

## Brief introduction of Dr. Xiongming Du

Dr. Xiongming Du is PI of the Cotton Germplasm Research Group in ICR,CAAS since 2000 and Dean of Cotton Germplasm Division in Institute of Cotton Research of Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences(ICR,CAAS). ICGI Co-chair(2015-2017) and Chair (2017-2019) of Germplasm & Genetic Stocks Research Area and General Information. He has long been engaged in the identification of cotton genetic and molecular biological characteristics, gene resources and biodiversity, as well as cotton elite gene resources exploration. It has opened up the research on molecular biological identification of cotton germplasm and genetic improvement of colored cotton, and led the development of cotton germplasm genomics and colored cotton breeding. In the past five years, 82 papers have been published in academic journals with a cumulative impact factor of more than 200, More than 10 high-level articles have been published as the first author and corresponding author respectively in Nature Genetics, New phytologist, Plant biological Journal, Plant Journal , Industrial Crops & Products, TAG and Science China Life Sciences.