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NEURONS THAT FIRE TOGETHER, WIRE TOGETHER!

Pat Wolfe Speaks in Prague

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For two days in September, the staff and administration of the International School of Prague stopped to focus their attentions and energies on building a brain-compatible school.

ISP teachers (and even a few parents!) were joined by guests from other CEESA schools, as well as neighboring Prague-based schools, for a workshop on the brain. Pat Wolfe, an expert in translating brain-based research into teaching practices, led us through a lively look at what the relatively new field of brain research is telling us. And even more importantly, Pat helped interpret that research so that we may apply it to our own lives, to our students, and to our teaching in the classroom. She left us with a deeper understanding of how the brain works, what it needs to learn, and what we as teachers can do to help young brains grow and develop.

Pat's message was clear: "Better learning will come not so much from finding better ways for the teacher to instruct – but from giving the learner better opportunities to construct". And we can do that by reconstructing or reactivating previously made connections, and making and strengthening new connections.

A huge thanks to Pat Wolfe for sharing her time and expertise with us. And another huge thanks to David Cobb and CEESA for their generous support of this conference.