing you!

About the Power Engineering Society within VDE (VDE ETG)

With more than 9,000 members, the Power Engineering Society within VDE (VDE ETG) bundles the expertise of power engineering from generation, transmission and distribution to the various fields of applications. The comprehensive expert knowledge of the approximately 300 volunteers from industry, research, utilities, universities and authorities, who participate in specialized areas, technical committees and working groups, forms the technical-scientific basis for events and publications of the Energy Technology Association in the VDE.

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About VDE:

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consulting under one umbrella. The VDE mark has been synonymous with the highest safety standards and consumer protection for more than 100 years.

Our passion is the advancement of technology, the next generation of engineers and technologists, and lifelong learning and career development “on the job”. Within the VDE network more than 2,000 employees at over 60 locations worldwide, more than 100,000 honorary experts, and around 1,500 companies are dedicated to ensuring a future worth living: networked, digital, electrical. Shaping the e-dialistic future.

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