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Summary

This paper gives information about the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK), Marmara Research Center (MAM), Polar Research Institute (PRI) and the Bulgarian Antarctic Institute (BAI) within the context of international scientific cooperation in Antarctic research.

Introduction

The signing process of the MoU between the TUBITAK MAM PRI and BAI has been completed on behalf of the Parties on 28.12.2020 by the signatures of Prof. Burcu ÖZSOY, Director of the TUBITAK MAM PRI and Prof. Christo PIMPIREV, Director of the BAI.

In the context of the development of scientific cooperation in Antarctic research, the TUBITAK MAM PRI and BAI within the framework of this MoU express a mutual interest in studies related to Antarctica on the basis of mutual benefit.

The areas of cooperation under this MoU include logistic support, joint studies in the field of natural sciences, protection of the Antarctic environment and exchange of information on the domestic laws and regulations on Antarctica.

The cooperation between the Participants will be carried out through visits of the representatives of competent authorities, exchange of scientists and scholars, joint planning and implementation of research projects, scientific experiments and expeditions to Antarctica, exchange of scientific information and research results as may be agreed and joint organizations of symposiums, training and safety courses and scientific seminars.

The TUBITAK MAM PRI would like to thank the BAI for this opportunity. Such cooperation is extremely important for both Parties in their aspiration to strengthen international scientific cooperation in Antarctic research.