



Background of Nominee for President Elect Academy Executive Council for 2024-2026

Dr. Pingfan Rao

Dr. Pingfan Rao is a Professor and founding Director of CAS.SIBS-Zhejiang Gongshang University Joint Center for Food and Nutrition Research, and a Distinguished Professor of Fuzhou University of China.

A world-renowned scholar in food science and technology, Dr Rao has published more than 180 high quality scholarly papers, two books, and 17 patents over the past 35 years. His research focuses primarily on expanding knowledge of foods for improving health, specifically identifying and characterizing bioactive proteins and expression and scale production of recombinant enzymes, protein derivatives as the active ingredients of tradition Chinese medicine and food.

Dr. Pingfan Rao has vast leadership experience. In China, he sits in the National Committee of Future Earth and served in advisory committees in several provincial governments. He has been the vice-president of the Chinese Institute of Food Science and Technology since 2001. At IUFoST, Dr. Pingfan Rao has been playing an active and remarkable leadership role in the past two decades. He was appointed Fellow of the IAFoST (2008); IUFoST Governing Council member (2006-2010), IUFoST President (2012-2014), IUFoST representative at the

International Science Council, and currently a member of the Board. He was a key organizer for the 2008 World Congress of Food Science and Technology in Shanghai, and was instrumental in bringing the Chinese Institute of Food Science and Technology (CIFST) - the world's largest food professional community, to become one of the most dynamic players in IUFoST.

His tremendous contributions to food science for the global society have been broadly recognized by numerous awards including the Fellow of the IAFoST and a Fellow of CIFST.

Nominator and Recommendation Letter: Dr. Hongda Chen, National Program Leader, Bioprocess Engineering and Nanotechnology USDA/NIFA Chair, the Scientific Council, the IUFoST, 2022-2024, Fellow of IAFoST, IFT, and ASABE

Keywords specific to nominee's accomplishments and contributions: Bioactive proteins; Leading Scholar in China and well-known globally; Co-Editor-in-Chief Editor of Nature Partner Journal Science of Food and editor of other journals; Fellow of IAFoST.

Dr. Chin-Kun Wang

Dr. Chin-Kun Wang served as the president of Chung Shan Medical University (CSMU), and the president of the Nutrition Society of Taiwan (NST).

Dr. Wang has achieved the promotion of international scholastic exchange by organizing conferences and serving as the president. He organized two international conferences for the International Society for Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods (ISNFF) (2008 and 2013) and served as its president (2014-2016). He has also organized and presided over the International Conference of Nutrition and Physical Activity (NAPA) in 2018 the International Conference of Food Safety and Health 2019 (FSAH 2019), and also, the Global Summit of Food and Health 2023. In addition, he also successfully got the right to host IUFoST World Food Congress 2026 in Taiwan.

Dr. Wang has been actively involved in many IUFoST activities. Dr. Wang served as the Executive Councillor of IAFoST from 2020 to 2024. He was aggressively involved in several scientific round table discussions (COVID-19, Precision of Nutrition and food science, and Long COVID)

and academy sessions of the World Food Congress, and publication committee, and took over CODATA WG.

Dr. Wang was also appointed as Goodwill Ambassador of the UN in 2024.

Nominator and Recommendation Letter: Dr. Gow-Chin Yen, IAFoST Fellow, Chair Professor, National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan

Keywords specific to nominee's accomplishments and contributions: Academy Executive Councillor, IUFoST World Food Congress, Scientific Round Table Discussion, Academy Session, UN Goodwill Ambassador