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I received my B.S. and M.S. degrees from Huazhong Agricultural University, and my Ph.D. degree from Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, respectively, in Crop Genetics and Breeding. Currently I am a research professor and deputy director for international collaboration at the Institute of Cotton Research, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences. I am also serving as the executive vice president of Chinese Society for Cotton Sciences. As a leader of the cotton genome sequencing project, my research focus is on cotton genome analysis, particularly in cotton functional genomics research. I have directed China “863” project: cotton functional genomic analysis and applications, and now I am chairing a national key research and development project for cotton breeding. I have published many scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals including Nature Genetics and Nature Biotechnology. I have received seven major awards with the provincial, ministerial or national recognition. I have been selected as a talented expert on scientific innovation by the Ministry of Science and Technology of China. For ICGI Functional Genomics Workgroup, I was elected to serve as the Co-chair from 2015-2017 and as the Chair from 2017-2019. With past accomplishments from the ICGI community, the door is open to many future possibilities for cotton improvement. It would be my honor and privilege to serve this global cotton research organization as ICGI Overall Co-chair and then the Chair, if elected.