



Parliamentarians and the Secretary of Science, Technology and Innovation of the Brazilian Navy visit the Station in Antarctica



Parliamentarians and guests in front of the Antarctic Emergency Modules

Every year, parliamentarians visit the Comandante Ferraz Antarctic Station-EACF, in order to closely see the work developed by the researchers, the Brazilian Navy and the Brazilian Air Force in the Antarctic continent and to verify the investments made in the EACF, derived from their budgetary amendments.

Fifteen parliamentarians, together with the Secretary of Science, Technology and Innovation of the Brazilian Navy, Admiral Fernandes, along with officials of the National Patent and Trademark Office (Executive Office of the President), Telecommunications Regulatory Agency (ANATEL), Office of the Federal Attorneys, The Brazilian Navy, the Brazilian Army and The Brazilian Air Force and Brazilian persons visited the Comandante Ferraz Antarctic Station, on March 17, 2015.

At that time, the delegation visited one of the most inhospitable regions of the world, witnessed the work of the Brazilian Station Team Members, which stays one year on the frozen continent. The delegation was still able to receive further information about the Antarctic Program and the reconstruction of the Brazilian Station, through a speech delivered by the Secretary of CIRM. Thus, in addition to presenting the results achieved during 2014, it was possible to reaffirm the importance that this program holds for our country.

Due to the adverse weather conditions, which happens very often in Antarctica, the delegation was only able to visit the EACF at night. On site, parliamentarians and guests attended a ceremony of floral affixing in honor of the two dead Officers who perished during the EACF fire, in 2012, and visited the Polar Ship Admiral Maximiano and the Oceanographic Support Ship Ary Rongel which at that time, were in their final phase of the XXXIII Antarctic Operation.

The joint Parliamentary Group to Support the Brazilian Antarctic Program was created in 2007 to ensure the continuity of the Brazilian Antarctic Program-PROANTAR, through political actions and by fund raising to develop the program, in its scientific, environmental and logistics/operational strands.

Throughout these 33 years of PROANTAR, more than 3,000 Brazilians had the opportunity to get to know and develop research in the region. This presence has guaranteed Brazil, since 1983, when it became a Consultative Member of the Antarctic Treaty, to participate in the decisions about the future of that important continent.

Entourage members were the following Representatives: Vicentinho Alves (TO), Roberto Rocha (MA), José Medeiros (MT), Pauderney Avelino (AM), Damião Feliciano (PB), Clarissa Garotinho (RJ), Giacobbo (PR), Maurício Quintella Lessa (AL), Júlio Delgado (MG), André Figueiredo (CE), Geovania de Sá (SC), Marcelo Aro (MG), Mariana Carvalho (RO), Bruna Furlan (SP) e Weverton Rocha (MA).

