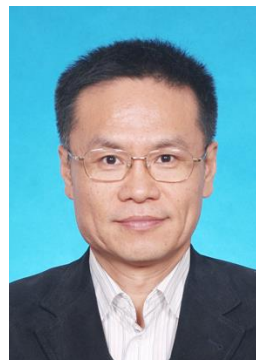


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Education

- 1979-1983 B.S., Plant Protection, Shanxi Agricultural University, Taigu, China.
1983-1989 Ph.D., Molecular Plant Pathology, Nanjing Agricultural University, Nanjing, China.

Academic Appointments

- 1989-1993 Associate Director, Institute of Biotechnology, Shanxi Academy of Agricultural Sciences
1993-1995 Visiting Scholar, Department of Plant Pathology, Cornell University
1995-1997 Associate professor, Institute of Biotechnology, Shanxi University
1997-2001 Professor and Director, Institute of Biotechnology, Shanxi University
2000.4-.7 Visiting professor, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Southern Carolina
2001-2014 Professor of microbiology, School of Life Sciences and Biotechnology, SJTU
2003-2012 Associate Dean, School of Life Sciences and Biotechnology, SJTU
2005-2009 Executive Director, Shanghai Center for Systems Biomedicine at SJTU
2012.9-2013.4 Visiting Professor, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA
2014-2017 Distinguished Professor of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences and Biotechnology, SJTU
2017- Eveleigh-Fenton Chair of Applied Microbiology, Department of Biochemistry and
Microbiology, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Other Professional Appointments

- 1999-2001 Member, Committee for Grant Evaluation in Genetics, National Science Foundation (NSF) of
China
2001-2003 Member, Committee for Grant Evaluation in Microbiology, NSF of China
2001-Pres. *Ad-hoc* reviewer, grants evaluation of NSF of China, China Ministry of Science and Technology
and Shanghai Commission of Science and Technology

- 2001-Pres. Ad-hoc reviewer, grants evaluation of French ANR, Hong Kong Science Administration, U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation, & etc.
- 2006-2012 Board Member, International Society for Microbial Ecology (ISME)
- 2008-Pres. Member, Steering Committee, International Human Microbiome Consortium (IHMC)
- 2013-Pres. Senior Editor, The ISME Journal
- 2013-Pres. Member, Editorial Board, FMES Microbiology Ecology
- 2014-Pres. Member, Editorial Board, Scientific Report
- 2014-Pres. Senior Editor, mSystems, American Society for Microbiology
- 2015-Pres. Associate editor, Microbiome

Honors & Awards

- Outstanding Scientist of Shanghai, 2009.
- SJTU Best Teacher of the Year, 2011.
- Elected Fellow, American Academy of Microbiology, 2014.

Research Interests

- ◇ Developing molecular and genomic tools for systems understanding and predictive manipulation of the complex microbial communities in human and animal guts.
- ◇ Understanding interactions between diet and gut microbiota in onset and progression of chronic diseases such as obesity and diabetes.
- ◇ Formulating interventions integrating traditional Chinese medicine and medicinal foods into modern day diet to modulate the relationship between gut microbiota and humans for achieving preventive health care.

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 8. Wu, G., C. Zhang, H. Wu, R. Wang, J. Shen, L. Wang, Y. Zhao, X. Pang, X. Zhang, **L. Zhao**, and M. Zhang. 2017. 'Genomic Microdiversity of *Bifidobacterium pseudocatenulatum* Underlying Differential Strain-Level Responses to Dietary Carbohydrate Intervention', *MBio*, 8.
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 11. Zhang, C., and **L. Zhao***. 2016. 'Strain-level dissection of the contribution of the gut microbiome to human metabolic disease', *Genome Med*, 8: 41.
 12. Zhang, Q., Y. Wu, J. Wang, G. Wu, W. Long, Z. Xue, L. Wang, X. Zhang, X. Pang, Y. Zhao, **L. Zhao**, and C. Zhang. 2016. 'Accelerated dysbiosis of gut microbiota during aggravation of DSS-induced colitis by a butyrate-producing bacterium', *Sci Rep*, 6: 27572.
 13. Dubilier* N., McFall-Ngai M. and **Zhao L**. Microbiology: Create a global microbiome effort. *Nature* 526(7575): 2015, 631-34.
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Publications: Book Chapters & Books

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Seminars & Lectures

Keynote and Plenary Presentations

- 2017 International Union of Microbiological Societies IUMS Congress 2017, July 17-21, 2017, Singapore. Opening Keynote Speaker
- 2017 Animal-Microbe Symbioses, Gordon Research Conference Host-Microbe Associations at the Foundation of the Biosphere, June 11-16, 2017. Mount Snow, West Dover, VT, USA. Closing Keynote Speaker

