



Sichuan Agricultural University State Key Laboratory of Crop Gene Exploration and Utilization in Southwest China

## **Invitation to the 2025 International Symposium on Rice Functional Genomics**

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the 22nd International Symposium on Rice Functional Genomics (ISRFG 2025), which is scheduled to take place from August 23 to 27, 2025 in Chengdu, China. This year's symposium, under the theme "Green and Nutritional Rice for Human Health and Sustainability," will feature distinguished keynote speakers and comprehensive presentations across relevant disciplines.

The 2025 ISRFG will be held in Chengdu, a city renowned as the "Land of Abundance" in the southwest of China. The conference program commences with on-site registration on August 23, followed by three days of intensive scientific sessions from August 24 to 26, and leaving on 27. The scientific program encompasses eight thematic sessions: Yield; Grain Nutrition and Quality; Biotic Interactions; Abiotic Stresses; Crosstalk of Multiple Processes; Functional Omics; Plant Nutrition and Development; AI and Biotechnology; and a special Young Scientists Report Session focusing on Sustainability, Gene Editing, and Bio-information.

In the face of global challenges including climate change, soil degradation, and increasing biotic stresses, the international rice research community has made significant strides in addressing these critical issues. The remarkable advancements in fundamental rice research are not only driving innovation in crop science worldwide, but also offering transformative solutions for sustainable agriculture and human nutrition.

We sincerely welcome you to join us in Chengdu for ISRFG 2025, where we will collectively explore the latest breakthroughs in rice functional genomics and their profound implications for agricultural advancement. Your participation and insights will be invaluable in shaping innovative strategies and developing cutting-edge tools for rice genetic improvement, ultimately contributing to global food security solutions.

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