Dear Antarctic Circle member,

This study is led by PhD candidate, Cyril Jaksic, from Lincoln University, New Zealand. Its aim is to collect psycho-social data from former winter-overs to investigate the social context in such an unusual environment. The results should help, amongst others, to refine training processes for future Antarctic expeditions or socially similar environments (e.g., spaceship, submarine).

Important note: The present survey is solely aimed at former winter-overs; that is to say, you should only complete this survey if you have spent a winter in an Antarctic station.

The survey consists of two parts:
- Part One (about 10 minutes): questions related to your experience during your last winter-over in an Antarctic station
- Part Two (about 10 minutes): personality questionnaire

The results of the project may be published, but you may be assured of your anonymity in this investigation: you will not be asked to disclose your name. No personal data will be published. The data will be analysed as a whole and no individual data will be disclosed.

This research is independent from any National Antarctic Programme and your participation is entirely voluntary.

By filling in the questionnaires you confirm that you have read and agreed with the conditions mentioned above, and that you give your consent to participate in the research. You can also withdraw from the study at any time until the submission of your survey. Be aware that only completed survey will be analysed and any data on surveys left uncompleted will be deleted. If you have already spent an austral winter in an Antarctic station and you are willing to take part in our survey, you will find the survey on this link:
http://lincoln.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_79b4l6T3SxerMs5

We would appreciate if you could complete the survey within a month, thank you.

This research has been reviewed and approved by the Human Ethics Research Committee, Lincoln University.

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He will be pleased to discuss any concerns you have about participation in the project.

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