

## Personal statement

I am Dr. Shuijin Zhu, the distinguished professor of Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China. I am the vice dean of the College of Agriculture and Biotechnology, Zhejiang University; director of Zhejiang Provincial Key Laboratory of Crop Germplasm Resources; the cotton expert consultant, the Ministry of Agriculture, China; the vice president of China Cotton Association, the president of Zhejiang Crop Association. I have been working in cotton genetics and breeding for 35 years, and developed 12 new cotton cultivars which have been extending in large acreage in China, obtained eight National and Provincial Scientific and technological Awards, and published more than 200 research papers and 10 books.

ICGI is an international family for cotton industry, and great achievements in scientific research cooperation and exchanges of cotton have been achieved which have won the excellent reputation in cotton sciences and technology. I am one of the sponsors of ICGI, I have actively participated in the ICGI conferences for five times, and participated in the preparations for the conferences in Nanjing, Anyang, and Wuhan. I love ICGI and very interested in works serving ICGI. So I am willing to accept the position, co-chair of Breeding & Applied Genomics, ICGI.

I have been engaged in cotton breeding and application of genomics research for 35 years, and great achievements in cotton breeding and other research fields have been achieved, which has some influence on the cotton industry in China. At the same time, besides the scientific research and educational works, I take a long time of administration, the academic community management, and international exchanges and cooperation, which accumulated much experiences in academic community management and international cooperation. So, I am competent for the position serving Breeding and Applied Genomics, ICGI.