

Biographical Statement

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I would like to serve the international cotton research community as the Co-Chair of ICGI. I firmly believe that leadership is best when "balanced", and will do what I can to maintain that very important aspect of ICGI. The biennial ICGI meeting and annual PAG ICGI workshop have become very important platforms for our members to share information, and to "network" with each other internationally. Recent and forthcoming advances in cotton genomics have led and will continue to lead to significant changes and new opportunities in all of our respective areas of endeavor. In many cases, the opportunities will be major ones. I would like ICGI contribute some international organization to preparations that can facilitate assimilation of those advancements by individual members of the community. The goal would be to maximize contributions of genomics to cotton improvement and its share of the textile market, while also increasing features that enhance "sustainability" of cotton production and use. This will be of broad benefit to the community.