

## TRACK 1: ACCELERATING SUPPLY CHAIN TRANSFORMATIONS

**Monday, September 27, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm**

**Amphitheater Three**

**Chairs:** William Read & Roddy Martin

**Title:** Centralizing a Fragmented Network: Stories of Supply Chain Transformation

### **Session Learning Objectives:**

- Learn what improvements and efficiencies can be gained by consolidating and centralizing a supply chain
- Learn methods companies undertook to justify these large-scale projects

**Education Level:** Intermediate

### **Abstract:**

In this era of dramatic economic swings, many companies are saddled with large supply chains that are the byproduct of mergers, consolidations or acquisitions. Frequently complex, often suboptimal and occasionally redundant, the industry is now seeing many companies transform their networks by consolidating and centralized fragmented supply chains. In this session, participants will learn firsthand about four companies and their successful transformations. These case studies will provide cross-industry appeal, including examples from the life sciences, food and wholesale industries. Topics to be covered will range from inventory optimization, visibility and operational efficiency. Attendees will benefit by understanding the methods companies undertook to help justify these large scale projects as well as the processes and lessons learned along the way.

### **Speakers:**

- Pol Sweeney, CTO, **AirClic**
- William Bastian II, President, **Bastian**
- Roger Will, VP Global Supply Chain, **Staples, Inc.**
- Brian Sherman, Director of Engineering, **Witron North America**

### **Keywords:**

- Forecasting/Planning, Human Resources, Info Technology, Inventory, Logistics Management, Material Handling, Supply Chain Management, Supply Chain Security, Technology, Transportation