

## PENINSULA REGION INFORMATION SHARE 2020/21 SEASON

Country/NAP: URUGUAY

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Attach your “special” season plans/protocols in the context of COVID-19 at end of this template.

**Who will be your station leader(s) for the upcoming season (Give station name and then the full name and contact email address for the station leader(s)/expedition manager/station manager(s) for each of your Antarctic stations or facilities). Also indicate any special medical capabilities at each station (such as COVID testing available, or oxygen concentrator, or is any/ number of ventilators).**

Uruguay has two scientific stations: The year- round station “Artigas Antarctic Scientific Base” (BCAA) and its seasonal station “T/N Ruperto Elichiribehety” known as (ECARE).

**ECARE** will be closed in the next season.

**BCAA** (available data, ongoing staff selection process):

Station leader: Lieutenant Colonel, Elbio Rubio.

**e-mail:** [bcaa@iau.gub.uy](mailto:bcaa@iau.gub.uy)

**Special COVID medical capabilities:**

Doctor name TBD (ongoing selection process).

Nurse name TBD (ongoing selection process).

COVID testing capability to be confirmed.

Quarantine period, telemedicine, ventilator standard Level 1 Res-Cue Mask; weighing scale; high-flow cannula oxygen system; stainless steel tray; small surgery box; First aid kit; first call stretcher and patient transfer stretcher; medical cart; laboratory centrifuge; cervical collar; disposal of hospital equipment; ICU Equipments; electrocardiograph machine; aneroid sphygmomanometers; comparator- Kit pH and Chlorine; splint device; pharmacy and medical treatment room, crutches and others.

**Season Schedule Overview (start dates/end dates-note any that are provision/not yet confirmed, details of major activities and events and prepared protocols in the context of COVID -19).**

The Uruguayan National Antarctic Program is working on three protocols applicable to BCAA, Logistics and crew in order to conduct a safe and preventive campaign.

This year we will have the operational support of the "Antarkos XXXVII Expedition".

Due to the pandemic circumstances, our program has taken the decision to require the National Navy vessel ROU 26 "VANGUARDIA" to carry out operation CAV 2020-2021.

The departure date will be during the month of November 2020 or January 2021.

Vanguardia will leave the Port of Montevideo (complying with the protocol approved by Uruguay SARS - COV-2 COVID-19 and go directly to Punta Arenas Port, complying with the arrival protocols required by Chile.

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**Ship Cruise Schedules & vessel-related information (include information on any helicopters operated to/from vessels), including for collaboration or for SAR purposes also in the context of COVID -19 (PLEASE INDICATE YOUR READINESS FOR MEDEVAC IN THE CASE OF SUSPECTED or CONFIRMED COVID-19 INFECTION).**

MEDEVAC situations are still being evaluated.

*Also, in support of SOOS Due South and international collaboration opportunities, please go to: <https://data.aad.gov.au/duesouth/expedition/> to enter information on your upcoming marine science expeditions.*

**Aircraft Arrival and Departure Dates & air operations-related information (special requirements for other programmes in case of cooperation).**

Air Force issue is being evaluated. On September our program will be taken a final decision.

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<b>Planned Cooperative International Activities (logistics/science support activities affecting other NAPs)</b>
<p>Science activities are still being evaluated.</p> <p>Depending on the evolution of the pandemic, our program could request Brazil, Spain, Chile or Argentina for cooperation in the field of logistics.</p> <p>The Uruguayan Antarctic Campaign 2020-2021 will be limited to a regular supply and maintenance mission through the Vanguard Navy ship, which will make a one stage trip to resupply the station and change the wintering equipment.</p>

<b>High Profile Activities</b>
<p>No High Profile Activities will take place.</p>

<b>Non-governmental Activities</b>
<p>No planned visits to BCAA and no planned NGO activities on research vessels. The BCAA station is off limits to tourism and NGO visits during 2020-2021. In this context, we emphasize that our program does not accept access to the BCAA facilities and personnel's BCAA from those purposes.</p>

<b>Use of Drones/RPAS or Balloons</b>
<p>No planned engagements.</p>

<b>2021 Winter-over SAR assets (helo, etc) and any special medical capabilities/equipment availability</b>
<p>Winter-over team and medical capabilities.</p>

<b>National Antarctic Programme Aircraft and Vessel Safety Statement</b>
<p>The Uruguayan Antarctic Institute is working to ensure that Covid-19 is not introduced into Antarctica. Therefore, our National Program is committed to monitor and ensure the safety and welfare of its personnel and cargo. In accordance with its possibilities, it will carry out a security campaign and try to help other programs. These plans may change in response to the circumstances of the pandemic or as directed by appropriate authorities.</p>

**Also please remind your AFIM representative, that they should log into the AFIM Data Dashboard and ensure your AFIM-related data and information is current for the upcoming season.**

AFIM representative – Director of Strategic Planning Direction (Uruguayan Antarctic Institute ) Col. Luis Fernández [-planest.secretaria@iau.gub.uy](mailto:-planest.secretaria@iau.gub.uy).

**PLEASE ADD HERE YOUR ADAPTATION PLANS FOR COVID-19 AND THE DATES WHEN YOU WILL MAKE CRITICAL DECISIONS-such as “go” or “no-go” for the Antarctic season.**