

American College of Sports Medicine 2023 Citation Award

Presented to

Li Li Ji,
Ph.D., FACSM

Li Li Ji, Ph.D., FACSM, is professor and director of the Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene and Exercise Science at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, specializing particularly in the functions of and relationships among free radicals, exercise and nutrition. He was nominated for a Citation Award by Scott Powers, Ph.D., FACSM.

Dr. Ji earned a Bachelor of Science from East China Normal University in 1976, a Master of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1982 and a Ph.D. from the same in 1985. He subsequently performed a postdoctoral research fellowship at UW-Madison's Institute for Enzyme Research from 1985 to 1987.

Dr. Ji has held numerous positions and titles over the years, including physical education teacher at East China Normal University (1976-7) and the Shanghai Institute of Physical Education (1977-9), captain of the City of Shanghai University All Star Basketball Team (1975-6), head basketball coach of the Shanghai Workers Union Basketball Team (1976), and assistant professor (1987-93) and associate professor (1993-4) in the Department of Kinesiology and Division of Nutritional Science at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. At the University of Wisconsin-Madison, he has been associate professor and chairman of the Department of Kinesiology (1994-7); professor in the Interdepartmental Program of Nutritional Science, Institute on Aging, and Cardiovascular Research Center (1997-2011); professor in the Department of Kinesiology (1997-2011); and professor and chairman of the Department of Kinesiology (2003-10). At the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, he has served as director of the School of Kinesiology (2011-17) and professor and director of the Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene and Exercise Science (2011-present).

Dr. Ji's publications include 174 research papers, 23 book chapters, one book and co-authored two book volumes. Twenty-four of his papers have been cited more than 300 times, respectively, his highest-cited paper has thus far garnered 1,163 citations and his Google Scholar h-index is 76; in total, Dr. Ji's works have been cited more than 22,678 times. Dr. Ji has served on the editorial boards of 16 research journals, including *Free Radical Biology and Medicine*, and holds two honorary professorships at prestigious universities in China as well as an honorary *causa doctorate* from Hungary's University of Sports Science. He is also a grant reviewer for a number of funding agencies, among them the National Institutes of Health and the American Heart Association.

Dr. Ji has been affiliated with ACSM for essentially his entire career. He became a member of ACSM in 1980, having completed his M.S. with Dr. Henry Montoye and his Ph.D. with Drs. Henry Lardy and Francis Nagle, and achieved fellowship in 1990. His awards and accolades range from receiving the Vilas Associate Award from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (1997), being chosen to give the Denham Harman Biological Gerontology Lecture (Vancouver 2003) and the Henry Lardy Distinguished Lecture of Chemistry at South Dakota State University (2015), becoming a fellow of the National Academy of Kinesiology (2006), and fellow of the Society for Redox Biology and Medicine (2022), among many others.

According to Dr. Powers, "Without question, (Dr. Ji's) research has greatly improved our understanding of the antioxidant systems in cardiac and skeletal muscle in both health and disease. In my view, Dr. Ji's research and professional accomplishments are consistent with the highest expectations of an individual receiving the ACSM Citation Award for scholarly work."

ACSM is proud to present Dr. Ji with a 2023 Citation Award.



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