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3rd-4th March 2020

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At a time of rapid and unprecedented change in the logistics industry, do not be left behind!

"What are the latest process innovations?"

"How will 'generation Z' change my business?"

"How can new technology reduce my costs?"

"Can I afford to introduce robotics and automation?"

"What should I do about climate change?"

"How do I improve my bottom line?"

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We are proud to announce some of the distinguished speakers joining us at the UKWA National 2020 in March.

Keynote speaker

Eleanor Winton,
Founder of Foresightfully and former leader of KPMG's Future Institute in the UK

We are delighted to announce that Eleanor Winton, founder of Foresightfully and former leader of KPMG's Future Institute in the UK, will be our keynote speaker at the UKWA National Conference 2020.

Eleanor is a widely respected thought leader whose mission is to help businesses to think and act in a foresightful way, equipping them to anticipate external change and develop strategies to mitigate risks and maximise opportunities. She will bring a provocative and engaging perspective on the future for our industry, focusing on the 'so what' and 'now what' going forward.

Conference speakers

Rachel Price,
Business Development Manager in the Intralogistics vertical sector at Siemens

Rachel assists businesses to digitally transform their logistical processes to increase operational efficiencies. She works with customers to understand pain points, such as increasingly demanding delivery times and increasing pressure to keep cost to serve at a minimum, advising how to maximise productivity from their assets. Rachel has also appeared on Dragons Den.

Mark Catley,
Business Development Director, Supply Chain – UK & Ireland
XPO Logistics

Mark has held a series of senior management positions over the course of his 25 years' experience within the global logistics industry. As former Head of eCommerce Development, Mark led the strategic roll out of XPO's Logistics eFulfilment proposition, his specific expertise is across eCommerce & Returns, finance, operations, supply chain management, customer proposition development and personnel management.

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Professor David Bailey PhD, FeRSA
Department of Management
Professor of Business Economics

Professor David Bailey Phd, FeRSA, University of Birmingham. David is Professor of Business Economics at the University of Birmingham Business School, and a Senior Fellow of the ESRC's UK in a Changing Europe programme, exploring the impacts of Brexit on UK automotive and manufacturing.

Deon Pillay,
Head of Supply Chain, Nando's Grocery International Ltd

A consummate Supply Chain Management professional, Deon's critical competencies are in service optimization, vendor management, procurement, imports & exports, warehousing, distribution & supply chain design.

Juan Manuel Santiago Mendez,
CEO Mercedes-Benz Parts Logistics UK Ltd.

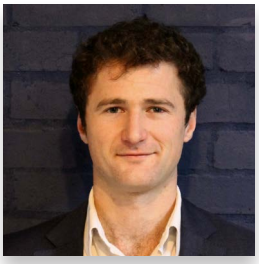
Juan is CEO, Managing Director of Mercedes-Benz Parts Logistics UK as well as Head of Parts Logistics Cluster, UK & South Africa. The operation is responsible for handling more than 750,000 parts numbers with a turnover close to €1 billion, delivering parts to 270 dealers in UK and 120 in South Africa.

Chris Warn,
Global Logistics Director, Pentland Brands

A highly experienced retail supply chain specialist, Chris was formerly Head of Supply Chain at HomeBase before joining Pentland Brands, whose portfolio includes JD Sports, Berghaus, Speedo, Ellesse and Red or Dead.

Beth Thomas,
CEO of C4G Consulting

Beth is an author and acclaimed thought leader in organisational change, leadership and employee engagement.



Dr Niccolò Corsini,
CEO of Sonodot

Sonodot is an industrial IOT company helping warehouse managers increase the efficiency and safety of their material handling operations by tracking their high-value mobile assets in real time. Currently, Niccolò is also an advisory board member for the IBCS group, he has co-founded and run various technology companies and has acted as a technical advisor for venture capital funds.

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Walter Boettcher,
Head of Research & Economics.

A research economist and regular media commentator, best known for his alternative take on property economics and investment, Walter identifies timely research topics and directs research and forecasting outputs.

Mark Thornton,
Chief Operations Officer, Maginus Software

With 20 years' experience in the software industry, Mark has worked on over 30 eCommerce implementations into wholesale and retail organisations

Josephine Coombe,
Managing Director, UK Nulogy

Josephine leads the UK division of Nulogy, a global leader in software solutions for optimizing value added services in logistics environments. Josephine works with leading 3PLs and copackers across the UK and Europe, with digitalization of their operations to drive increased agility, profitability and customer responsiveness.

