

# GHD Monthly Newsletter

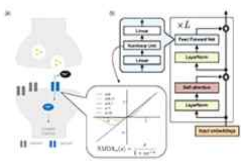

## December 2023

The Global Help Desk (GHD), a part of the Office of Communications within the Institute for Basic Science (IBS), presents this monthly newsletter to introduce you to life in Korea and offer updates on local news, upcoming holidays and events, IBS news, useful language tips, as well as a point of contact. All GHD newsletters are available online at the Living in Korea website at [www.ibs.re.kr/livinginkorea](http://www.ibs.re.kr/livinginkorea). Hosted by IBS, this website features a rich collection of content and photos to help you thrive, not simply survive.



### Living in Korea Highlight

Every country has their own trash regulations. For old medications, take [them to a pharmacy](#) and they will dispose of them for you.

### Research Highlight

	<p><b>AI's Memory-forming Mechanism Found to be Strikingly Similar to that of the Brain</b></p> <p>An interdisciplinary team consisting of researchers from the Center for Cognition and Sociality and the Data Science Group within IBS revealed a striking similarity between the memory processing of artificial intelligence (AI) models and the hippocampus of the human brain.</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>		<p><b>Visualizing “Traffic Jams” Inside Living Cells</b></p> <p>Researchers at the IBS Center for Molecular Spectroscopy and Dynamics (IBS CMSD), led by Director CHO Minhaeng and Professor HONG Seok-Cheol, have unveiled a revolutionary label-free microscopy technique—the “Cargo-Localization Interferometric Scattering (CL-iSCAT) Microscope.”</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>
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### IBS News

	<p><b>Korea and Italy Collaborate to Unravel the Origins of the Universe</b></p> <p>In a joint effort to unravel the mysteries of the universe and explore the unknown, Korea and Italy are strengthening their collaboration. IBS has extended the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on research cooperation with Italy's National Institute of Nuclear Physics (INFN). The signing ceremony took place on November 8th during the visit of Italian President Sergio MATTARELLA and was attended by the leaders of both countries.</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>
	<p><b>Seven IBS Researchers Named in the 2023 Highly Cited Researchers List by Clarivate</b></p> <p>Seven researchers affiliated with the Institute for Basic Science (IBS) have been recognized in the list of most globally influential researchers this year. According to the list of '2023 Highly Cited Researchers (HCR)' announced by Clarivate, a renowned academic analytics company, seven researchers affiliated with the IBS have been confirmed.</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>


### Regional Events

	<p><b>2023 Haeundae Lighting Festival</b></p> <p>Period: 2 Dec. 2023–31 Jan. 2024 Venue: Haeundae Beach, Busan</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>		<p><b>Seoul Illustration Fair</b></p> <p>Period: 21–24 Dec. 2023 Venue: COEX Hall B &amp; D1, Seoul</p> <p><a href="#">Read more</a></p>
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### Let's Learn Korean!

**Korean Vocabs 단어 5**

**120 Places 장소**



[Click here](#) to learn places in Korean.

### Helplines and Support

**Global Help Desk**  
If you have any questions working at IBS and living in Korea, we are here to help. You can get in touch with the GHD by emailing us.

**Other Helpline Resources**

Emergency  
119 or interpretation provided by 1330 Korea Travel Hotline


Korea Travel Hotline & Complaint Center  
1330 or +82-2-1330

Website  
24/7: Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese, Russian, Vietnamese, Thai, and Malay  
08:00-19:00: Russian, Vietnamese, Thai, and Malay

Before Babel Brigade Korea (BBB Korea)  
1588-5644

Website  
24/7: English, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, French, Russian, Italian, German, Portuguese, Arabic, Vietnamese, Mongolian, Polish, Turkish, Swedish, Thai, Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Bahasa Malaysia and Swahili

### Events in Korea



**Festivals**  
[Website](#)

**Exhibitions**  
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**Performances**  
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