A joint seminar of the Max Planck-Hebrew University

On November 26th, a joint seminar of the Max Planck-Hebrew University Center for Brain Research and Max Planck Germany took place at the Edmond J. Safra Campus of the University. Participants on the Israeli side were Profs. Idan Segev, Haim Sompolinsky, Adi Mizrahi and their students. On the German side, Profs. Axel Borst & Tobias Bonhoeffer from the MP Institute of Neurobiology in Munich and Dr. Marcel Oberlaender from the MP Institute of Biological Cybernetics in Tuebingen and their students. A total of 22 participants enjoyed this event from morning to evening, including dinner at a restaurant with local Jerusalem ambience.

The topics discussed included Cortical plasticity in action (Profs. Mizrahi/Bonhoeffer collaboration); Cortical anatomy/connectomics (Profs. Sompolinsky/Sakmann/Oberlaender collaboration); Visual processing in the fly (Segev/Borst collaboration). This was an interactive and inspiring meeting - the first comprehensive one of our 2-year old Max Planck Center (MPC).

The MPC looks forward to continue this mutual cooperation, with more such meetings planned for the coming year, with more students joining in, and more scientific problems to be explored mutually between Israel and Germany.
The Jerusalem Brain Sciences Building will provide a state-of-the-art research and teaching facility for the Edmond and Lily Safra Center for Brain Sciences.

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