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
8:50 am	**Respectfully Disagree. How to have Difficult Conversations in a Divided World.** 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
6:30 pm	**Banquet and Entertainment—** **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: 5.5

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*