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Grand Opening of new Laboratory World

**Located at European headquarters in Duisburg, Germany /
Training and testing facilities on over 1,500 m² /
Dedicated area for mass spectrometry**

Shimadzu, one of the worldwide leading manufacturers of analytical instrumentation, has created a new Laboratory World for its customers from all over Europe. The Laboratory World is located at Shimadzu's European headquarters in Duisburg, Germany. On an area greater than 1,500 m², testing facilities are available for Shimadzu's entire product range – from chromatographs, spectrophotometers, TOC analyzers, mass spectrometers and balances up to material testing machines. Mass spectrometry, a technology that Shimadzu has significantly shaped in recent years, will be highlighted in its dedicated space. In addition, laboratory areas for customer applications and seminar facilities are being expanded.

“The Laboratory World offers numerous opportunities both for our customers and us”, explains Jürgen Kwass, Managing Director of Shimadzu Europa. “Here, we develop solutions that are primarily geared to the growing needs of industries and science. The Laboratory World provides even better demonstration facilities to help our customers experience daily operation as realistically as possible. In addition, we offer continuing education and training to customers as well as staff members. Another goal is to create an inspiring atmos-

phere for our team in which they can develop new methods and technologies for future-oriented products.” says Kwass.

The continuing advances in technologies, systems and methods in recent years require companies in a wide range of industries, institutions and the scientific community to be offered a more extensive, improved and comfortable environment for continuing education and training. In addition, consumer and product safety regulations have been extended in recent years, which means that testing and analysis needs – and consequently the need for training – will continue to increase in the future.

Shimadzu has invested a total of 3.2 million Euros in the expansion of its laboratory and training facilities.

The new facilities will be opened on **April, 15 2013** by **Akira Nakamoto, President and CEO of Shimadzu Corporation**, the **Japanese Consul Kiyoshi Koinuma** and **Duisburg’s Lord Mayor Sören Link**.

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