

WIB's Lily Rin-Laures, M.D. Elected to Marshall, Gerstein & Borun's Executive Committee

Partner Li-Hsien (Lily) Rin-Laures, M.D. has been elected to Marshall, Gerstein & Borun's Executive Committee, joining fellow Partner Robert M. Gerstein and Managing Partner Jeffrey S. Sharp.

The election of Dr. Rin-Laures, the first woman partner to hold a position on the Executive Committee, is another milestone in the firm's commitment to the inclusion of women and minorities in leadership positions. Women and minority partners have led the firm's practice groups, including the litigation and transactional groups, and key committees overseeing marketing and recruiting. For the past 12 years, the Firm's Recruiting Committee has been led by a minority or woman partner.



Li-Hsien (Lily) Rin-Laures, M.D.

[Click here](#) to read the entire press release.

WIB and Jamie Strachota Featured in AAAS "Think Globally, Act Locally" Article

Recently Jamie Strachota was interviewed by Jacqueline Ruttimann Oberst, a freelance writer in connection to Women In Bio for the article "Think Globally, Act Locally". Below is an excerpt and link to read the article in its entirety.

"WIB targets a broad base of over 1,300 members who work in areas such as biotech, big pharma, academia, and government. Its members range from high-ranking executives to graduate students; nearly 15% of WIB's members serve in a leadership capacity within the volunteer-run organization. WIB chapters



Jamie Strachota

host events revolving around professional development and educational and networking opportunities. These events include expert panel discussions which feature successful women leaders as the speakers. The panel sessions are small and welcoming in design, usually attracting audiences of 75 to 100 people, which allows people to interact directly with the speakers and with each other. Keeping the event to this size also allows attendees to emerge having made solid professional connections and makes it easier for WIB members to find jobs or resources to help them start up their own companies. Moreover, each chapter provides peer mentoring groups, in which six to 10 female members get together to informally discuss issues related to work-life balance, families, and job stresses.

"The higher you climb, the harder and lonelier it can get," says Jamie Strachota, executive manager of WIB. She stresses the importance of the local chapter meetings for connecting women in science with role models and peers alike. "Attendees of WIB events get to see first-hand the female pioneers who inspire women to be ambitious and challenge themselves," explains Strachota. "Our ultimate goal is to empower women to reach the highest positions of influence and responsibility within the life sciences industry."

[Click here](#) to read the entire article.

Profiles in Leadership

We continue to share the profiles of our WIB leaders with members. This week we meet Nimisha Mukherjee, Winnie Pong, and Janice Vatland.

Nimisha Mukherjee: National Chair, Grants Procurement

As National Chair of the Grants Procurement Committee, Nimisha is responsible for identifying funding agencies and leading the submissions of proposals which leverage the initiatives and WIB's mission. Nimisha has over 13 years of experience in research and development of biomedical engineering technologies. Her recent experience includes legal and consulting engagements in life sciences to Fortune 500 Biotech companies including: technology acquisitions, market analysis, due diligence, product litigation and intellectual property analysis. She was previously the chief technical lead of her own company which concentrated on developing a novel assay for virus

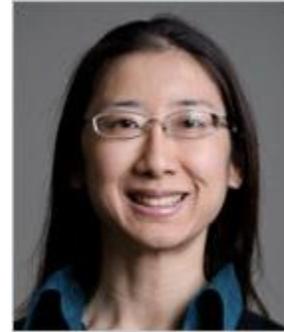


Nimisha Mukherjee

detection for use in third-world countries. Nimisha sits on several alumni committees at both Georgia Institute of Technology and Virginia Commonwealth University to lead mentorship efforts and initiate opportunities for women in engineering.

Winnie Pong: National Vice Chair, Communications

Winnie helps to create and oversee organizational marketing material, social media outlets and the WIB website and has years of experience in volunteering her publicity and web design services for non-profits. She currently researches brain tumor immunology and has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry and a PhD in neurobiology.



Winnie Pong

Janice Vatland: National Vice Chair, Programming

Janice is responsible for assisting WIB Chapters in the planning of professional development programs providing opportunities for members to learn and build relationships with other members. An intellectual property attorney, Janice has over 11 years' experience in counseling universities, startups, and smaller and mid-sized companies in strategic patent portfolio development and management in the areas of biotechnology and pharmaceuticals. She has been named a Massachusetts Super Lawyers' "Rising Star" in intellectual property law. She earned her Bachelors, Masters, and PhD from MIT and her JD from Suffolk University Law School.



Janice Vatland



Over the past year our WIB Chapters have created their own LinkedIn groups highlighting their unique events and accomplishments. Click on any of the Chapter names (or WIB-National) to check out and join the groups that are most relevant to you!

- [WIB-National](#)
- [Atlanta](#)



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

Facebook and Twitter are also easy ways to stay on top of the ever-expanding WIB chapter line-up, upcoming activities and job postings.

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to stay on top of chapter news, upcoming events and job postings. If you have a Twitter account, feel free to tweet about WIB (@WomenInBio).



WIB is proud to unveil our new logo for Young Women In Bio (YWIB). This logo along with the new section in our newsletter is just the start of our ever expanding YWIB program. With the participation and support of so many WIB members, we excited for what the future holds for these young women.

A Call for Volunteers

We're looking for volunteers on the national YWIB committee. If you are interested, please email info@womeninbio.org for more information.

Young Science Explorers Program

MdBio Foundation has scholarships available for rising seventh and eighth graders to attend their Young Science Explorers Program (YSEP) in Baltimore at the Inner Harbor the week of July 15, 2013. To learn more, [click here](#).

