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This exploratory research and studies intend to show the use of communications tools in the twenty years of the Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Espaciais – INPE (National Institute of Space Research of Brazil) on South Pole. It gives emphasis on communications, sociability and scientific knowledge of the technicians who live, for while, in the Antarctic Station called Estação Antártica Comandante Ferraz (EACF).

This dissertation traces the use of the means of communication by the inhabitants during their brief staying at EACF, that were introduced gradually from 1984 to 2004, such as radio, diary, letters, photography, telephone, fax, internet and Webcam.

The results show that communication tools inspire people to develop new ways of making human contact, which in turn makes it easier to talk with EACF members and with friends and family, giving value to both their professional and family lives.