David Lucas,
Managing Director – C4G UK

David's focus is on organisational change management and supply chain development for a variety of organisations, where he manages large scope projects, particularly in the retail sector.

Guy Willott,
Head of New Business, Voiteq UK

With over 25 years' experience in technology-led industries, Guy manages the New Business Development team at Voiteq, focussing on solving emerging challenges within the warehouse environment. His knowledge of the industry and supporting technologies enables him to assist businesses to add significant savings into their logistics operations by deploying best operational and technical practices.

Alan Kiff ,
Head of Consulting, Concept Energy Solutions

Alan is experienced in all aspects of energy management with over 20 years spent either client-side as a consultant, or in facilities management. He was worked on a diverse range of projects including primary healthcare, logistics, central government, banking and upstream oil and gas. He was previously Associate Director for Operational Energy at AECOM.

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Katherine Parker,
Senior Project Manager Logistics Implementation, Sainsbury's Supermarkets

With over 10 years' experience in Logistics across various roles and operations including 3PL, Katherine is a Senior Project Manager for Logistics Implementation at Sainsburys. Her focus is on leading business change, influencing cross-divisionally and effectively implementing complex projects with extensive scope in terms of quality, cost and time objectives through inspirational coaching and engagement.

Iain Bartholomew,
Director of Logistics, International & Europe. Urban Outfitters

Iain is a senior leader with 24 years in the retail and supply chain sector, managing global end-to-end supply chains and working in partnership with a wide range of 3PL service providers. A strategic thinker with demonstrable success in delivering strategy through innovation, operational development and change management, Iain's experience includes inventory management, logistics network design, automated distribution centre management, multi-site management of primary and secondary networks, programme management, origin supply chain management, imports and e-commerce.

Priya Ravidran,
Manager, PwC's Strategy & Economics team

Priya focuses on helping private and public sector organisations understand the impact of key strategic decisions, policy changes or changes to the external market to help clients make better decisions, evaluate investment options and demonstrate their value to stakeholders. She has technical expertise in economic analysis, strategy and broad industry knowledge having worked across a range of sectors.

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What people are saying about this years conference....

> One of the key forums where businesses can put their heads together to navigate the rapidly changing logistics landscape. *Ian Walker Managing Director 3PL*

> The UKWA annual conference has rapidly become a must attend event for those key to the supply chain throughout the country, containing as it does an influential programme of insightful speakers, who range across a host of subjects vital to those in the logistics industry. *The Handy Shipping Guide*

> Looking forward to participating in UKWA's National Conference and exploring the macro factors that are influencing and impacting the logistics industry like never before. *Chris Warn, Global Logistics Director,* Pentland Brands

> Nothing like being face to face with peers in different sectors to gain valuable feedback on the latest developments in the logistics industry. *Mike Thomas, Client Services Director, Import Services*

> There is always quite a buzz around the UKWA National Conference that makes you want to set aside the time to attend and it's always extremely worthwhile. *Stuart Charter, Managing Director, Aztek Logistics*

> UKWA really has its finger on the pulse of the latest trends and issues affecting the logistics industry and it is vitally important for us to come together to solve the problems and take advantage of any future opportunities. *John Munnelly, Partner & Head of Operations, John Lewis Distribution Centre MPI*

> After this year's UKWA conference we were already looking forward to the next one. The post event reporting is especially good - concisely summarised with some key takeaways, plus it's also good to see some positive industry news amongst the whirlwind of negativity that's spinning around at the minute. *Gary Whittle, Managing Director, Meachers Global Logistics*

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The rise of e-commerce, delivery demands by technology-enabled consumers and the twin pressures of cost and sustainability have combined to create new challenges.

Keep abreast of new developments, hear about the latest innovative solutions by industry leaders and learn how best to prepare your business for the next generation of logistics.

At this year's National Conference, UKWA brings together leading companies from manufacturing, retail, automotive and the 3PL community to assess the likely risks and opportunities ahead, tackle the tough questions and share best practice for the new digital world.

- **Two-day event**
- **Interactive forum**
- **Expert speakers**
- **Networking opportunities**
- **Business dinner with guest speaker**
- **Special discounts available NOW**

National Conference 2020 Prices

UKWA members: £495 + VAT
Non-members: £595 + VAT

Package price includes 2-day conference, networking dinner and drinks reception, overnight hotel accommodation, all meals and refreshments

Loyalty Offers

Discounts available to new members (joined UKWA since Jan 2019), returning conference delegates and members who have attended UKWA events during 2019

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