CHAPTER EVENTS

RTP Chapter Events

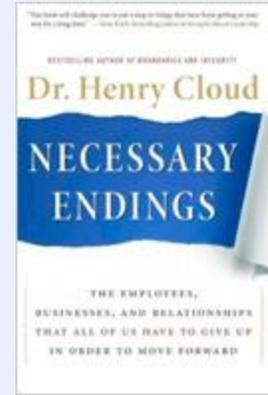
Start to Summer Networking Event

On June 20, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EDT, WIB-RTP will be holding a networking event to

celebrate the end of the school year. Share ideas, fuel your passion and expand your professional network with other professional women in the Life Sciences. Small group networking will be followed by an open-floor networking. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

Book Club Event - Necessary Endings: The Employees, Businesses, and Relationships That All of Us Have to Give Up in Order to Move Forward

Join WIB-RTP's Book Club on "Necessary Endings: The Employees, Businesses, and Relationships That All of Us Have to Give Up in Order to Move Forward", by Dr. Henry Cloud on July 9, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. EDT at the Koinonia Coffee House. We will discuss knowing when and how to let go when something, or someone, isn't working—a personal relationship, a job, or a business venture as this is essential for happiness and success. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.



Book Club Review - Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead

Thirty participants took part in the WIB-RTP chapter's June Book Club at the Koinonia Coffee House on June 11, 2013 to discuss Sheryl Sandberg's "Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead." Some of the suggestions made to help women Lean In to their careers included being persistent, removing emotion from business settings, being willing to make the choice to walk away from a negative situation, and treating each woman individually rather than painting the needs of women with a broad, but homogeneous, brush. To read the entire review, [click here](#).



WIB-RTP Hosts Industry Leaders, All With Beginnings in R&D

Five industry veterans with successful careers that began in R&D spoke at the RTP chapter's "Path's to Success: Careers in R&D and Beyond" event May 29, 2013 at the North Carolina Biotechnology Center. The common lesson from the evening: let your passions drive your career decisions. With very complementary presentations, the speakers collectively urged attendees to never stop learning, networking or taking risks throughout their careers. [Click here](#) to read the entire event review.

Pittsburgh Events

Strategic Networking: Cultivating your Connections

WIB-Pittsburgh's "Strategic Networking: Cultivating your Connections" event is scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EDT on June 25, 2013 at University Club. Expert panelists will discuss tips and answer questions regarding the best methods for establishing connections through strategic networking followed with a speed networking session in which we will practice what we have learned. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

Chicago Chapter Events

WIB-Chicago and HBA Chicago's Program: Outside the Corporate Walls - Is Independent Consulting Right for You?

WIB-Chicago and HBA Chicago are proud to present an evening of networking and a great panel discussion on independent consulting on Thursday, July 11, 2013, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. CDT at the Willis Tower in Chicago. Many talented women in healthcare are looking for new ways to use their skills and knowledge to extend their careers in healthcare beyond the corporate structure. Starting an independent consulting business is one way to take your experience to the next level. But how do you know if this path is right for you? Attendees will hear from women in healthcare who have taken this path, and learn about the potential benefits and pitfalls of this approach. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

Dr. Lily Rin-Laures, Past-President of WIB-Chicago, Receives the 2013 Motivator Award from AWIS Chicago

Lily Rin-Laures, M.D., previous Chair of WIB-Chicago's Steering Committee and partner at Marshall, Gerstein & Borun, LLP, is being honored with the 2013 Motivator Award from American Women in Science (AWIS) Chicago for her work in initiating a new chapter of WIB in Chicago in the fall of 2010. Lily will receive her award at the 2013 AWIS Chicago Awards Dinner on June 26, 2013 at Reza's restaurant in Chicago. [Click here](#) for more information and to register for the AWIS dinner.

San Francisco Bay Area Events

"Summer in the City" Networking Happy Hour

Join WIB and help us celebrate Summer in the City -- a fun networking Happy Hour at the San

Francisco offices of PR Newswire/UBM on July 25 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. PDT. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Washington DC/Baltimore Events

Leveraging Government Contracts and Government Grants to Grow Your Business "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly"

On June 4, 2013 WIB-Washington DC/Baltimore partnered with BDO USA, LLP, Arnold & Porter LLP, and the Maryland Chamber of Commerce to host an informal roundtable and networking event. Panelists discussed the risks and rewards of working with the federal government as a contractor in the current budget climate. About 50 attendees enjoyed networking before the presentation and Q&A session at the Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center. Panelist expertise was diverse and included perspectives in IP, product development, and CRO dynamics. Many thanks to the aforementioned sponsors for extending this event to WIB members.

Atlanta Chapter Events

Help Build the new WIB-Atlanta Chapter by Volunteering

WIB-Atlanta is looking for volunteers to help us grow and develop our chapter. We have openings on our sponsorship committee along with a need for volunteers in other areas all over. Wherever you would like to help, we have a place for you! Please email us at Atlanta@womeninbio.org and get involved today!

Greater Boston Chapter Events

Communications/Marketing Leaders Needed!

We are in need of professional women to lead our Communications/Marketing committee. Help us grow the WIB-Greater Boston chapter by creating buzz around our high value programs and networking events, draft marketing collateral all while building strong relationships within the local biotech industry. Email us at Boston@womeninbio.org if interested.

Seattle Chapter Events

Volunteer with WIB-Seattle Metro

Raise your profile, with impact, by applying for a senior leadership position at WIB-Seattle Metro, or by serving on one of our five high-energy committees: Funding, Membership, Programs, Communications, or Young Women In Bio. We are currently accepting applications for Chair of Funding, Chair of Communications, and Vice-Chair of WIB-Seattle Metro. For more information, and to join in the fun, email us at Seattle@womeninbio.org.

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