



Welcome to the newsletter of the State Initiative Research Data Management Lower Saxony. Starting with this newsletter, we have a new category for you: "FDM-NDS Introduces Itself." Each month, we'll introduce a member of our project team here. Additionally, you'll find news from the state initiative and an overview of upcoming events. Enjoy the read!

## News from the State Initiative

### *Data Days Niedersachsen 2024 are just around the corner!*

This Wednesday and Thursday, it's finally happening—the Data Days Niedersachsen are taking place. We're thrilled that so many of you have registered for the first day (Wednesday, November 13, 2024) in Hannover, and we're very much looking forward to meeting you all.

Many have also signed up already for the online events on the second day (Thursday, November 14, 2024). You're also welcome to join spontaneously without prior registration, so feel free to take another look at our program: <https://fdm-nds.de/index.php/en/data-days-2024-eng/>

A diverse program awaits, featuring sessions such as insights into data protection in research data management (RDM), an overview of the Academic Cloud and its services, reusing research data, discipline-specific introductions, and much more.

### *Error Culture in Science*

How do we handle mistakes in science? The workshop "*Establishing a Constructive Error Culture in Science: Scaling Up Transparency and Trust*" on the second day of the Data Days Niedersachsen (November 14, 2024) is dedicated to this very topic. From 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., Johannes Vosskuhl and Maximilian Frank will offer insights and engage in active discussion with participants. The workshop will be conducted in English, and more information can be found here:

<https://events.academiccloud.de/event/39/>

Please note that registration is required for this event.

### *First Meeting of the Steering Committee!*

In October, the steering committee, composed of representatives from Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 of FDM-NDS, held its inaugural meeting. Hochschule.digital Niedersachsen also participated as a permanent guest with two representatives, along with the Ministry for Science and Culture (MWK). A key part of the meeting was the election of the committee representatives, and we congratulate Robert Strötgen on his election as spokesperson and Diana Schmidt on her election as deputy spokesperson of the steering committee.

### *Electronic Lab Notebook Chemotion ELN in the Academic Cloud*

As part of the "[FDM Basic Services for Niedersachsen](#)" project, the Chemotion ELN

electronic lab notebook has been integrated into the Academic Cloud, making it available for all universities in Niedersachsen. This ELN is designed specifically for researchers in chemistry and related disciplines and is being further developed as part of the [NFDI4Chem](#) initiative. More information about this service is available here: <https://academiccloud.de/services/chemotion/>.

You can get a hands-on introduction to the ELN on the second day of the Data Days Niedersachsen (November 14, 2024). From 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., Dr. Benjamin Golub-Overbeck will provide an overview and guide participants through the first steps. More details about the event are available here: <https://events.academiccloud.de/event/35/>.

## FMD-NDS Introcudes Itself

Dr. Benjamin Golub-Overbeck



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### *Role:*

Part of Work Package 1 in Pillar 1 of FDM-NDS and provides scientific support for the electronic lab notebook Chemotion ELN at TU Braunschweig (test project).

### *Academic Background:*

Chemist (Theoretical and Physical Chemistry, University of Rostock)

### *Favorite Area or Topic in RDM?*

I'm particularly interested in the integration of electronic lab notebooks into everyday scientific work, which I find both exciting and challenging. I also enjoy working closely with researchers and engaging in open discussions about the possibilities and limitations of RDM.

### *What is your wish for the future of RDM?*

Research data management (RDM) is often viewed as an additional task, something 'extra' researchers have to do. But handling research data is a core part of scientific work. I hope that, in the future, we'll succeed in making FAIR RDM feel like a natural and essential part of researchers' workflows.

*If you had a day for yourself and your favorite hobby, with unlimited time and budget, what would you do?*

That's tough—I'd have to combine two things, so it might take a little more than a day! I'd invite my (online) pen-and-paper RPG group to a metal/metalcore festival: we'd spend the morning rolling dice against dragons and other monsters, then headbang to good music in the evening.

*Most important item in the office/home office?*

A pen for pen spinning and headphones for focused work

*Wofür steht FDM? (nur falsche Antworten) [only in German]*

*Flüchtige Data Metadatieren oder Federkiele Der Molekülforschenden*

## Events by FDM-NDS and FDM-ndsHAW:

November 13-14, 2024, Hannover (November 13), online (November 14)

*Data Days Niedersachsen*

Program, registration, and more information can be found at: <https://fdm-nds.de/index.php/en/data-days-2024-eng/>

February 04.05., 2024, online

Train-the-Trainer zum Thema Forschungsdatenmanagement (only in German)

Save-the-Date! Additional details will be shared soon.

Thank you for reading. If you have any questions, you can reach us at [info@fdm-nds.de](mailto:info@fdm-nds.de). See you next time!

Best regards,  
The FDM-NDS Team

P.S. Do you have something you would like to promote in our newsletter? Let us know by December 4, 2024, at [info@fdm-nds.de](mailto:info@fdm-nds.de), and you'll be featured next time.

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