

# Digital Lab notebook Releases New Version that Enhances Collaboration Among Scientists

The digital lab notebook labfolder releases new features that enhance teamwork in large laboratories and collaboration in joint research projects.

**Berlin, January 15, 2015** - In order to enhance teamwork <u>labfolder</u> implemented features, which provide a better overview on "who did what when" for researchers and laboratory personnel.

"Establishing a new method, the successful conduct of an experiment or some other breakthrough often remains unnoticed by the majority of colleagues in a laboratory.", explains Dr. Simon Bungers, CEO of labfolder GmbH. "And of course, a group leader or lab manager often do not necessarily get informed that there's any kind of problem with a project, an experiment or a method."

As of now, labfolder comes with new features, which enhance the collaboration in large teams. The new features provide a better overview on the vast amount of data and results, which are produced by many team members with a multitude of methods.

"Imagine the new product design as a stream of lab book entries, which comprise nothing less but the whole chronology of a laboratory." continues Dr. Simon Bungers. "The chronological history aggregates all results, and it can be easily filtered by criteria such as author, tags and projects. It simply allows keeping an overview on the vast amount of data."

To keep an overview on the increasing amount of data is a massive problem on all levels of research. Projects with a large number of collaborators are more successful, they generate more data, and the resulting scientific publications are cited more often. However, the piece of data that is essential for an individual researcher more and more resembles the needle in the haystack. Retrieving and linking two pieces of data is a time consuming task.

"On the one hand, improving research demands for improving the infrastructure for collaboration. On the other hand, there need to be mechanisms which help the individual to find what he needs in the input of many. "That's exactly what we want to provide with the new update of our software." says Dr. Florian Hauer, COO of labfolder.

Together with the new features of the software, labfolder also releases a new website. The company informs in more detail on the product, prices and usecases. The new website offers whitepapers and webinars, which inform on important topics such as security and regulations on laboratory documentation.

### Link to press material (photos, Screenshots):

https://owncloud.labfolder.com/public.php?service=files&t=c23b67978d2f0da34edf5cd9367f88b2

### Link to product demo:

https://www.youtube.com/user/labfolderChannel

#### **About labfolder**

<u>labfolder</u> is a documentation and planning tool for laboratory research. At www.labfolder.com, scientists can easily plan their experiments, document their data and collaborate with other scientists, while securing intellectual property and compliance to the guidelines of good scientific practice. labfolder is free for individual scientists and small research groups. With free apps for <u>Android</u> and iOS, labfolder allows scientists to use their smartphones and tablets as digital lab notebooks.

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labfolder GmbH, with headquarters in Berlin, was founded in 2013 by Simon Bungers (PhD, molecular biologist, Max Planck Institute for Experimental Medicine, Göttingen, previously co-founder of www.sox-n-boxers.de), Florian Hauer (PhD biophysicist, MPI for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen) and Mathias Schäffner (software architect, previously co-founder of praktium info which was sold to Absolventa in 2009).

Already at an early stage in 2012, the team won an EXIST fellowship for founders from the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology and was supported by profund, the entrepreneurship office of the Free University of Berlin. labfolder received awards in several start-up competitions, including Science4Life, start2grow and the Start-up competition Berlin-Brandenburg. In October 2013, Vogel Ventures, IBB Beteiligungsgesellschaft and the business angel Jan Bohl invested a high six-digit figure into the company.

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