Subject: Re: Ice and Wind: Standing on the Arctic Ocean Posted by Helder Marchetto on Mon, 14 May 2012 10:07:51 GMT

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Hi David.

It took me a bit longer to read through. The reason for that are not the burning chops but hyperactive children.

Well, it is absorbing to read about people that are miles away from my research field and do their research even more miles away, and still find a lot of similarities. I'm each one of us has had "his" Christensen, Belzile and Olivo in his lab. What most researchers don't have is a "David" lending a hand and then putting down in nice words experiences that should be not forgotten (yes, that's because we mostly forget about the plots and data that come out of such research quite quickly). I'm very jealous that I haven't had yet a David in my lab and probably will not have a proper story put down black on white for my family and friends to read about. I also find the social relationships that build up in such extreme environments very very interesting. Should have studied sociology or something that finishes with "-ology".

I found you book very well written and made me see through your eyes landscapes that I would otherwise probably never be able to see/live.

Or... does anybody need a pair of hands in the Arctic?

Essential resume': can cook (Italian... with a German attitude), have some experience with surface electron microscopes (not that anybody care up there) and I can sometimes make funny jokes (depending on the environment they may be found funny or not, but of such things David has already given a nice overview!).

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