

## Software in the German language for digital lab management.

labfolder is releasing a German edition of the internationally successful digital laboratory notebook.

**Berlin, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016** – Today, labfolder is releasing a German edition of its digital lab book, to provide a platform for digital data management for the lab in the German language for the first time.

The standard language of international research is English for many laboratories. However, in Germany, where the majority of employees are usually German, there is now the additional option to use the platform in German, facilitating collaboration for international teams.

“Because of the international nature of research, we initially developed labfolder in the English language”, explains Dr. Simon Bungers, founder and CEO of labfolder GmbH. “As our users and customers are largely international, offering localized versions was the next logical step”.

“In the last quarter, the number of user licenses has doubled, especially in the international sector”, reports Joris van Winsen, managing director of labfolder GmbH. “The need for a digital, overall solution in the laboratory is growing very quickly internationally. Therefore, we are looking to launch other localized editions of labfolder in the near future”.

The German version of the labfolder software will be presented at analytica, the largest international trade fair for analysis, laboratory technology and biotech, taking place in Munich from 10<sup>th</sup> until 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

### **About labfolder**

labfolder was founded in 2013 at the Free University of Berlin, with the aim to help researchers be able to focus more on the research itself. labfolder is a documentation and planning tool for laboratory research. The platform makes it easier to find the data that provides the answers to scientific questions. The tool digitally connects the whole laboratory environment: data, teams, workflows, equipment and materials.

Both founders, Dr. Florian Hauer and Dr. Simon Bungers, developed the idea whilst working on their doctorates in the laboratories of the Max Planck Institutes in Göttingen.

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.

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