Ph.D positions are Available

Special Crop Science Lab, Chonnam Nat’l Univ. Korea

We are looking for a highly motivated student (Ph.D and or master or combined course) and postdoctoral researcher who have experienced in plant molecular biology/physiology (Gene cloning, qRT-PCR, in planta transformation and functional characterization) in Chonnam National University*, Korea. A person can be participated in one of projects below,

**First**, elucidating the basic roles of plant phospholipase A family in molecular biology, genetic, and biochemistry level (Lee et al., 2010. 22:1812-1825 Plant Cell). Understanding the role of plant phospholipase and plant development based on auxin hormone will be the main focus. Genome editing technology combined with enhanced plant tissue culture systems will be utilized.

**Second**, functional characterization of ginseng saponin (triterpene) biosynthesis-related genes such as HMG Co-A reductase (Kim et al., 2014 165:373-387 Plant Physiology), Dammarenediol synthase, Squalene synthase, Squalene epoxidase, UGT, P450 genes. Promoter analysis of the genes by ChIP or yeast one/two-hybrid analysis, and finding their main regulator will be the focus. Ultimately selective ginseng saponin production *in planta* system is also our interest. Experience in analytical tools such as HPLC, LS/MS is a plus.

Any experience in confocal microscopy can be a merit. Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. Interested candidate should apply by email to Prof. Ok Ran Lee (mpizlee@jnu.ac.kr). The email should include the following: (1) Cover letter explaining the research interests and possible proposal based on the given topics, (2) CV, (3) if have, publications or in press articles, and (4) contact information including phone numbers for at least 3 references.

More detailed guideline for the graduate school admission can be found here (http://international.jnu.ac.kr/eng/)

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