

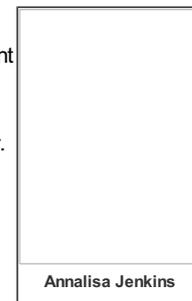
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### March is Women's History Month!

Women In Bio is excited to celebrate Women's History Month this March by hosting the first annual WIB "North American Conference for Women's Education and Entrepreneurship." In honor and recognition of the contribution of generations of women to events in history and to society, WIB will hold events in each of its 11 chapters in cities across North America. These events will include keynote addresses and panel discussions from pioneer women in life sciences covering topics such as science education for girls, career path choices, cultivating skills to move from bench to business, and breaking the life sciences "ceiling." More information and registration will be available at [www.womeininbio.org](http://www.womeininbio.org).

### Save the Date: WIB Welcome Reception at BIO 2014, Featuring Annalisa Jenkins, Executive Vice President at Merck KGa

Mark your calendars for WIB's Annual Welcome Reception at BIO 2014. This premier event will feature keynote speaker, Annalisa Jenkins, MBBS, MRCP, Executive Vice President, Head of Global Development and Medical, at Merck Serono. You will have the opportunity to network with influential women leaders from around the world, and listen first-hand to Dr. Jenkins' personal story and rise to success. More information to come.



### WIB Now Has a Job Board!

Women In Bio is pleased to announce we have a job board! Visit <http://wibcareercenter.com> to get started. The job board platform can link to your LinkedIn profile where you can upload your information directly from your LinkedIn profile, as well as see who in your network works at the companies you may be interested in applying for. Whether you are a job seeker or looking to fill a position, this is the resource for you.

### WIB Applauds Our 2013 Robbie Melton Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to our 2013 Robbie Melton Scholarship Winners:

- Catherine Vrentas, Washington DC/Baltimore Chapter
- Diane Longo, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter
- Zoe Hoepfner, Chicago Chapter

Special thanks to [Genomic Health](#), [Johns Hopkins University Center for Biotechnology Education](#) and the WIB Board of Directors for sponsoring the three scholarships. Winners will be presented with their checks at their respective chapter holiday parties or chapter events. The 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. We thank everyone that applied for the scholarships and congratulations to the winners.

### WIB's Social (Media) Butterflies

WIB wants to grow our social media footprint and need our members' and supporters' help! Be sure to participate on our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) accounts and post about events and news. Thanks for helping spread the word about WIB and your local WIB chapter.



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## CHAPTER EVENTS

### New York Metro Events

#### [Attend WIB-New York Metro's Launch Event](#)

WIB-New York Metro Launch Event will take place January 23, 2014. The keynote address "Getting to the Heart of Women's Health," will be presented by world-renowned cardiologist and women's heart health pioneer, Nieca Goldberg, MD. Learn the latest in women's heart health innovations and network with like-minded professionals from all walks of the life sciences arena. [Click here](#) to register.

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### Greater Boston Events

#### [WIB-Greater Boston 2014 Kick-Off Event](#)

Join WIB-Greater Boston as we kick-off 2014 on January 30, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.! Mingle with current members and find out about 2014 programming and volunteering opportunities. We are also partnering with Dress for Success for this event, so please bring all of those suits, shoes and other professional attire items that don't fit, or just don't agree with you anymore. These items can be used by women who need something to wear for their next job interview. And don't forget, if your own professional wardrobe is in need of an update, WIB members will soon be receiving vouchers for a 15% discount on professional clothing at Macy's! [Click here](#) to register for this event.

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### Chicago Chapter Events

#### [WIB-Chicago Welcomes 2014 With "Best Practices for Sharing IP Rights" Program](#)

Start 2014 by learning more about best practices and potential pitfalls associated with sharing intellectual property rights. The event will take place on January 29, 2014, at the offices of Brinks Gilson & Lione in Chicago. Networking will begin at 5:30 p.m. CST and our terrific panel will begin their discussion at 6:15 p.m. CST. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

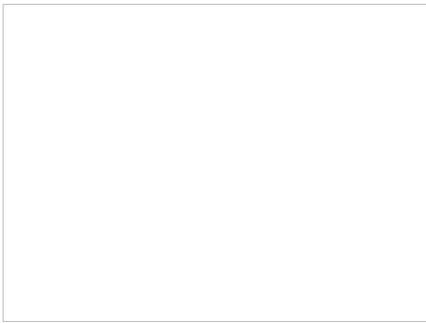
#### [WIB-Chicago Member Spotlight: Laura Labeots, Ph.D.](#)

[Laura A. Labeots](#), Ph.D., a partner with Husch Blackwell, LLP, has almost 20 years of experience counseling clients in all aspects of intellectual property. She develops and manages extensive patent portfolios for large chemical companies, biotech companies, and universities, as well as assists generic pharmaceutical companies to develop strategies for ANDA/Hatch-Waxman cases. "I was a research scientist for 10 years before entering the IP world. WIB-Chicago events provide a great opportunity to meet other women in the Midwest with similar backgrounds and interests in the life science industry."

