



**THE SHIP (EL BUQUE)**, long documentary film directed and produced by Enrique del Acebo Ibáñez (USAL, UBA-CONICET). Buenos Aires/Mar del Plata/Tierra del Fuego/Southern Atlantic Ocean, 2012

Audiovisual research project developed on board the Argentine Oceanographic Navy "Puerto Deseado" during the 2010-2011 scientific campaign in the Southern Atlantic Ocean, near to the Antarctica. The most important final result of this project was a long documentary film (80'), which has a reduced version of 30' which was uploaded to the IACSI page. It was screened for the first time in 2013, in Buenos Aires, and then it participated in different Film exhibitions in Europe: Rovaniemi (Finland), Nis (Serbia), Reykjavik (Iceland), and in USA: New York, International Visual Sociology Conference, 2015).

The Southern Atlantic Ocean and its islands represent an important area -close to the Antarctic continent-, where many people is working every single day of the year. For this reason we develop a research project on board the Oceanographic Navy "Puerto Deseado", Argentine unique ship which operates with a jointly civilian and military crew in scientific campaigns organized by both the Argentina's National Science and Technology Research Council and the Naval Hydrography Service. With 76 meters in length, and a 13 meters beam, she displaces 2,400 metric tons at 14 knots, this ship is apt at sailing in polar zones. Scientific activities constitute her working frame, with both national and foreign institutions. In 1982, during the conflict in Southern Atlantic, she participated as a hospital ship.

After leaving the Port of Ushuaia (Tierra del Fuego, Argentina) on April 8th, 2010, at 08:45, with a wind intensity of 8 knots and a temperature of 10° C, the oceanographic ship crossed the Beagle channel coast, "Les Éclaireurs" lighthouse, the Ushuaia bay, the Drake Passage and the Cape Horn meridian zone, where the wind-tempest intensity was 35-40 knots and increasing, with a barometrical pressure of 963 Hpc, reaching a lower pressure centre.

The result of the research and the techniques applied (participant observation and semi-structured interviews) shows the sense of mission of their job (being military, scientists or common worker), the team spirit, the sense of community, the openness to Nature, the deep respect to the ocean, the importance of "adventure", the seamen tradition, and the privilege to sail and work in the Southern Ocean. [→ See "Dwelling and Working in Extreme Southern Circumpolarity: The Antarctica as Locality and Reflexivity" (E. del Acebo Ibáñez), in *Arctic & Antarctic – International Journal on Circumpolar Sociocultural Issues*, Volume 12, Number 12, 2018: pp. 9-43.]