

“As You Sow, So Will You Reap”



Prof. GUO Aike and his German cooperater Prof. Dr. K. Götz in Beijing in 1992.



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“I was invited to the Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics in Tuebingen, and studied there from 1982 to 1984 within the CAS/MPG cooperation. During that period I focused on the figure-ground discrimination by relative motion in the visual system of the fly. At the end of 1993, I arrived at the MPI for Biological Cybernetics again to collaborate with Prof. K. Götz to study visual learning and memory in fruit flies. To support my research in China, MPG gifted me with an experimental system made in MPI. The German scientific culture deeply impressed me.

Thanks to what I have learned at MPI, I established the first Laboratory of Learning/Memory of *Drosophila* in China in 1993. For 20 years, I have been engaged in the study about learning/memory and decision-making, using *Drosophila* as a model organism. At present I am the principle investigator of the ‘Brain Functional Connection Mapping Project of CAS’.

With my scientific activities in MPI, I realized ‘true cooperation based on true friendship’. I appreciate very much a German proverb, which goes ‘*Wie man in den Wald hinein ruft, so schallt es zurück*’. (As you sow, so will you reap.)” ◀