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GIANT - Geodetic Infraestructure of Antarctic						
IBCSO - Int. Bathymetric Chart Southern Ocean						
ADMAP - Antarctic Digital Magnetic Project						
ANTEC - Antartic Neotectonics						
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A BRIEF SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC HIGHLIGHTS:

Atmospheric research

- "New Diagnoses of the Geospace Anomalies and their effects in the Polar, Regional and Global Earth Atmosphere" - Project in collaboration with Mackenzie University. It consists in monitoring the solar phenomena and the income particles in the Earth atmosphere, which can damage the satellites as well as change their orbit, can produce blackouts in the telecommunications and climate changes. "Mesospheric temperature monitoring in the Antarctic region" - Observations of the mesospheric temperature, region of the high atmosphere (90 km of altitude), for investigating the dynamics and coupling processes between the lower and upper atmosphere. "
- Study of the Ozone and UV Radiation in the Antarctic and South America - Ozone layer monitoring in the Antarctic and South America region launching ozonsondes on meteorological balloons and the total ozone detected by ground-base and satellites measurements. Study of the UV radiation mostly during the Ozone Hole, where the ozone concentration have severe depletion, with 80% the ozone loss. Project in collaboration with Magallanes University, Chile.
- The project MST – ASA is a study of the Mesosphere-Stratosphere-Troposphere using different techniques in the Antarctic region and South America. This cooperation will be directed toward ground-based experimental campaigns, with Radar, LIDAR, Spectrophotometers, radiometers, NILU, ECC sonde technique launched on balloons, to increase understanding of the Antarctic atmosphere and the teleconnection to South America.

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- A soil survey was carried out at Byers Peninsula, in Livingstone island, during the 2006/2007 summer. This way, great part of the most expressive ice-free areas of maritime Antarctica have being surveyed and mapped. The most representative soils in maritime Antarctica have been analyzed. Adaptations to the main international soil classification systems have been proposed in face of the peculiar characteristics of soils from this part of Antarctica, specially the ornithogenic and acid sulphate Cryosols. Aerial photographic surveys have allowed the construction of ortho-rectified mosaics, generating cartographic base in an adequate scale for mapping terrestrial environments of maritime Antarctica. Advances were also made regarding soils organic carbon stocks and dynamics as well and their relation with faunal activity and plant communities. During 2006, the results of researches in progress since 2002 have been published in international journals of recognized importance in the soil science and geochemistry fields
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10. The South America VLF Network (SAVNET) has receivers located at: Piura/Peru (5.2oS, 80.5oW), Punta Lobos/Peru (12.5o S, 76.8o W), Palmas/Brazil (10.17o S, 49.34o W), Santa Maria/Brazil (29.72o S, 53.72o W), CASLEO/Argentina (31.5o S, 68.5o W), São Paulo/Brazil (23.2o S, 46.5o W) and at the Brazilian Antarctic Station (Fig. YYY), Comandante Ferraz (62.1 oS, 58.4 oW). Other participating Southern hemisphere VLF receivers, administered by the Hermanus Magnetic Observatory in cooperation with the University of Kwa-Zulu-Natal in South Africa are located on Marion Island (46.88 oS, 37.86 oE) and at SANAE-IV (71.67 oS, 2.84 oW) in Antarctica. These ionospheric soundings are important to characterize the impacts of the space weather in the ionosphere and its influence in the actual climate changes

Oceanographic research

1. The Southern Ocean Studies for Understanding Global-CLIMATE Issues (SOS-Climate) is the main Brazilian contribution in the oceanography field to the International Polar Year. The "SOS-Climate" overall objective is to conduct scientific investigations in the Southern Ocean which are related to global climate change. The project is inserted in following IPY full proposals: Synoptic Antarctic Shelf-Slope Interactions Study (SASSI), Collaborative Research into Antarctic Calving and Iceberg Evolution (CRAC-ICE), Integrated analyses of circumpolar Climate interactions and Ecosystem Dynamics in the Southern Ocean-International Polar Year (ICED-IPY) and Climate of Antarctica and the Southern Ocean - Ocean Circulation Cluster (CASO). We have been conducting oceanographic cruises in the Brazil-Malvinas Confluence (BMC) zone, Argentinean Patagonia shelf-break and around the Antarctic Peninsula.

2. In situ, 4-year long studies performed over the BMC region had resulted in a good understanding of the synoptic mechanisms of atmosphere-ocean coupling at this region of world ocean. It has been demonstrated that, in the absence of large-scale meteorological perturbations, the intense gradients of sea surface temperature found between waters from the Brazil (warm) and Malvinas/Falkland (cold) produce, respectively, higher (lower) turbulent heat fluxes combined to a instable (stable) atmospheric boundary layer. Stronger winds blow over the warmer waters of the Brazil Current while weaker winds blow over the cold portion of the BMC region. Multi-sensor remote sensing data have also been used in order to track and characterize the spatial mesoscale activity of the BMC region including the computation of eddy energetics and life span. Observed data is at the moment being assimilated into both meso and large scale atmospheric models aiming to improve our weather prediction capability for the southern region of Brazil.

3. In the Patagonia shelf-break, conspicuous phytoplankton blooms support important fishery activities and have a significant impact on atmosphere-ocean CO₂ exchange, but in-situ studies are scarce in the region. Our five campaigns resulted in the following findings: (a) large diatoms and dinoflagellates dominate in spring, followed by coccolithophorids (calcite producing microalgae) in summer; (b) surface and deep waters of the Malvinas Current supply the main nutrients to the shelf-break blooms; (c) primary productivity rates are comparable with very productive world ocean regions; (d) the shelf-break is an important region of CO₂ uptake; (e) a significant fraction of micro-particles blown from the Patagonian desert towards the continental shelf is iron-enriched, despite the low total iron flux.

