labbook

research documentation and collaboration
What defines a good scientist?

Skills:

• Good ideas
• Design experiments
• Technical skills
• Careful documentation
• Analyse results
• Communication
• Collaboration

1) Magna Carta Universitatum, Bologna 1988
2) The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity
Responsible conduct of research

Guidelines:

1. Research planning and conduct
2. Data management
3. Publication and communication
4. Authorship
5. Collaborative research
6. Conflicts of interest

1) The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity
2) Danish Code of Conduct for Research Integrity
3) Responsible Research Practice at Aarhus University
2.2. Data management

Responsible handling and storage of research data contribute to transparent and credible research within all fields of inquiry.

For research carried out at Aarhus University:

- As a general rule, all primary material and data derived from research conducted at Aarhus University must be stored at Aarhus University, which makes servers, archives etc. are available.
- All protocols, plans and strategies for experiments/studies, notes, laboratory books, data and primary material must be stored for five years after the completion of the research project, and, unless this is in conflict with other regulations or professional standards, and that there must be open access to the material, unless this is conflict with other regulations.
- All primary research material and data derived from research conducted at Aarhus University belongs primarily to Aarhus University and can only be removed or used outside of Aarhus University subject to written agreement with a department head (Arts: head of school).
- Research data and other primary research material from Aarhus University must be disposed of in a safe and secure manner with due regard for any ethical considerations.

Aarhus University is responsible for ensuring that rules are laid down for all fields of inquiry on the storage and handling of data.
From paper to digital research documentation

We don’t have to convince computer scientists and bioinformaticians that ‘going digital’ is good.

Analog lab notebook (ALN)

- Seachability
- Security
- Backup
- Availability
- Collaboration
- Common platform

Electronic lab notebook (ELN)
System was initiated at Aarhus University in 2007
The Confluence system was chosen because of ease of use and collaboration features
The Confluence system is developed by the company Atlassian
Confluence is used by many big companies and universities around the world
AU labbook is located on AU servers and uses AU login
Labbook dashboard

Welcome to AU labbook

AU labbook is a wiki-based platform to document research and share information within and between research groups at Aarhus University. If you are new to this wiki, please check out the Tutorials. To get access to relevant spaces please contact your local user administrator.

Upcoming Events

- **09 Oct**
  - Today
  - 📆 Lab management meeting [ESA-lab](#)

- **10 Oct**
  - Monday
  - 📆 Lab management meeting [ESA-lab](#)

- **11 Oct**
  - Tuesday
  - 📆 Group meeting [ESA-lab](#)
First reaction: We can do this better ourselves using system XYZ ... But why not try Confluence?

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But it might be a replacement of a homegrown system based on Evernote, OneNote, Google Docs, or shared documents in Dropbox, …
Adoption of new things

Facebook generation

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