



Dear WIB friends,

It's always a pleasure to start a letter with good news, so I'm delighted to open this quarterly update with the announcement of a new partnership between Women In Bio and BioTalent Canada that will enable us to expand our activities and add new chapters in Canada.



This will be our first significant foray into building multiple international chapters, and our enormous thanks go to Marilyn Krelbaum and Carmela DeLuca, co-chairs of the Montreal chapter, who have worked closely with BioTalent Canada to create this exciting new relationship. [More information about the partnership can be found here.](#)

Education and Entrepreneurship for Women: A nationwide WIB conference

A year ago, we came up with the notion of creating a nationwide WIB conference to celebrate Women's History Month, which is held around the world to mark International Women's Day on March 8th.



So I am thrilled to report that those plans have come to fruition as we have a full line up of educational and entertaining events across North America, organized and hosted by the wonderful volunteers in our 11 chapters.

The conference is generously sponsored by [Pfizer, Inc.](#), and includes topics ranging from Nonprofit Advocacy in Biotech to Lessons from Women in the C-Suite. To see a full

list of events, please see our [website](#).

If you haven't been to a WIB event for a while, this is a great way to get back in to the swing and meet other women in a relaxed, friendly environment – without the awkwardness that so often comes with networking.

To honor Women's History Month, WIB is offering a 20% discount on membership. This is a great way to join WIB and take advantage of the many membership advantages. These include reduced rates at events, [mentoring](#) and a [WIB career center](#) with many job postings to help you further your career or recruit for your company. [Please click here](#) and use discount code March20%off to take advantage of this savings.

WIB 2014 Annual Celebration at BIO

Opening Doors, Expanding Horizons, Empowering Women to Reach Their Full Potential

We also hope you'll join us for our annual big splash at the [BIO International Convention](#) in San Diego, where we'll host [Annalisa Jenkins as our keynote speaker](#). Annalisa is the head of global R&D at Merck Serono - the only female R&D head in the top 20 global biopharma companies - and is a vocal advocate for women's careers in biotech.



This event is really one of my favorite of the year, as it brings people together who often only interact remotely, and spawns new relationships and friendships. Please mark your calendars to join us on **Mon. Jun 23rd, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.**, and stay tuned for further details.

Become Involved!

Finally – a call for volunteers. I cannot say how much volunteering with WIB has added to my life personally. The ability to contribute to something I value, the opportunity to impact other lives, the diverse set of people who have influenced me

and my career, and – perhaps most of all – the lasting friendships I have made, all make this one of my most worthwhile endeavors. I am lucky to have a job that I love and a fantastic family that fill my time; working with the great people at WIB allows me to add to that in ways that I choose and to explore ideas and opportunities that spark my interest and enable me to develop new skills. So please think about joining us as a volunteer – you can find out more by going to an event in your local chapter, dropping in at our booth at BIO2014, or [visiting our website](#).

We had a wonderful year in 2013, and by all measures we have kicked off 2014 in the same vein. Whether as a member, volunteer, attendee, or sponsor, we invite you to join us and continue to reach more women and help them advance their own careers.

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