



29th Annual Conference

Wednesday, December 2, 2026

Inn at the Forks

75 Forks Market Rd, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4T6

Join us **Tuesday, December 1, 8:00 pm** for a **Meet-and-Greet in the Forks Ballroom**

AGENDA*

8:00 am **Registration and Free Hot Breakfast (Forks Ballroom)**

8:40 am **Welcome and Introduction—POGA Co-President**

Respectfully Disagree. How to have Difficult Conversations in a Divided World.

8:50 am Justin Jones-Fosu, Philanthropist, Speaker and Author of “Stop Chasing, Start Creating”

9:50 am **POGA Annual General Meeting—POGA Co-President**

10:15 am **Coffee and Networking Break**

10:45 am **PGR effects on different oat varieties: impact on shattering and under moisture deficit conditions.** Dr. Linda Gorim, Assistant Professor at the University of Alberta in the Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Sciences

11:15 am **Faster Progress, Better Varieties: How Modern Breeding Systems Are Changing Crop Improvement and What It Means for Oats.** Jason Reinheimer, Chief Executive Officer for Global Institute for Food Security

12:15 pm **Hot lunch with cash bar and networking**

1:15 pm **Agri-Food Sector Amid Upheaval: Perspectives and Strategies.** Sylvain Charlebois, Senior Director for Agri-Food Analytics Lab, Dalhousie University

2:15 pm **Oat Outlook.** Randy Strychar, President of Oatinformation.com

3:15 pm **Networking/Coffee Break**

3:45 pm **Growing Deeper Resilience and Joy: How to thrive in an era of uncertainty.** Jessica Janzen Mindset Coach and Author of Bring the Joy

4:45 pm **Wrap-up and Adjourn—POGA Co-President**

4:45 pm **Social Hour** with cash bar at the Inn at the Forks

Banquet and Entertainment—

6:30 pm **Greetings** from the Honourable Ron Kostyshyn, Minister of Manitoba Agriculture
The Undeniable Power of Creating Meaning. Justin Jones Fosu

8:00 pm **Program Ends. See you Thursday, December 2, 2027 at Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton AB for the 30th POGA AGM!**

*CEU Credits: Nutrient Management: 0.5; Soil and Water Management: 1.0;
Crop Management: 1.0; Professional Development: 3; Total: 5*

Daytime seminars, breakfast and lunch: \$50.00 (\$60 at door)
Optional Evening Banquet \$50.00 (\$60 at door)

***Times and agenda topics subject to change. For updates visit poga.ca*