



## **The Foundation for Responsible Robotics forms partnership with KNVI**

*The Foundation for Responsible Robotics (FRR) joins forces with the Royal Dutch Foundation for IT- and Information Professionals (KNVI). KNVI is the largest and oldest association for IT- and information professionals in the Netherlands. The new partnership will aid FRR to achieve its mission to shape the future design, development and use of robotics in a responsible way and widen its network of professional practitioners. In turn, FRR broadens KNVI's network into the robotics domain and provides insight into the newest digital transformations.*

The chairman for the KNVI, Dr. Wouter Bronsgeest, said “this is a wonderful partnership for KNVI that will help our members to develop their knowledge of digital leadership and their contribution to shaping the future”.

This was supported by Dr. Aimee van Wynsberge, co-director of FRR, who said, “we are delighted to join up with KNVI to provide the mutual benefits of linking two distinct digital communities”.

FRR will bring on board its critical reflections on ethical and human responsibility issues. This will extend KNVI's professional codes of conduct to include the societal impact of new technologies.

“KNVI will help to advance the Foundation for Responsible Robotics goals of maintaining human accountability and responsibility as the digital revolution takes hold in robotics”, said Professor Noel Sharkey, co-director of FRR.

The partnership takes place from the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2017, so watch out for joint projects and publications in the near future.

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### *Note to editors*

The Foundation for Responsible Robotics (FRR) was founded on December 15 2015 to shape the future design, development, implementation, and use of robotics in a responsible way. We facilitate this through: organizing workshops to bring multiple stakeholders together; writing reports to educate the public on the latest robotics innovations; and public-private collaborations to encourage transparency in industry. See [responsiblerobotics.org](http://responsiblerobotics.org)

The Royal Dutch Foundation for IT- and Information Professionals (KNVI) is the independent Dutch platform for IT- and Information professionals. It provides a platform for exchanging knowledge, networking and lifelong learning. See: [www.knvi.nl](http://www.knvi.nl)

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