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Evolution of the Collective Oryza Genome: Development and Analysis of a Genus-Wide Genome Biology Platform to Help Solve the 9-billion People Question

The wild relatives of rice offer a virtually untapped reservoir of natural variation that can be used to improve cultivated rice. My talk will discuss our latest progress on a genomic dissection of the Oryza genus with an emphasis on the domestication of African rice - O. glaberrima – which occurred 7,000 years after the domestication of Asian rice (O. sativa).