Dear German and Chinese members of the IRTG “Adaptive Minds”,

We are glad to send you the fifth edition of the IRTG Newsletter, which is circulated among all German and Chinese IRTG members in more or less regular intervals (ca. every 2-4 months or whenever appropriate). Please do not hesitate to give us your feedback on or suggestions for the contents of the current or future IRTG newsletters. For example, all German and Chinese IRTG members are invited to inform us about new developments in their publication record or scientific career.

Best regards,
The coordination team of the IRTG at the German site
Axel, Hubert, Theo & Florian

1.) IRTG News

The presidium of Saarland University has promised to additionally reward the granting of the second funding period of the IRTG „Adaptive Minds“. Therefore, additional support from the University will be made available during the second funding period of the IRTG from October 2012 until March 2017 for realizing the following measures to further promote the involved young scientists:

• A total of six associated doctoral researchers, who do not receive funding from the IRTG and for which an exchange visit is usually not foreseen, will be enabled to spend a ca. 1- to 2-months research visit at IP-CAS in order to give them the opportunity to collect important research experiences abroad similarly as the fellowship holders. The corresponding travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the University (max. 1.500 € per associated doctoral researcher).

• An award of 500 € for research purposes will be provided for the best doctoral thesis of each of the three generations of doctoral researchers of the IRTG.

• The doctoral researchers of the IRTG will have a sum of 3.000 € at their disposal that can be spent by the young scientists for self-organized joint activities of the doctoral researchers (e.g. social events, cultural or intercultural events, excursions).

Interested PhD students of the IRTG are kindly asked to refer to the coordinator at the German site if they are interested in the aforementioned additional support during the second funding period, especially in the funding of research visits at IP-CAS for associated doctoral researchers or in the budget for self-organized joint activities of PhD students.
2.) New IRTG Publications

We would like to announce a new journal paper of IRTG members that has recently been accepted for publication. We are especially glad that it represents a close Sino-German collaborative publication including researchers from three institutions, namely Saarland University, Institute of Psychology at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and Southwest University in Chongqing:


In addition, with contributions by the IRTG members Lena Schmidt and Georg Kerkhoff, the following paper has been accepted for publication:


Finally, there is a further publication that was specifically written in the context of the IRTG:


The website that lists all publications of the IRTG has been updated accordingly (please let Theo know if any publication of yours is missing).

3.) Workshop „Measures of Working Memory Capacity and their Neural Correlates“

From 13th to 15th June 2012, the IRTG Workshop "Measures of Working Memory Capacity and their Neural Correlates" that has been organized by Hubert Zimmer will take place at Saarland University. The main speakers will be Ed Awh and David Anderson from the University of Oregon on Wednesday and Thursday and other speakers from Aachen, Berlin, and Saarbrücken on Friday.


4.) Reporting colloquium from 25th-27th October 2012

The IRTG will carry out the first reporting colloquium for the second generation of PhD students from 25th to 27th October 2012 in the Annahof in Blieskastel-Niederwürzbach ([www.annahof.de](http://www.annahof.de)). Its primary aim is to give every PhD student the opportunity to present the concept, first results, and further planning of his/her doctoral project in front of the entire audience of IRTG members in order to get valuable feedback. Further details on the planning of the reporting colloquium will be made available as soon as possible.