Apply Now for the 2012 Women In Bio Scholarship!

WIB is now accepting applications! The WIB Scholarship was established to advance the educational development of women in the life sciences industry by encouraging and supporting education on the business aspects of life science. The scholarship honors Women In Bio co-founder, Robbie Melton, who has dedicated her career to fostering the growth of life science entrepreneurs. At least three $1,000 scholarships will be awarded this year. Candidates must be a woman and WIB member from any WIB chapter currently working within the life sciences industry. The money can be applied towards workshops, conferences, courses, seminars and other similar educational programs. Click here to download and complete the application. The application deadline is November 21, 2012.

Continuing With the Women In Bio “Interview a WIB Member” Series

This new series showcases WIB members as they describe the navigational tactics of climbing their own professional ladder to success. We continue with this series by interviewing Regina Au.
member of WIB-Greater Boston and a Strategic Marketing Consultant and Principal at BioMarketing Insight. To read the interview, please click here.

Announcing The Women In Bio-Greater Montreal Chapter Inaugural Event

On November 14, 2012, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. EDT come celebrate with the new Greater Montreal Chapter of Women In Bio at its inaugural event in the elegant surroundings of the historic McGill Faculty Club and Conference Centre in the heart of downtown Montreal! Relax and enjoy delicious hors d’oeuvres and wine during our reception while networking with colleagues and making new business contacts. Our esteemed speaker, visionary and serial entrepreneur Clarissa Desjardins will talk about her own experiences, including her most recent adventure as CEO of Clementia Pharmaceuticals and will highlight some of the challenges, choices and rewards of being an entrepreneur and what it takes to make it to the top position. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn more about Women In Bio as it makes its début in Canada. Click here to register and for more information.

With Social Media Staying Connected to WIB is Easier Than Ever!

Facebook and Twitter are easy ways to stay on top of the ever-expanding WIB chapter line-up, upcoming activities and job postings. To follow us on Facebook, click here and select the "Like" box at the top of the screen, and click here and
CHAPTER EVENTS

San Francisco Bay Area Events

Join WIB-San Francisco Bay Area for Our Annual Holiday Party
Please join us in celebrating the season at our annual Holiday Party, December 5, 2012 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. PDT at CuriOdyssey Museum in San Mateo, CA. You won’t want to miss this warm and festive event where you can network and share the holiday spirit with fellow WIB members and friends. Please join WIB for an evening of food, fun, music, and a silent auction. This holiday celebration is always a sell-out event, so register before November 30, 2012 to guarantee your spot. We look forward to celebrating with you! Click here to register and for more information.

Joint Genome Institute Hosts YWIB Event to Solve Energy and Environmental Challenges
The launch event for the San Francisco Bay Area’s YWIB was a hands-on introduction to genes and biofuels at the Joint Genome Institute in Walnut Creek. On October 18, 2012, sixteen girls were the pioneer participants who had the chance to meet the scientists of JGI and tour the facilities, learning about the Institute’s research on generating energy. The afternoon was filled with cows, termites, plants and test tubes. One of the Institute’s scientists, Sarah Richardson, a Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellow, introduced the girls to her fascinating work in biofuels. The students applied the concepts they learned using DNA snips and amino acids. Thanks to Sarah as well as David Gilbert and Massie Ballon, Public Affairs, for coordinating this wonderful event, and thanks to all of the students who participated!

Entrepreneurs Share Wisdom During San Francisco Bay Area Panel Discussion
Start-up challenges and opportunities topped the agenda in Palo Alto on the evening of October 18, 2012. Fifty women brought the room alive with their questions to the CEO-stacked panel prompting a lively, open discussion. Each panelist shared how they came to their current path, challenges they’ve faced and continue to tackle. One attendee mentioned “the room and the audience number were perfect as I was not afraid to participate and ask questions!”

