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Curriculum Vitae

Yi Chen was born on June 21st, 1972 in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. He attended the Yaan High School in Yaan, Sichuan Province. In September 1989, he started studies at the Nanjing Institute of Chemical Technology, and got his B.Sc. degree in Chemical Engineering in 1993. From 1993 to 2001 he worked at as an assistant-engineer at the Chengdu Chemical Engineering Research and Design Institute. In September 2001 Yi decided to change his career path to biological sciences and started master studies in Molecular Genetics and did research under the supervision of Professor Dengju Wu at the Institute of Animal Breeding and Genetics at Sichuan Agricultural University in Yaan. He received the Master of Agriculture degree in July 2004. In September 2004, Yi started his M.Sc. study at the Department of Molecular and Developmental Genetics in the Institute of Biology, Leiden University, the Netherlands. He was working on the functional analysis of genes involved in grain quality of rice, under the supervision of Dr. Pieter B.F. Ouwkerk and Dr. Mei Wang. In August 2006, he received the Master of Science degree in Biology from Leiden University. He continued his PhD research in the same group and working on the same project (this thesis) co-funded by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW). From September 2010 on, Yi is working as a post-doc under the supervision of Dr. Fangjie Zhao, Prof. Dr. Steve P. McGrath and Dr. Tony Miller at Rothamsted Research, United Kingdom. He is now focusing on the functions of aquaporine proteins in arsenic accumulation in rice.