Interactive comment on "From pole to pole: 33 years of physical oceanography on board of R/V POLARSTERN" *by* Amelie Driemel et al.

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J. Beja addresses a central issue. The importance of making data available in the GCMD and related portals is clear to us. The scientific director of the Alfred Wegener Institute (AWI), is very keen on making all AWI data available via GCMD. The technical constraints are addressed at the moment, and we are positive that the process will be started soon. We expect this and other AWI data to be available via the GCMD latest at the end of this year.