WIB-San Francisco Bay Area Clinked Glasses at Sangria Night
WIB held a networking event in San Francisco on October 8, 2012, the night prior to the beginning of the BIO Investor Forum. This casual event welcomed over 50 at the Thirsty Bear brewery. The event was held in a fun, relaxed atmosphere, with groups of women gathering to share food, goals and business cards. While women were definitely in numbers, the crowd had a few fellas to share in the experience. “Gathering successful women in the biotech industry is not only a good idea; it is one of the most qualitative networking events I have attended to. Organizers are thoughtful and the participants are captivating” noted one gentleman, Olivier Roth, Marketing Analyst at Clinovo. Thanks to our evening sponsors Clinovo, Comprehend Systems, Barney & Barney, and West Coast Clinical Trials Global.

RTP Chapter Events
Join Us for a Three-Part YWIB Young Entrepreneurs Workshop Event

WIB-RTP is holding an exciting three-part Young Women In Bio (YWIB) event beginning on November 2, continuing on November 16, and concluding December 1, 2012 at the NC Biotechnology Center. During the three part series, the participants will learn how to create a successful business by using a business model, creating a mock start-up business, and applying their mock business in real world setting and discuss lessons learned. Click here for more details on these dates, times, and to register.

WIB-RTP’s First Annual 5K Run/Walk

Save the date for WIB-RTP’s First Annual 5K run/walk to fight against Cystic Fibrosis on December 1, 2012 beginning at 9:30 a.m. EDT. Raise money to benefit the families battling Cystic Fibrosis, a common life-threatening genetic disease. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in its mission to improve the quality of life for those with Cystic Fibrosis, and ultimately to find a cure. Click here to register for this event and for more information.

Register for the WIB-RTP Holiday Party

The three dynamic life science organizations, WIB-RTP, AWIS and GWIS, will once again come together for a Holiday Party at North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences on December 12, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. EDT. It’s that time of the year to unwind, have a warm drink and celebrate! Click here to register.

Seattle Metro Events
**WIB Seattle-Metro Members-Only Event Draws Big Crowd and Inspires Growing Interest in Chapter!**

Despite some pretty significant traffic delays in the downtown Seattle area, WIB Seattle-Metro held a very successful Annual Members-Only Event one year after the Chapter's launch on Thursday, September 27, 2012. Home to the University of Washington Huskies, Seattles love their local college football just as much as they love their coffee. As it turns out, our first Annual Members-Only event was scheduled (unbeknownst to us) the same evening as an all-important Huskies game! Regardless of this, over 70 WIB Seattle-Metro Chapter members braved the football traffic (some travelling to the Event for 1.5 hours!) to celebrate what was a tremendously successful inaugural year! To read more, click here.

**Expand Your Network and Fortify Your business by Joining WIB-Seattle Metro’s Team!**

We are looking for a Social Media Lead, and a Lead for Young Women In Bio, along with volunteers for these committees. To learn more or to volunteer, please email seattle@womeninbio.org.

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**Pittsburgh Area Events**

**WIB-Pittsburgh Official Launch Rescheduled**

Due to Hurricane Sandy, the WIB-Pittsburgh launch event has been rescheduled to Thursday, November 29, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EDT at Bridgeside Point on Technology Drive in Pittsburgh, PA. Alexandra Drane, Founder, Chief Visionary Officer and Chair of the Board of the Eliza Corporation will still be the Keynote speaker. Alexandra has proven herself a visionary and an innovator, whose ideas on using technology to engage people in their health, and her belief in adding a touch of joy to the often staid world of healthcare communications have been adopted by the nation's top healthcare organizations. Alexandra believes "if you are on a mission to make a difference, you can - and if you're doing what you love, you'll have a whole lot of fun in the process." Click here for more information and to register.

**WIB-Pittsburgh: Join Us for Our Winter Book Club**

WIB-Pittsburgh invites you to subscribe to our LinkedIn page. We are excited to use this forum to build our local WIB community, to share experiences and best practices, and to communicate upcoming events.
Please join us for the first meeting of our Book Club. We will discuss: “Ask For It: How Women Can Use the Power of Negotiation to Get What They Really Want” by Linda Babcock and Sara Laschever. Drinks and light snacks will be provided as we discuss ways to develop negotiating skills and talk about how to implement ideas from the book in our own lives. The event will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. EDT at UPMC’s Technology Development Center in Bakery Square. [Click here] to register.

