

Frank O'Dea has triumphed over adversity to become one of Canada's most successful and celebrated entrepreneurs, founding numerous businesses, including The Second Cup. In addition to his string of business successes, Frank's achievements in the not-for-profit sector, both in Canada and worldwide, are extraordinary. His ideas on leadership, entrepreneurship and visionary thinking make him a compelling and sought after speaker. Mr. O'Dea's breadth of experience provides him with the opportunity to speak on a number of topics such as "The Spirit of the Entrepreneur" and "Beyond the Strategic Plan". He is an inspiring, candid and compelling speaker who has been invited to share his expertise to many organizations including: The United Nations, Royal and Sun Alliance, Ford Motor Co., Produce Marketing Board of Canada, Remax Group of Owner's/Brokers, Brantford Home Builders Association, Family Services Association of Toronto, International Facility of Management Association, Canadian Club of Canada, Acadia University School of business, Canadian Society of Association Executive, Small Business Club of Niagara to name a few.

Stefan Opalski is a professional engineer with almost 20 years' experience working in Ottawa's high-tech industry for local telecommunication and silicon chip design organizations. In 1996 Mr. Opalski co-founded Skystone Systems. The Company was acquired by Cisco Systems and Mr. Opalski headed the Cisco Ottawa development group until late 1998 when he joined Skypoint. Prior to co-founding Skystone, Mr. Opalski worked at Nortel (formerly Bell-Northern Research) for 15 years. Mr. Opalski received his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering and Master of Electronics Engineering degrees from the Technical University of Warsaw in Poland.

John Charles Polanyi

Educated at Manchester University, England, he was a postdoctoral fellow at Princeton University, U.S.A. and the National Research Council, Canada. He is presently a faculty member in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Toronto. His research is on the molecular motions in chemical reactions in gases and at surfaces. He is a Fellow of the Royal Societies of Canada (F.R.S.C.), of London (F.R.S.), and of Edinburgh (F.R.S.E.), also of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, the Pontifical Academy of Rome and the Russian Academy of Sciences. He is a member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada (P.C.), an Officer of the Order of Canada (O.C.), 1974, subsequently Companion of the Order of Canada (C.C.), 1979. His awards include the 1986 Nobel Prize in chemistry, the Royal Medal of the Royal Society of London, and some thirty honorary degrees from six countries. He has served on the Prime Minister of Canada's Advisory Board on Science and Technology, the Premier's Council of Ontario, as Foreign Honorary Advisor to the Institute for Molecular Sciences, Japan, and as Honorary Advisor to the Max Planck Institute for Quantum Optics, Germany. He is presently on the Board of the Steacie Institute for Molecular Sciences, Canada. He was a founding member of both the Committee on Scholarly Freedom of the Royal Society, and a further international human rights organization, the Canadian Committee for Scientists and Scholars, of which he is the current President. Additionally he was the founding Chairman of the Canadian Pugwash Group in 1960, and has been active for 35 years in International Pugwash. He has written extensively on science policy, the control of armaments, and peacekeeping. He is co-