



South African National Antarctic Programme (SANAP)

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2009

Celebrating 50 years of Antarctic Exploration

South Africa's involvement on the Antarctic continent commenced with its participation in the International Geophysical Year (IGY) Expedition to Antarctica over the summer of 1958/9. On the 21st of June 1960 South Africa became one of the original signatories to the Antarctic Treaty and in 1960 launched its first scientific over-wintering expedition. Since then South Africa has maintained a presence on the continent and during 2009 will celebrate 50 years of Antarctic exploration.

Highlights

- Midwinter celebration with Stakeholders in Cape Town
- Midwinter celebration with the South African Antarctic Club in Pretoria
- SAASTA Antarctic month
- MTN Antarctic Science week
- SANAP Open Day
- Function for IHO HCA delegates
- Function for DROMLAN members
- Launching of the 2009/10 Relief Expedition
- Publication of Commemorative booklet



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