**Washington DC/Baltimore Chapter Events**

**Simply Networking Happy Hour with the Washington DC/Baltimore Chapter**

Join the WIB-Washington DC/Baltimore chapter on November 7, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for a happy hour networking event at Pazo restaurant in Baltimore, MD. Socialize and network with chapter members, colleagues and peers. No agenda, simply networking. We will hold a 50/50 raffle to benefit the WIB Scholarship fund. [Click here] for more information and to register.

**“FULL” Young Women In Bio: Learn How a Science Degree Opens Doors to the Laboratory & Beyond**

On Thursday, November 8, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. EDT, YWIB and ATCC will be hosting a Biotechnology career leadership event for middle school-aged girls. This event will expose the girls to all the different opportunities that can spark from having a science degree. They will meet and interact with women who have science degrees and work in various careers that support the research, development, manufacturing and marketing of these life science products and services. This is an exclusive invitation for middle school girls in grades 6-8. **THE EVENT IS NOW FULL** To place your daughter on the wait list, contact [DC.Baltimore@womeninbio.org](mailto:DC.Baltimore@womeninbio.org).

**WIB-Washington DC/Baltimore: Share the Spirit of the Season at Women In Bio’s Annual Holiday Celebration**

Tis’ the season to ring in the holidays at the annual WIB-Washington DC/Baltimore Chapter Gala. On December 12, 2012 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. EDT you won’t want to miss this warm and festive event where you can network and share the holiday spirit with fellow WIB members and friends. Join us at the beautiful National Museum of Women in the Arts in downtown DC for hors d’oeuvres, art, and good cheer. We look forward to celebrating with you! [Click here] to register.
Chicago Chapter Events

Volunteer opportunity - Personal Journeys in STEM
Share your experience as a professional working in a STEM career with high school students at "Personal Journeys in STEM" at University of Chicago Hospital on November 3, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. CDT. Organizers are seeking volunteers to accompany students on tours of the hospital and/or lead small group discussions about work and college. Renowned Chicago author, Rebecca Skloot, will discuss her book, “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks,” and describe her 10 year journey to write the true story of the HeLa cell line. Contact Chicago@womeninbio.org for more information.

WIB-Chicago 2012 Educational Series Continues With Senior Leadership
Don’t miss this unique opportunity to hear local female executives’ insights and advice on career development in the life sciences industry. Our panel of CEOs and vice presidents will share their paths to career achievement and discuss tools and habits that empower women at all levels in their careers to reach their potential. Join us on November 8, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. CDT on the Northshore for networking and an interactive and inspiring discussion. Click here to register.

Get Involved in WIB-Chicago
Looking to be more active in WIB-Chicago? Are you passionate about promoting women’s professional growth in our life science community? Join the WIB-Chicago Sponsorship Committee! Sponsorship support is key to the high quality seminars and events hosted by WIB-Chicago, and the committee is in desperate need of volunteers. If interested in serving on this dynamic committee, please contact chicago@womeninbio.org.

Other Interests

3rd Annual New Paradigms to Fund Biotech & Early Stage Showcase this January in San Francisco
New Paradigms is guided by key individuals from biotech, pharma and the investment community to advance R&D through alternative sources of funding, non-traditional partnering strategies and innovative approaches to drug approval for the successful commercialization of new therapies. New for the event on January 8, 2013 is a morning dedicated to the Biotech Deals of the Year.
and an early-stage biotech showcase on the afternoon of January 9, 2013. The conference is backed by an exceptionally distinguished speaking faculty. Click here to register and for more information with the discount code for members of "WIB". It will give a registration fee of $395 to attend (as opposed to $1,095+).

**Interested in promoting STEM education in Chicago? Volunteer for "Stellar Girls."**

"Stellar Girls," a new program from Astellas Foundation, introduces girls in grades 5-8 to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields. Starting in September, 11 Chicago middle schools will provide "Stellar Girls" after-school programming one day/week. Volunteers will give girls the visibility to women and men working in STEM careers and serve as role models for the development of the girls’ future career paths. To volunteer, please contact Ann Reed at iBIO Institute.