- 2015 Targeting Microbiota 2015, October 22, Paris, The gut microbiota & obesity: from correlation to causality. Keynote speaker.
- 2014 Symposium on Model Systems to Understand Microbiota-host Interactions, Biophysical Sciences Institute/BBSRC China-UK Partnership meeting, Durham, UK, April 23-24. Gut microbiota and human obesity: from correlation to causality. Keynote speaker.
- 2014 Symposium on The Gut, Its Microbes and Health: New Knowledge and Applications in Asia, Orchard Hotel, Singapore, October 8-9. Basic concepts on the gut microbiota's role in human health. Keynote speaker.
- 2014 11th Nestlé International Nutrition Symposium Nutrition and the Human Gut Microbiome, Nestlé Research Center, Lausanne, October 22-24. Interactions between gut microbiota, host genetics and diet. Invited speaker.
- 2013 IBD11 meeting, November 14-16, Prague, Hungary. The perfect microbiome. Keynote speaker.
- 2013 4th International Human Microbiome Conference, Hangzhou, China, March. Can we follow Koch's postulates for hunting down human obesity bugs in gut microbiota? Plenary talk.
- 2012 21th Yakult Symposium intestinal Flora Intestinal Microbiota and Ecology –Diet, Nutrition and Environmental Factors, Tokyo, Japan, November 2. Gut microbiota and metabolic diseases-from correlation to causation. Opening keynote speaker.
- 2012 4th ASM Conference on Beneficial Microbes, San Antonio, Texas, October 22-23. Microbiome-wide association studies for hunting down the obesity bugs. Opening keynote speaker.
- 2012 14th International Symposium for Microbial Ecology, Copenhagen, Denmark, August. Microbiome-wide association studies for hunting down the obesity bugs. Plenary Talk.
- 2012 5th Symposium on Self-Monitoring of Blood Glucose (SMBG) Applications and Beyond, Dublin, Ireland, May 3-5. Good bugs or bad bugs? The role of the gut microbial ecosystem in obesity and diabetes. Keynote speaker.
- 2011 111th annual meeting of American Society for Microbiology, New Orleans, May. Re-engineering of gut microbiota based on traditional Chinese medicinal foods for early prevention of metabolic diseases. Plenary talk.
- 2011 2nd International Human Microbiome Conference, Vancouver, Canada, March. Health assessment and monitoring with gut microbiota as a primary target. Plenary talk.
- 2010 Diabetes Technology Meeting, Bethesda, Maryland, November. Gut microbiota-based biomarker discovery for prevention of metabolic diseases. Plenary talk.

Invited Presentations

- 2017 Joint ICGEB-ICTP-APCTP Workshop on Systems Biology and Molecular Economy of Microbial Communities 3 - 7 July 2017 Trieste, Italy. Invited speaker
- 2017 Nature Conference on Environmental and Human Microbiomes: Drivers of Future Sustainability 12-15 February 2017, Singapore, Invited presentation
- 2016 2016 World Life Science Conference November 1-3, 2016 in Beijing, China. Chair and Keynote speaker
- 2016 The 13th International Symposium on the Genetics of Industrial Microorganisms (GIM2016), 16-20, October 2016 Wuhan, P. R. China, Keynote presentation
- 2016 Advances in Biotechnology for Food and Medical Applications Workshop". 5-7th, October 2016, Sydney, Invited speaker
- 2016 The Cold Spring Harbor Asia conference on Microbiology and the Environment, September 26-30, 2016 Suzhou, China, Invited speaker
- 2016 2016 International Conference of Physiological Sciences 90th Anniversary of CAPS—The Logic of Life September 25-28, 2016, Beijing, China, Invited speaker
- 2016 The 6th U.S.-China Health Summit at the Shaanxi Guesthouse Sept. 2-4, 2016. in Xi'an, China, Invited speaker
- 2016 Distinguished lecture series speaker, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan, July 15, 2016
- 2016 "The Barcelona Debates on the Human Microbiome. From Microbes to Medicines" to be held on June, 30th and July 1st, 2016, in Barcelona, Spain. Invited speaker
- 2016 Frontiers in Human Microbiota Symbiotic Interactions It will be held in Hong Kong, on May 23rd- 25th, 2016. Invited speaker.
- 2016 The 4th Annual meeting of the Asian Organization for Crohn's and Colitis, Go on to the next step, from Asia to the world, May 20th, 2016, Invited speaker,

