

CIRM members perform cooperative visit



A group comprising representatives of the Secretariat of Interministerial Commission for Sea resources-SECIRM, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation and the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, got together with representatives of the Antarctic Programs of Brazil, Argentina and the German station GARS O'Higgins to hold a cooperative visit to some stations & bases in Antarctica.

The visits took place from 5 to 11 November, 2014 and began at Oceanographic Support Ship Ary Rongel, which took the delegation to the vicinity of the Antarctic stations and bases visited, in the following locations:

- King George Island, Fildes Peninsula, Maxwell bay;

- The Russian "Bellingshausen" Antarctic Station and the Chinese "Great Wall" station;

- "Half moon" island, South Shetland Islands: Argentine Base Camara;

- King George island, Potter Peninsula, Maxwell Bay: South Korean "King Sejong" station;

- King George island, Potter Peninsula, Maxwell Bay:

- Argentine "Carlini" Base;

- Martel Inlet, Admiralty Bay: Brazilian Comandante Ferraz Antarctic Station; and

- King George Island, Admiralty Bay: Polish "Henrik Arctowski" Antarctic Station ".

The event has significant political development and has allowed the preparation for future participation in joint technical visits, with member-countries of the LATIN AMERICAN MEETING OF MANAGERS OF NATIONAL ANTARCTIC PROGRAMS – RAPAL - to foreign stations in the Antarctic continent, according to the Antarctic Treaty System. Besides the exchange of the experience among the various Antarctic programs, the visit strengthened even more the ties related to the cooperative spirit and friendship between the countries involved.



Base Càmara-Argentina



Great Wall-China



Arctowski - Poland