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Editorial Overview

News: Dr. Xing-Fang Li is awarded Canada Research Chair in Analytical Chemistry and Environmental Toxicology



Dr. Xing-Fang Li

Dr. Xing-Fang Li, an Editorial Board member of the *Journal of Environmental Sciences*, has recently been awarded Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Analytical Chemistry and Environmental Toxicology. This award is tenable for seven years (2018–2025) and renewable for another term. Tier 1 Canada Research Chairs recognize outstanding researchers acknowledged by their peers as world leaders in their fields. For Dr. Li's Tier 1 Canada Research Chair, the University of Alberta receives \$1,400,000 over the next seven years from the government of Canada.

Dr. Li and his team have published eight papers in the *Journal of Environmental Sciences*, including four research articles (Fu et al., 2017; Ge et al., 2018; Moe et al., 2016; Tang et al., 2016) and four highlight editorials (Fu et al., 2015; Li et al., 2015; Zheng et al. 2016, 2017). These papers represent Dr. Li's dynamic research on three aspects, including (i) non-targeted analysis of organic compounds in water, (ii) identification and characterization of new drinking water disinfection by-products, and (iii) studies of toxicological effects of emerging environmental contaminants.

Professor Li received her undergraduate training in Chemistry from Hangzhou (Zhejiang) University (China), MSc from the Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences, a second MSc from Brock University (Canada), and PhD from the University of British Columbia (Canada). After postdoctoral research in bioanalytical chemistry with Dr. Norm Dovichi at the University of Alberta (Canada), Dr. Li worked as a Research Scientist for a mass spectrometry company and as the Director of the Analytical Division of a biopharmaceutical company. With the support of a University Faculty Award from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, Dr. Li was recruited to the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta in 2001. She was promoted to tenured full professor in 2011.

Professor Li has been recognized with both research and teaching awards. She has received the Chemical Institute of Canada's Environment Research and Development Award for her "distinguished contributions to research and development in the field of environmental chemistry". She has also been awarded the W.A.E. McBryde Medal by the Canadian Society for Chemistry for her "significant achievements in pure or applied analytical chemistry". Her other awards include the University Faculty Award, an elected Fellowship of the Chemical Institute of Canada, the University of Alberta Killam Annual Professorship and Excellence in Mentoring Award.

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