- 2016 Integrative physiology: at the crossroad of nutrition, growth, metabolism and microbiota, April 25-30, Fondation des Treilles
- 2016 The 1st International Meeting on Intestinal Diseases in Conjunction with the Annual Congress of KASID (IMKASID 2016) to be held in Seoul, Korea from April 15-16, 2016. Invited speaker
- 2016 CIFAR Humans & the Microbiome Program Meeting Musée du quai Branly (37 Quai Branly, 75007 Paris) Paris, France, April 10-13, 2016, Invited speaker
- 2016 Better Foods for Better Health Microbiota Health: The challenge of a promising approach to be held from April 6-8th 2016 at “Les Pensières” Conference Center in Veyrier du Lac, France, Invited speaker
- 2016 Gut microbiota in health and disease –from concept to evidence Date; 17th March 2016, Royal Swedish Academy of Science, Stockholm, Sweden. Invited speaker
- 2016 2nd Microbiome R&D and Business Collaboration Congress: Asia. 29 February-1 March 2016 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Invited speaker
- 2015 Keystone Symposium on Gut Microbiota Modulation of Host Physiology: The Search for Mechanism (C1), Keystone, Colorado, USA, March, 1-6, 2015. Dysbiosis of Gut Microbiota as a Checkpoint for Obesity Development. Invited speaker.
- 2015 International Digestive Disease Forum 2015, Hong Kong, June 5-7, Microbiota in Digestive Health. Invited speaker.
- 2015 EMBL Conference: The Human Microbiome, Heidelberg, Germany, June 10-12, 2015. Gut microbiota-targeted alleviation of genetic obesity. Invited speaker.
- 2015 Gordon Research Conferences-Environmental Microbiology, Mount Holyoke College, July 12-17, 2015. Interactions between gut microbiome and host during diabetes development. Invited Speaker.
- 2015 Human Nutrition, Environment and Health (T1), Beijing, October 14-16, 2015 Dietary Modulation of Gut Microbiota for Obesity Management: From Association to Causation to Translation. Invited Speaker.

- 2015 IBD: East Meets West, Shenzhen, September 11-12, 2015. Microbiota and metabolic health. Invited speaker.
- 2015 International Society for Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods (ISNFF), Wuxi, China, September 20-23, 2015. Modulation of gut microbiome to improve human metabolic health. Invited speaker.
- 2015 Keystone symposium Human Nutrition, Environment and Health (T1), Beijing, October 14-16, 2015. Dietary Modulation of Gut Microbiota for Obesity Management: From Association to Causation to Translation. Invited speaker.
- 2015 6th International Conference on Food Factors (ICoFF 2015), Seoul, November 22-25, 2015. Interactions between nutrition and gut microbiome contribute to human metabolic phenome. Invited speaker.
- 2014 Symposium on The Gut, Its Microbes and Health: New Knowledge and Applications in Asia, Orchard Hotel, Singapore, October 8-9, 2014. Gut microbiota in the development of metabolic diseases. Invited speaker.
- 2014 9th Metabolic Syndrome, Type 2 Diabetes and Atherosclerosis Congress, Kyoto, Japan, September 12-14, 2014. The role of gut microbiota in metabolic diseases-a top-down systems approach. Invited speaker.
- 2014 Keystone Symposium on Exploiting and Understanding Chemical Biotransformations in the Human Microbiome (D1), Big Sky Resort, Big Sky, Montana, April 1-6, 2014. Can We Follow Koch's Postulates for Hunting Down Human Obesity Bugs in Gut Microbiota? Invited speaker.
- 2013 21st Annual Faculty of Medicine Symposium, The Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada, May 10, 2013. Characterizing the causative role of gut microbiota in human metabolic diseases. Invited Speaker.
- 2011 The 6th International Yakult Symposium on The Gut and Its Role in Health Maintenance, Arcotel Wimberger, Vienna, Austria, May 26th-27th, 2011. Eco-systems biology of gut microbiota for understanding health maintenance. Invited speaker.

2010 Symposium on Better Foods for Human Health: Challenges & Solutions (Interfacing Science, Regulation and Industry) Organized by Fondation Mérieux, Veyrier du Lac - France, September 7-9, 2010. Dietary Modulation of Gut Microbiota for Preventive Management of the Metabolic Syndrome. Invited speaker.

Professional Activities

Editorial Board Memberships & Service as Reviewer

2013-Pres. Senior Editor, The ISME Journal.
2013-Pres. Member, Editorial Board, FMES Microbiology Ecology.
2014-Pres. Member, Editorial Board, Scientific Report.
2014-Pres. Senior Editor, mSystems, American Society for Microbiology.

Ad Hoc Reviewer for the following journals: Nature, Science, Nature Communications, the ISME Journal, FEMS Microbiology Ecology, Applied and Environmental Microbiology, Microbial Ecology.

Advisory Boards

Member of the Nutritional Advisory Board of Barilla Co.
Scientific advisor of the Perfect Co. (Non-paid)

Society Service

Vice chair, Division of Environmental Microbiology, Chinese Society for Microbiology, 2010-Pres.
Vice Chair, Chinese Society for Lactic Acid Bacteria, 2013-Pres.
Chinese Ambassador for International Society for Microbial Ecology (ISME), 2002-2004
Member of International Board, ISME, 2006-2012
Nominated as one of the two candidates for vice president of ISME of the 2016 election
Member of Chinese Society for Microbiology
Member of American Society for Microbiology
Member of ISME