

## Contur Software Introduces the High-End SaaS-Based Electronic Laboratory Notebook

*Enables single researchers and smaller research groups to use high-end electronic laboratory notebooks with no need to invest in hardware, licenses or maintenance*

**STOCKHOLM, Sweden, May 12 2009** – Contur Software, a leading provider of electronic laboratory notebook (ELN) systems, today announced the launch of a high-end electronic laboratory notebook system available as an online service. The service, called iLabber, builds on the company's server-based ELN solution, ConturELN, and basically holds the same features. However, iLabber does not require users to invest in any hardware, licenses or maintenance. Using a software as a service (SaaS) model, Contur Software is making iLabber available to single researchers and smaller research groups that previously have not been able to utilize the advantages of high-end ELN systems to increase the productivity of the research process.

The researcher's notebook has traditionally been a paper logbook for research procedures, notes, diagrams and results. The last few years the use of ELNs has increased rapidly among researchers due to time savings, clearer documentation, and the ability to search and easily share information. Most ELN systems are server-based which have, due to investment requirements, kept single researchers and smaller organizations from using ELNs.

"There is no doubt that ELNs will soon predominate the research community and most larger organizations are already using these systems," said Martin Wattin, CEO at Contur Software. "The response from iLabber users is very positive and we are convinced we are meeting a strong demand from the large number of single researchers and smaller organizations."

Start using iLabber is easy and users only have to download a desktop client which takes a few minutes. Operations, maintenance and data storage is securely managed by Contur Software. The service is available to single researchers and research groups with a maximum of 15 users within commercial and academic organizations. Single researchers use iLabber for free, while there is a fee of 60 USD per month and user for commercial organizations. Academic organizations pay only half of that fee.

The laboratory notebook is of great legal importance as it is frequently used in patent rights issues to prove what party was first behind an invention. The authenticity of the laboratory notebook is critical and therefore iLabber includes a digital signature feature allowing for colleagues to verify research results. Security backup of all data is managed automatically for external storage. Additionally, all data can be printed manually should users want to maintain a hard-copy archive. Chemical search capabilities in iLabber are powered by ChemAxon's JChem Cartridge, enabling data to be searched by structure, substructure and similarity criteria.

"iLabber has helped significantly in the organization of our data as well as in recalling old data. Previously with a paper notebook I found myself constantly having to cross-reference between my paper notebook and various files of different types that were saved in numerous places on my computer," said Paul Hanlon, Manager of Discovery Science, Department of Research & Development, Standard Process. "iLabber allows me to easily group together information in a single location, permitting me to more quickly interpret my results. The search function has also been very useful, and I have used it to rapidly find the results from single samples, something that would have

taken tedious opening of numerous files with our old system. Because of these reasons I feel that iLabber has greatly improved my productivity.”

In 2003 Contur Software launched the server-based electronic laboratory notebook ConturELN which today is used by around 60 organizations around the world. Among the customers are Merrimack, University of Oxford, University of Toronto, Johnson Matthey, Plasticolors and more.

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**About Contur Software**

Contur Software is a privately owned software company founded in 1999. In 2003 the company launched ConturELN, an electronic laboratory notebook system that today is used by circa 60 research organizations around the world. Contur Software ranks among the five largest global providers of electronic laboratory notebook systems. Customers include Merrimack, University of Oxford, University of Toronto, Johnson Matthey, Plasticolors, Biovitrum, Karo Bio, Karolinska Institutet and more. Contur Software is headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden. [www.contur.com](http://www.contur.com)