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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that the winner of the *Foods* 2022 Young Investigator Award is Dr. Xiaonan Lu. Dr. Xiaonan Lu is an Associate Professor of the Department of Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry, Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at McGill University, Quebec, Canada.

## 2022 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

# WINNER

Dr. Xiaonan Lu's research focuses on developing innovative and rapid sensing, instrumentation systems and detection methods to ensure food safety, as well as preventing food bioterrorism and fraud. His research aims to improve food safety and enhance food sustainability.

Dr. Xiaonan Lu (born in 1984) received his PhD in 2011 and has an outstanding publication record, with over 120 publications (>5,000 citations, h-index 42, i10-index 93 as of April 2022). Approximately one-third of these papers were published in journals with an impact factor higher than 5, including: *Biosensors & Bioelectronics*, *PloS Pathogens*, *Theranostics*, *Chemical Communications*, *ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces*, *ACS Sensors*, and *Analytical Chemistry*. These publications have attracted significant interest, resulting in 46 invited talks. He is a rising star in the field of food science and technology. Since beginning his independent academic career in Canada, Dr. Lu has achieved remarkable success, securing external research funding totaling > CAD 6 million (after university overhead) in 10 years as a principal investigator. Dr. Lu is an outstanding young academic with many remarkable achievements. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Xiaonan Lu for his outstanding achievements.

As the awardee, Dr. Xiaonan Lu will receive an honorarium of CHF 2000, the opportunity to publish a paper free of charge in *Foods* within the next two years (subject to peer review), and an engraved plaque.

We would like to thank all the nominators from various fields of study for their participation and the Award Committee Members for their evaluation of the many excellent nominations.

Prof. Dr. Arun K. Bhunia  
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