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Director General Yanyi WANG

Yanyi Wang, PhD (Beijing University), PI, Antiviral Innate Immunity and Inflammation Group. She received her B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from Peking University, University of Colorado School of Medicine, and Wuhan University, respectively. Before joining the Institute of Virology, she was employed as an instructor and later on promoted to associate professor at Wuhan University. She received the Young Scholar Award from the Chinese Society for Immunology. She has been the cochairman of the Young Immunologists Committee of the Chinese Society for Immunology since 2013. She received the Young Scholar Award from the Chinese Society for Immunology in 2013. In 2014, she was awarded as one of the Distinguished Young Scholars, which was funded by National Nature Science Foundation of China.



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Deputy Director General Gengfu XIAO

Gengfu Xiao, Ph.D., Professor. Dr Xiao obtained his BSc and MSc in Medicine from Tongji Medical University in 1989 and 1992. And he obtained his Ph.D. degree in virology from Wuhan University in 1999. From 1992 to 2008, he worked at the college of Life Science in Wuhan University as a Teaching Assistant, Lecturer, Associate Professor and Professor. Dr Xiao was one of the awardees of the "Outstanding Youth Fund" in Hubei province in 2003; he then obtained the support of the Program for New Century Excellent Talents in University in 2006. Now Dr Xiao is the Deputy Director General and Professor at Wuhan Institute of Virology, CAS, and is the head of the research group of viral biochemistry, furthermore Dr Xiao is deputy director of the State key laboratory of virology.Dr Xiao has worked on the study of medical molecular virology for many years. In recent years, his research focuses on biochemistry of viral proteins. Dr Xiao is supported by National Basic Research Program of China and the CAS pilot project of Knowledge Innovation Programs. Dr Xiao participated in editing three monographs, "genetic engineering", "Modern Molecular Biology of the Cell", and "Human flu and Bird flu".



Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee Changcai HE

Changcai HE, Bsc & MSc, worked in the Research Group of Ichthyology of Institute of Hydrobiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) from Jul. 1985 to Jun. 1996. Then, he worked in the Division of Graduates in the Institute of Hydrobiology, CAS from Jul. 1996 to Feb. 2000. During the following seven years (from Mar. 2000 to Dec. 2007), working in Wuhan Education Center, he was the deputy head of the General Office of Education Center, Executive Vice President of the School for Advanced Study in Wuhan Branch, CAS, and then head of the General Office of Education Center, among which, he was also the deputy head of Admission Office of Graduate University of CAS from Oct. 2001 to Oct. 2003, and the deputy head of Office of Organization and Human Resource from Mar. 2002 to Mar. 2004. Within the following five years, namely from Jan. 2008 to Aug. 2013, he acted as the head of the General Office, Office of Infrastructure, and assistant of the President of Wuhan Branch, CAS. In addition, he was the chairman of the corporate trade union of Wuhan Branch from Jan. 2004 to Sep. 2013, and the Corporate Secretary of the Party at Wuhan Branch from Oct. 2005 to Jul. 2013. Since the Aug. of 2013, he has been the deputy director general of Wuhan Institute of Virology, CAS.

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Deputy Director General Peng Gong

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