

Dr. He and Dr. Li Selected to Join PPI/PPIC China Program Staff

Dr. He Ping and Dr. Li Shutian have joined the staff of the PPI/PPIC China Program and will be located in the Beijing office.

“We are pleased to welcome these two outstanding young scientists as they become involved with PPI/PPIC agronomic programs,” said Dr. David W. Dibb, President of PPI. “Both will work closely with Dr. Jin Ji-yun, Director of our China Program.”

Dr. He will serve as Deputy Director responsible for research and education programs in the Northcentral region of China, including Hebei, Henan, Shanxi, and Shandong provinces, plus Beijing and Tianjin. She was born in Yushu County of Jilin Province, an important area for crop production. Studying soil science and plant nutrition at Jilin Agricultural University, she earned a B.Sc. degree in 1992 and M.Sc. in 1995.

On completing her Ph.D. at the Graduate School of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) in 1998, she became an assistant professor in the Soil and Fertilizer Institute (SFI). In 2001, Dr. He was chosen by the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology and the Science and Technology Agency of Japan to work on high yield maize (corn) research at Hokkaido University as a post-doctoral fellow. In 2003, she returned to SFI/CAAS to continue research on corn production and balanced fertilization. With emphasis on high yield, high quality, and high efficiency corn research, Dr. He is fully conversant with fieldwork and experiments. Her work on carbon and nitrogen interaction during grain formation (with Dr. M. Osaki in Japan) resulted in a published paper and talks at various symposia. Dr. He is active in professional societies, has published more than 30 papers, and has received wide recognition for her work.

Dr. Li, the new Deputy Director for the Northwest region of China, will have responsibility for agronomic research and education efforts in these provinces: Xinjiang, Qinghai, Gansu, Ningxia, Shaanxi, and Neimeng (Inner Mongolia). A native of Hebei Province, Dr. Li grew up in a village and is familiar with agricultural production. He received a B.Sc. degree in 1988 at the Agricultural University of Hebei, completed his M.Sc. in 1991 and Ph.D. in 1999 at the Graduate School of CAAS.

In 1991, Dr. Li became a Research Scientist with SFI/CAAS. He participated in a research program on balanced fertilization techniques in different crops in Huang-huai-hai region from 1991 to 1995. From 1996 to 2002, he was part of a program on soil sulfur status and the effect of sulfur fertilizer on main crops in several provinces of China. Dr. Li also evaluated granular elemental sulfur effects on deficient soils and studied sulfur supply potential and availability in upland and paddy soils. In 2001/2002, he worked in a post-doctoral program in soil science at the University of Manitoba, with Dr. Don Flaten. Dr. Li's work has an awareness of practicing balanced fertilization and rational use of inputs. He has actively participated in many national and international symposia and workshops. Dr. Li has published more than 20 research papers in national and international journals. **BC**



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