

Science Suffers in Cold War Over Polar Base

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It's summer in Antarctica, the season for science. But at Belgium's futuristic research outpost in East Antarctica, not a single Belgian researcher is at work. A protracted dispute between the Belgian government and the private foundation that built and operates the Princess Elisabeth Antarctica research station has resulted in the cancellation of this year's Belgian expedition to Antarctica. While the country's polar scientists stew at home, the foundation's president, celebrity adventurer Alain Hubert, is manning the station with a small crew.

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