



CANADIAN FOOD ENGINEERING CONFERENCE'26



MAY 14-15, 2026



University of Guelph

PROGRAM AGENDA (TENTATIVE)





PROGRAM AGENDA

May 13, 2026 ; Wednesday

Time	Description	Location
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Pre Conference Workshop	TBD

DAY-1 : May 14, 2026 ; Thursday

Time	Description	Location
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration	THRN 1200
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Opening Ceremony	THRN 1200
9:15 am - 10:45 pm	Keynote Talks	THRN 1200
10:45 am - 11:00 am	Canadian Institute of Food Engineering (CIFE) Launch	THRN 1200
	CIFE Anthem – Live performance	THRN 1200
11:00 am - 11:10 am	Bio-break/Coffee break	THRN 1200
11:10 am - 12:10 pm	Panel Discussion	THRN 1200
12:10 pm - 1:15 pm	Buffet Lunch	University Club - UC 5th Floor
1:15 pm - 3:15 pm	Poster Sessions	College of Engineering
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm	Bio Break/Coffee Break	
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Workshop	TBD

DAY-2 : May 15, 2026 ; Friday

Time	Description	Location
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast and Networking	Peter Clark Hall (University Center)
8:30 am - 10:00 am	Keynote Talks	Peter Clark Hall
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Food Innovation Exchange (FIX) (Food Industry Exhibition)	Peter Clark Hall
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Buffet Lunch	University Club - UC 5th Floor
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Oral Presentations- Four parallel sessions	Rozanski Hall
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Bio Break/Coffee Break	
3:15 pm - 5:00 pm	Oral Presentations- Four parallel sessions	Rozanski Hall
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Multicultural Show & Award Banquet	Summerlee Science Complex Atrium



PRE CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

May 13, 2026; Wednesday; 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Smart Food Engineering Systems

**AI and Computational Approaches for Food Processing,
Product Innovation, Nutrition, and Sensory Optimization**

WORKSHOP SPEAKER

Dr. Srimathi Kannan

Chief Executive Officer

New England MASS

**Massachusetts Farm Fresh Multi-Sensory Nutrition Education
USA**



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Day - 1 , May 14, 2026; Thursday

Dr. Stéphane Godbout

President

Canadian Society for Agricultural and Biosystem Engineering (CSABE)

Dr. Michael Ngadi

James McGill Professor

McGill University

Dr. KSMS Raghavarao

Professor

Indian Institute of Technology (Tirupati), India

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Day - 2 , May 15, 2026; Friday

Dr. Digvir S Jayas

President and Vice-Chancellor

University of Lethbridge

Dana McCauley

Chief Executive Officer

Canadian Food Innovation Network

Dr. Hosahalli Ramaswamy

Professor

McGill University



PANEL DISCUSSION

Day - 1 , May 14, 2026; Thursday

Plant Protein Foods in Canada:

Processing Innovations, Regulatory Realities, and Market Opportunities

PANEL EXPERTS

Dr. Amanda J. Wright

Director - Human Nutraceutical Research Unit
University of Guelph

Dr. Mahesh Sivakumar

Senior Program Manager - Agriculture and Food Innovation
Alberta Innovates

Dr. Chyngyz Erkinbaev

Associate Professor
University of Manitoba

Industry Expert 1

TBD

Industry Expert 2

TBD

WORKSHOP

Day - 1 , May 14, 2026; Thursday

Design of Experiments for Food Engineers

WORKSHOP SPEAKER

Dr. Senthilkumar Thirupathi

Industry Research Chair
University of Prince Edward Island