4. In the Bransfield Strait, analysis of thermohaline data showed that, despite some interannual variability, there has been a freshening of deep and bottom waters over the last 3 decades in the central basin, in agreement with observations in the Australian sector of the Southern Ocean. If this is confirmed in other areas, that freshening may indicate that the climate change signal is already propagating to the deep ocean and thus is likely to affect the general ocean circulation.

5. The role of the Antarctic Intermediate and Bottom Water in the sequestration of anthropogenic CO₂ in the 21st century projections was investigated with the NCAR-CCSM model. Results show that although intermediate water masses are formed in lighter density classes, formation rates (calculated through the subduction at the deepest mixed layer) do not. Therefore, CO₂ uptake rates are not expected to change within the NCAR-CCSM framework.

Biological research

1. Biological research on the Environmental Management in Admiralty Bay, King George Island, Antarctica, was carried out by a web of research groups belonging to different Universities and Research Institutes in Brazil. The main purpose was to better know the ecology of the Admiralty Bay and to detect the eventual effects that human activities would have on this ecosystem. In the terrestrial environment, plant communities in ice melting areas adjacent to Admiralty Bay were analysed (A.B. Pereira batista@ulbra.tche.br, Brazil's Lutheram University – ULBRA). In the marine environment there was implemented a strategy for the assessment of environmental impact on the coastal shallow water benthic fauna (LS Campos campos-lucia@biologia.ufrj.br, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro – UFRJ), and the structure of gababenthos communities studied (T N Corbisier tncorbis@usp.br, Oceanographic Institute of the University São Paulo – USP).

2. Research was carried out to detect eventual pollution in the Admiralty Bay through the use of biomarkers to monitor environmental impacts (PV Ngan phanvn@usp.br, Oceanographic Institute of the University São Paulo – USP), and the detection of contamination by petroleum hydrocarbons (M C Bicego marcia@io.usp.br, Oceanographic Institute of the University São Paulo – USP), and by sewage and persistent organic pollutants (POPs) (R C Montone Oceanographic Institute of the University São Paulo – USP).

The biodiversity and biogeography of degrader microorganisms of xenosociological components and the analysis of the community structure in the bay was carried out (V H Pellizari viviamp@usp.br, Institute of Biomedical Science of the University São Paulo – USP). Effects of Ultraviolet Radiation on DNA of Marine Organisms in Admiralty Bay, King George Island, Antarctica (Phan Van Gnan- phanvn@usp.br, Vicente Gomes- vicgomes@usp.br, IO/USP; Neusa Paes Leme- nleme@dge.inpe.br- INPE

3. A second group analyzed the Antarctic and Global Changes, and the Environmental and Teleconnections with the South American Continent from the oceanographic point of view (C A E Garcia dfsgar@furg.br, Federal University of Rio Grande Foundation – FURG), and evaluated the size structure of the phytoplanktonic community in the Antarctic ecosystem (F W Kurtz fwkurtz@uerj.br, Rio de Janeiro State University). There was also evaluated how global changes affect the trophic ecology of top predators such as *Mirounga* spp (M M C Muelbert mamiferos@furg.br, Federal University of Rio Grande Foundation – FURG), and how the temporal-space characteristics of physical and biological parameters influence the whales distribution and abundance (P G Kinas dmtkinas@super.furg.br, Oceanographic and Antarctic Museum of the Federal University of Rio Grande Foundation – FURG).

4. Besides that, there was also research on evolutionary adaptation to the Antarctic environment at organismal level, by evaluating the feeding behaviour and the structural adaptations in the digestive tract, as well as in the sensory structures used for food detection and selection by Antarctic fish, and the morphological plasticity of some species (E Fanta e.fanta@terra.com.br, Federal University of Paraná), biochemical and physiological behaviour of Antarctic fish (M Bacila merty.bacila@puccpr.br, Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná) and enzymatic processes adapted to the cold environment in birds and fish (E Rodrigues edsonrod@unitau.br, University of Taubaté).

5. Three aerial surveys were carried out from October 2007 March 2008. The total number of pinnipeds estimated for EI was 2318 individuals. The maximum number of seals recorded at our study area was 927. There was an increase in the records of leopard seals while the number of AFS registered at Cape Valentin was considerably lower than what was recorded in 2005/2006. A similar trend was registered for SES at Stinker Pt. It is possible that the cold weather and ice conditions faced in 2007/2008 have affected the number of seals on land as well as the time of the main breeding events which were delayed by approx. 15d. Tags of previously marked individuals (n=23) were resighted very close to the original sighting spots suggesting site fidelity for many individuals.

6. During the 2007/2008 field season about 102 SES pups were monitored, counted, marked, tagged, sampled and weaned. 121 skin samples were collected from breeding males, females and their pups. AFS pups born within the study area increased to 13 pups in 2007/2008. In February 2008 10 CTD-tags were deployed in post-molting females just prior to their pelagic phase so that their movements as well as oceanographic data they have been collecting has been monitored. The continuous long-term monitoring of pinnipeds at EI is important to provide information on the trends of pinniped populations for the South Shetlands in light of the potential effects of environmental variability on biodiversity in the Antarctic. We are presently the only group systematically counting seals at EI from a population biology standpoint.