

## labfolder signs agreement with Max Planck Society for organization-wide use of laboratory data digital platform

- Contract provides up to 11,000 Max Planck scientists access to use labfolder for digital laboratory data management
- First organization-wide digital laboratory data management deal for a research institute across all disciplines globally
- Long-term collaboration between labfolder and the Max Planck Society to further develop the platform
- Digitalization of laboratory data management is a key driver in future scientific innovation

**Berlin/Munich, 10/12/2016** – labfolder GmbH and the Max Planck Society announced today a licensing agreement to provide up to 11,000 Max Planck scientists with labfolder’s laboratory data management digital platform. This is the first time that a tool for digital laboratory data management is being provided across an entire research organization for scientists in all scientific disciplines ranging from physics, chemistry, life sciences and humanities.

labfolder’s next generation laboratory data management tool enables scientists from all disciplines to record, integrate and manage scientific data from different sources including tablets and devices, with simple compliance to industry standards, protocols and regulations. labfolder speeds up research and development, facilitates data analyses and collaboration of scientists and teams on all continents. labfolder can be used either on a central server or on a local server, which will be installed on the premises of the institutes. The labfolder digital platform is fully flexible and can be customized by the Max Planck scientists themselves.

“This agreement with the Max Planck Society, one of the most successful and distinguished scientific organizations in the world, is an important milestone for labfolder,” stated Dr. Simon Bungers, CEO of labfolder. “The deal demonstrates that we reliably deliver value to scientists in all disciplines from the individual up to large organizations with thousands of scientists. We are proud that the Max Planck Society is committed to a long-term collaboration, in which together we will develop new features and services for scientists.”

The classical paper-bound laboratory notebook is still the most commonly used tool for data management for many scientists. This continuous documentation is the key to understanding experiments and their underlying hypotheses as well as to interpret recorded data in a meaningful way. „There is an enormous demand for scientists within the Max Planck Society for switching to digital lab notebooks,“ stated Dr. Frank Sander, General Manager of the Max Planck Digital Library, the central unit for the provision and development of information and data management services in the Max Planck Society. “We are very happy to provide our scientists via labfolder with a solution which helps them to efficiently handle their daily data management tasks. The flexibility of the system allows the use of labfolder across the different research disciplines in the Max Planck Society and facilitates the exchange between scientists and with scientific data tools and services.”

Most laboratories still use a mixture of paper notebooks, locally stored files, and file servers for data management. Data management across storage media makes the compliant documentation, retrieval, and re-use of research data notoriously difficult and sometimes even impossible. Additionally, the amount of data generated in

research and healthcare grows exponentially. Thus, research organizations, enterprises, and policy makers see further optimization of data management in research and in clinics as a crucial next step.

## Press Material:

### Link to Photos, Videos & Screenshots:

<https://www.labfolder.com/press-kit/>

### About the Max Planck Society

The Max Planck Society is Germany's most successful research organization. Since its foundation 1948, it has earned a world-leading reputation as a science and technology research organization, with 18 Nobel Prizes awarded to their scientists, and is generally regarded as the foremost basic research organization in Europe and the world. In terms of total research volume (unweighted by citations or impact), the Max Planck Society is only outranked by the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Russian Academy of Sciences and Harvard University. The Thomson Reuters-Science Watch website placed the Max Planck Society as the second leading research organization worldwide following Harvard University in terms of the impact of the produced research among all science fields.

Currently, researchers at 83 Max Planck Institutes perform basic research in the natural sciences, life sciences, and humanities. Max Planck Institutes are active in areas of research that are exceptionally innovative and thus require special financial resources. The research spectrum is continuously widened: new institutes are being founded and institutes are being reformed to provide answers for global questions. The ongoing re-innovation processes allow the Max Planck Society to quickly adapt to an evolving scientific environment.

### About labfolder GmbH

labfolder was founded in 2013 by biochemist Simon Bungers and biophysicist Florian Hauer. Since 2015, Joris van Winsen supports the management team as Managing Director CFO. labfolder securely connects scientists, laboratories, companies or global organizations on a unified platform for individuals and teams, their notes, devices, materials, and data from any source. By providing such a platform for the entire life cycle of the scientific laboratory process, labfolder helps scientists to manage and share their data more easily, saving time and expense in many areas of laboratory work, while enabling accelerated innovation. labfolder ensures that data management is compliant with all laboratory guidelines.

labfolder is used by more than 12,000 international scientists in all disciplines. It is used by academic as well as industrial and pharmaceutical scientists in R&D, analysis, and production labs. The increasing demand of digital solutions for managing growing amounts of data in a regulated environment has resulted in the continuous growth of labfolder, which is supported by investors such as Peppermint Ventures, the IBBbet, Vogel Ventures and a consortium of expert business angels.

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