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15.01.2022 - 20.02.2022

Punta Arenas - Montevideo

5. Weekly report (14.02. - 20.02.2022)

After the antigen tests of all off-signers had been done in the late evening of the of the previous day by a mobile team, which came on board with a pilot boat, and these had all delivered negative results, the METEOR moored at the pier of Punta Arenas in the morning of February 14. Afterwards all South American colleagues and their scientific equipment as well as two German colleagues disembarked. At about 2:00 p.m., the METEOR cast off again and set course for Montevideo, the final port of the cruise. Since the scientific program had been completed with the last stop at the roadstead of Punta Arenas on February 13, the remaining days at sea were used to thoroughly clean the scientific equipment, dry it and pack it into the appropriate transport boxes. After these activities were largely completed, cleaning of the laboratories and stowage of the containers began. These activities were accompanied by calm seas and sunny weather, so that all the work could be done and completed under optimal conditions.

I would like to express my special thanks for the full support of Captain Korte and his entire ship's crew, who always responded to all requests and inquiries in a highly professional manner, which contributed decisively to the success of this voyage. In addition, I would like to emphasize the warm and friendly atmosphere on board, which made it very easy for all scientists, but especially for the South American colleagues, to settle in on board and to cope with the hardships of a long research cruise.

All participants are well and will start their journey home tomorrow, February 21. The latest information about the research activities and life on board can be found on Twitter (https://twitter.com/ThoelenClaudia) and in blog posts (https://icbm-auf-see.uni-oldenburg.de/).

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