#### [Celebrating a Successful Year and Awarding a WIB Scholarship Recipient at "Networking on The Northshore!"](#)

WIB-Chicago celebrated another successful year by an evening of cocktails, sushi, and networking at Wildfish in Deerfield, Illinois on December 5, 2013. At the event, Dimitra Georganopoulou, President Elect of Women In Bio, awarded Zoe Hoepfner with a Robbie Melton WIB Scholarship. Congratulations to Zoe and thanks to Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America for sponsoring this fantastic event!

With the Melton Award, Zoe, Industrial Liaison and Lecturer for the Biotechnology Masters program at Northwestern University and Co-Chair of WIB-Chicago Membership and Young Women In Bio committees, plans to further develop her understanding of the technology commercialization process by attending an executive education course on product management offered by the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Zoe hopes the training the Melton scholarship provides will allow her to contribute to programs ongoing at Northwestern that connect students/early career professionals to optimized technologies - or build one of her own.



Dimitra Georganopolou, President Elect of Women In Bio, awards Zoe Hoepfner with a Robbie Melton WIB Scholarship on December 5, 2013 at the Chicago chapter's "Networking on the Northshore" event.

### **Looking to get involved in WIB-Chicago in 2014? The Membership Committee wants you!**

Start the new year by getting more involved in WIB-Chicago! The Membership Committee is looking for motivated volunteers to help **register attendees at WIB programs**, expand our reach in the Chicagoland Bio community, and grow our membership. If you are interested in becoming part of the WIB-Chicago Membership Committee, please contact [chicago@womeninbio.org](mailto:chicago@womeninbio.org).

### **Help WIB-Chicago's Sponsorship Goals in 2014!**

WIB-Chicago's valuable programming and networking events are made possible by our wonderful sponsors. As the new year begins, help us meet our 2014 sponsorship goals! Stay tuned for information on our "Keep on Supporting," "Charity Starts At Home," and "Opening New Horizons" campaigns. If your organization would like to renew its sponsorship or learn more about the benefits of sponsoring WIB-Chicago, contact [chicagosponsorship@womeninbio.org](mailto:chicagosponsorship@womeninbio.org).

### **Follow WIB-Chicago on Twitter**

Connect to the WIB-Chicago on [Twitter](#) feed for information on National and Chapter events, news around the biotech industry and entrepreneurship.

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## **San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Events**

### **Join WIB-San Francisco Bay Area for Speed Networking in the East Bay**

Come meet new friends and colleagues for a productive, supportive and fun, Speed Networking at Children's Hospital and Research Institute on January 7, 2014, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. PST. Make new connections and speak about why you do what you do, your aspirations and struggles. Bring your business cards! [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

### **WIB-San Francisco Bay Area Celebrates the Holidays with Wine and Chocolate**

San Francisco Bay Area Women in Bio members celebrated the holidays – along with the end of their second successful year – on December 4, 2013 with wine and chocolate pairings at Dogpatch WineWorks, San Francisco's only working winery. The chapter's annual silent auction raised over \$2300 to help defer the cost of the event. The San Francisco Bay Area chapter of WIB wishes all the other chapters of Women In Bio a most joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year!

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## **Montréal Chapter Events**

### **Rejoignez WIB-Grand Montréal pour une discussion de groupe de lecture animé sur "Lean In" par Sheryl Sandberg**

La section régionale de Montréal de Femmes en Bio vous invite à participer à l'inauguration de son «groupe de lecture», qui aura pour thème de discussion le livre «Lean In», écrit par la directrice de l'exploitation de Facebook, Sheryl Sandberg. L'événement aura lieu lundi, le 20 janvier 2013 de 19h00 à 21h00 à Fasken Martineau à Montréal. À la suite du discours audacieux de Sandberg en 2010, ce livre expose une expérience qui va au-delà des questions et les défis auxquels les femmes d'expérience dans le milieu de travail font face. Il permet d'encourager les femmes à «s'asseoir à la table», prendre des risques, et de poursuivre leurs objectifs. C'est un livre inspirant et provoquant à la fois. Nous sommes impatients d'entretenir une discussion animée et fructueuse avec vous! [Veuillez cliquer ici pour plus d'informations et pour vous](#)

### **WIB-Greater Montreal Hosts a Strategic Thinking Seminar by Dr. Mirela Baranci**

The Greater Montreal Chapter of Women In Bio invites you to its inaugural Book Club event featuring the book "Lean In," written by Sheryl Sandberg, Chief Operating Officer for Facebook. The event will take place Monday, January 20, 2013, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Fasken Martineau in downtown Montreal. This book digs deeper into the issues and challenges women experience in the workplace and encourages women to "sit at the table," take risks, and pursue their goals. It is an inspiring and thought provoking book, and we are looking forward to a lively and fruitful discussion! [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

## Atlanta Chapter Events

### Book Club Discussion “Tough Choices: A Memoir” January 9, 2014

WIB-Atlanta invites you to discuss [Tough Choices: A Memoir](#), written by Carly Fiorina, former CEO of Hewlett Packard on January 9, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Carly was a fierce risk-taker and made a number of controversial changes to HP’s business strategy that were highly criticized by other execs and analysts. Her bold leadership style clashed with the board of directors and she was eventually fired. We will have a spread of appetizers, entrees and wine. Book club events have been well-attended in the past and registration slots are likely to fill quickly. [Register now](#) to reserve your spot! A quick note: you are not required to finish reading the book to attend.

