

ECNP RESEARCH INTERNSHIP

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I was honored to be one of the selected junior scientists for the ECNP Research Internship, at the Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy of the Medical University of Vienna, Austria, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Frey Manfred and his team.

I had the possibility to experience both patient oriented approach, and also to work closer with the research groups. I got involved into everyday work and participated in morning rounds on different stations, and also on morning meetings. I had the opportunity to find out some of the new pharmacotherapies, to assist electro convulsive therapy and to see its benefits on pharmacoresistant patients. I was taking part of the inward activities, and also on the outpatient clinic. On the research side I was introduced in the projects currently running in the laboratory, having an overview of their work in investigating dopaminergic changes and amphetamine-induced dopamine release underlying schizophrenia and psychotic disorders, by using Positron Emission Tomography.

The ECNP internship was an opportunity to meet new people that are experts in the field of clinical work and research field. On this way, I would like to thank Prof. Dr. Frey and all the doctors I had the opportunity to meet, for welcoming me at their department and laboratory. My stay in Vienna resulted in making plans for future interdisciplinary collaborations and in establishing long-term and fruitful relationships.

