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Dear WIB members and friends,

It is so rewarding for me to report all of the inspiring events that have taken place over the last couple of months and our intense planning for our annual events in conjunction with the BIO Convention, this year in Philadelphia. In the past few months our organization wrapped up our celebration of [Women's History Month](#), our second National Conference in honor and recognition of generations of women pioneers throughout history. I was in awe of the various WIB chapters' events covering diverse subjects from career path choices, to cultivating skills to move from bench to business, to breaking the life sciences "ceiling." I'm also so pleased that some of these events will be available to our members in our member-exclusive video library.

With our celebration of Women's History Month behind us, our focus has shifted to BIO 2015, which will be held on June 15-18 in Philadelphia. We are excited to have a great line-up of events this year that span entirety of the conference. We are honored this year to have **Dr. ShaAvhrée Buckman-Garner**, the Director of Translational Sciences at the FDA, as our keynote speaker for our [Plenary Event on Monday](#) . This event is preceded by our Inaugural Executive Roundtable Event, moderated by **Susan Windham-Bannister, Ph.D.** President & CEO of the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center. Following these kick-off events, we will host our Annual meet-ups on Tuesday and Wednesday at BIO, as well as a

BPI panel on Thursday at the Exhibit Hall BPI Theater. And of course, WIB will have a booth (# 949) in the Exhibit Hall for the duration of the convention. For the first time also this year, we will be featuring our BIO sponsors throughout our WIB events during the whole week and at our Exhibit Booth.

Our efforts to continue to fulfill our 2015 strategy dovetails nicely with the focus of our events at BIO, that rely on the case for diversity for boards, and supporting women in the continuum of schoolroom to boardroom. This is supported by efforts from our National Board, our National Director Emeritus Board, as well as our new MAPS **1:1 Mentoring Program**. We hope to see you at BIO this year, but if you miss it, check out our [YouTube Channel](#) where we will upload video of our Plenary Event as part of a small selection of videos from our library that are publicly accessible.

Dimitra Georganopoulou

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