### YWIB-Atlanta Needs Science Fair Judges

A science fair is a great opportunity for young kids to learn and explore their scientific interests. WIB-Atlanta has partnered with King’s Ridge Christian School (KRCS) to promote interests in STEM fields and is providing science fair judges for their middle and high school student science fair. KRCS needs volunteers to grade the final project on January 8, 2014. A number of people can come from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to grade projects; however, we need more volunteers to conduct interviews with the students from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Email [Atlanta@womeninbio.org](mailto:Atlanta@womeninbio.org) if you are interested in volunteering with the KRCS Science Fair.

### WIB-Atlanta’s Alpharetta Holiday Party

WIB members and supporters came out to celebrate the holidays and the new year at WIB-Atlanta’s holiday party and cookie swap. We were all greeted at the door by the host and her Christmas tree that lit up the front of the house with holiday cheer. The evening continued with chatting, drinking spirits and noshing on the chips and special dips that Mithra Bindhu made for the occasion. Everyone enjoyed the vegetarian cuisine, composed largely of Indian dishes, which were brought/made by the Atlanta chapter leaders. Members and guests brought a variety of delicious cookies/desserts that were stolen throughout the evening and finally swapped as people were leaving at the end of the night. We all enjoyed the time we had with old and new friends and hope to see them at future occasions.

### Leadership Opportunities Available with YWIB-Atlanta

The Young Women In Bio (YWIB) committee plans a diverse set of activities to encourage young girls to pursue their interests in science. Some of these activities include STEM outreach events, mentoring, coordinating science fairs and collaborating with other organizations (e.g., Atlanta Technical College and Career Girls) to put on events. YWIB is looking for enthusiastic leaders who can take the lead in coordinating events. If you are interested, please email [Atlanta@womeninbio.org](mailto:Atlanta@womeninbio.org) and state your interests in directing activities for the YWIB team.

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## Pittsburgh Chapter Events

### WIB-Pittsburgh Wine Tasting Networking Social

The WIB-Pittsburgh chapter is heading to the Strip District on January 16, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.! We invite you to practice your professional elevator speech and meet new and old friends while learning wine basics at [The Pittsburgh Winery](#). The evening’s wine tasting will be led by in-house experts and will include selections produced on-site. Along with the wine tasting portions, a delicious bread and cheese board is included in the cost of registration. Participants may purchase additional wine by the glass, bottle, or case. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

### Help Our Mission and Become Involved!

Become more involved with the Pittsburgh chapter by joining one of our committees. Contact [pittsburgh@womeninbio.org](mailto:pittsburgh@womeninbio.org) to find out how you can play a role in our growing chapter. Committees include Communications/Marketing, Programming, Membership, and Sponsorship. Volunteer for one event, two events or events all year long! Whatever your schedule, we’d love to have you. Get involved, expand your network, and help our mission of encouraging women leadership in the life sciences industry!

### Pittsburgh’s Social Media Presence

Did you know that the Pittsburgh chapter has a social media presence? Check out our [Facebook](#) page, [LinkedIn](#) group, and Twitter [@WIBPittsburgh](#).

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## Seattle Metro Chapter Events

### A Toast to the New Year with WIB-Seattle Metro

The Seattle Metro chapter will host its first event of the year on January 21, 2014, from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. with a Toast to our great community of women in the life sciences. This event will take place at the Washington Biotechnology and Biomedical Association and feature Michelle Burris, Operations Consultant at OncoGenex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. – one of the region’s most successful and influential executives. At this event, the incoming Board of Directors will recognize the founding WIB Seattle Metro Chapter’s board members for their

hard work in launching the Seattle Metro chapter. We will point to numerous accomplishments since the 2011 launch, including a significant membership base, a number of successful networking and expert speaker events, and an active YWIB group. Our goal is to build upon these successes to drive membership, reinvigorate volunteer engagement, and develop an exciting slate of programs for 2014 to move the chapter to the next level. [Click here](#) to register.

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## RTP Chapter Events

### WIB-RTP's Holiday Party

Over 100 women and men professionals, executives, and entrepreneurs came together to celebrate WIB-RTP's Holiday Party on December 9, 2013 at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh. The event commenced with heavy hors d'oeuvres and networking amongst GWIS and WIB-RTP members and their attendees. Attendees then gathered in the Daily Planet where Julie Urban, Director of NRC, introduced Dr. Emlyn Koster, Director of the Museum.

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