

Dr Aaron Seitz visited the Institute for Adaptive and Neural Computation, particularly the group of Dr Peggy Series for four in June 2009. He gave a research seminar in the Institute, presenting his world-leading research in perceptual learning. He also gave two tutorials sharing his expertise in visual psychophysics and more particularly with the Matlab Psychophysics toolbox, which was well attended and found very useful, both by faculty and students, from Edinburgh and beyond.

Dr Seitz has been a collaborator with Dr Peggy Series and her team for a long time. That he could stay in Edinburgh with SICSA funding was extremely helpful for writing-up existing projects and brainstorming new ones, as well as transferring knowledge to Edinburgh. It also led to the successful application to a Marie Curie exchange grant (FP7-PEOPLE-2009-IRSES) for Dr Series and her team.

The collaboration between Pr Aaron Seitz and Peggy Series is very strong, it has led to two publications so far (Chalk, Seitz and Series, Journal of Vision 2010; Sotiropoulos, Seitz and Series, Vision Research 2011) and three more publications are planned for this year (in revision or in writing). Four of the PhD students of Peggy Series have now visited Pr Seitz in California, and they all have regular Skype meetings with him.