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International Newspaper Group's *ING 2019 Leadership Networking Summit* releases headlined speakers and topics for its gathering scheduled for October 4-5 in Chicago.

Early registration discount of 15% for news executives deadline: February 28

CHICAGO, Illinois – When newspaper print production, logistics and operations executives gather in Chicago this fall for the ING 2019 Leadership Networking Summit, they will be hearing from some of the most respected, internationally recognized newspaper industry experts and speakers ever gathered in one place at one time.

“For one thing, we are blessed to have leaders from Dow Jones Publishing, Gatehouse Media, Penske, Brandt, Post Media and others driving the lively conversation among our expert panels,” said Russ Newton, ING president and Bay Area Production Services general manager. “We will have four expert panels this year that I promise will reveal a treasure trove of critical production/operations secrets *and* tricks-of-the-trades that newspaper people may never have the chance of hearing again.”

And this year ING features three keynote speakers that will have attendees fully engaged with

crisp, action-inducing messages and innovative methods to lead their operations to healthier successes. “These gentlemen are breaking the mold when it comes to leadership conferences,” Newton added. “Mr. Keni Thomas, author, speaker, musician and decorated former Task Force Army Ranger, is our keynote lunch speaker. He will surprise and inspire with his message and lessons from Blackhawk Down: *‘GET IT ON! WHAT IT MEANS TO LEAD THE WAY’.*”

Mr. Joe Deluca, well known industry expert, newspaper captain and community leader, currently vice president of the Times Publishing Company and publisher of both the Tampa edition of the Times and TampBay.com, will deliver the afternoon keynote and share his production wit and wisdom derived from hands-on experience producing 70 newspapers and 50 monthly publications along the East Coast.

A third keynote speaker will be announced soon, according to Newton. “We have a few surprises for our attendees, and although I can’t yet reveal the identity of this keynote speaker, let’s just say you simply will not want to miss seeing this person at our exciting event in October.”

The momentum is building!

Sponsor support of the ING 2019 Summit is approaching a 100 per cent increase over previous years’ support levels, Newton reported. He attributes much of that success to the dedication and enthusiasm of the board of directors and its committees that are answering the demand being shouted out by production executives across the country. “2019 is the year to turn over all the stones in the quest for more revenues, more efficiency, more savings and higher quality. Newspaper leaders are motivated. Publishers and boards of directors are motivated... because they know that this year is pivotal. That’s why we are also seeing such a strong response from sponsors and registrants. That is why ING 2019 is the “must-attend” event of the decade!”

New directors recently joining the ING board include: Brian Karnick, Senior Vice President of Manufacturing, Tribune Publishing, Chicago, Clarence Jackson, Senior Director of Operations, Atlanta Journal Constitution/Cox Enterprises, John Corcoran, Vice President, US Ink and Mike Green, VP Sales North America, Flint Group CPS Inks.

Newton reminds everyone that ING's mission and statement of purpose is clear: *"If you are the one in your organization responsible for Print, Logistics, Distribution, Workflows, Integrated Services, Real Estate/Facilities and more... ING is the one event you must attend to learn how your fellow production/operations leaders and suppliers are navigating the sea of change affecting our businesses."*

ING is offering a 15 percent discount for newspaper executives who register for the ING 2019 Leadership Networking Summit by February 28. Registration is available through the organization's web site: www.InternationalNewspaperGroup.org.

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