### Dr. Ho visiting Germany

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*From 30th of Jun. to 11th of Jul. 2007*
It is the second year of Project Based Personnel Exchange Programme. Dr. **Ying-Jui Ho**’s group from Taiwan visited Prof. **Cornelius R Pawlak**’s Lab in **Mannheim** and **Marburg**, from 30th of Jun. to 11th of Jul., including the other PPP member, **An-Li Wang**.

In this first meeting, some experimental results were discussed, including the primary data and the further advanced experiment. Additionally, the visitors were shown around different laboratories in the Central Institute of Mental Health and thus learned the experimental paradigms used in the German side. The visits provided information about sophisticated methods of behavioural analyses in rodents, the generation of conditional mice and rats, the systematic training of observational methods and the interpretation of rodent behaviours. Other involvement included scientific discussion and practical problem solving within a project concerning the methodological problems to measure anxiety-related behaviour with the microdialysis.

Dr. Ho’s group also visited and interacted with the laboratory of Prof. Dr. Rainer K.W. Schwarting, in Marburg where the Taiwanese side was initiated. Previously, both
Dr. Ho and Dr. Pawlak had worked in this laboratory. This visit was essential since the PhD student Britta Karrenbauer, the other PPP member, was preparing for her visit to Taiwan. The other students of Dr. Pawlak and students from the joint collaboration met the Taiwanese group in a general meeting.

Britta Karrenbauer visiting Taiwan

From 9th of Nov. to 21th of Nov. 2007

In November, the PhD student Britta Karrenbauer visited the laboratory of Dr. Ying-Jui Ho for 12 days. She was involved in various laboratory activities at the Chung Shan Medical University, Taichung City. The most important part was to get an introduction to the theoretical background and practical application of the Western bolt, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) and immunohistochemistry (IHC) technique under the close supervision of An-Li Wang, Yu-Han Wu, and Chuen-Hui Fan. These techniques are essential for the ongoing projects between both partners. She visited the Instrument and Animal Centre of the Chung Shan Medical University. Several scientific interactions were arranged with the Taiwanese project leader Dr. Ho, for example, met Prof. M.C. Ho (School of Psychology, Chung Shan Medical University), Prof. L.S. Hsu (Institute of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, Chung Shan Medical
University). Miss. Britta Karrenbauer also thoroughly discussed with undergraduate and graduate students issues such as statistical fallacies, behavioural testing procedures used in the German laboratories, the higher education system of Germany and Bulgaria in comparison to Taiwan. In addition, apart from the scientific part, both groups engaged in leisure activities and travelling in Taichung City, Taipei, and other locations, which intensified the cooperation.

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已發表論文 One paper has been published

Wu SL, LS Hsu, WT Tu, WF Wang, YT Huang, CR Pawlak*, YJ Ho*. Effects of D-cycloserine on the behavior and ERK activity in the amygdala: Role of individual anxiety levels. *Behav Brain Res* (2007, in press) (SCI) 【 NSC 95-2320-B-040-009; CCH grant 93118; PPP 0940042882 】

投稿中之論文 One paper has been submitted


撰寫中之論文 Two papers are preparing for submission

Yen-Ti Lee, Wen-Fu Wang, Shey-Lin Wu, Cornelius R Pawlak, Ying-Jui Ho. Effects of physical and psychological stressors on interleukin-2 in the brain