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.” [Click here](http://www.womeninbio.org) for more information.

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

Mark your calendars for June 23, 2014 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](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’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](https://www.facebook.com), [Twitter](https://twitter.com) and [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com) accounts and post about events and news. Thanks for helping spread the word about WIB and your local WIB chapter.
CHAPTER EVENTS

Pittsburgh Chapter Events

Sip, Nibble, and Network with WiB-Pittsburgh!
There are still a few spots available for the January 16th networking event with the WiB-Pittsburgh chapter. Learn wine basics, taste several of the Pittsburgh Winery’s house-made selections, and savor delicious bread and cheese while you meet and network with new and old friends! The event begins at 5:30 p.m. Members may bring one guest at member pricing. Register by clicking here!

Happy New Year!
Wishing you all the best in 2014! The WiB-Pittsburgh chapter has a fantastic schedule of events planned this year, including opportunities for networking, learning from mentors, and developing your professional skills. We hope that you enjoy our programming and invite you to share your thoughts any time on our social media sites or via email (Pittsburgh@womeninbio.org).

Help Our Mission and Become Involved!
Become more involved with the Pittsburgh chapter by joining one of our committees. Contact 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.

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. The incoming Board of Directors will recognize the founding WiB-Seattle Metro Chapter’s board members for their hard work in launching our chapter. Our goal is to build upon previous 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.

Save the Date: Seattle Metro Town Hall
The WiB-Seattle Metro Chapter wants to hear from you! The new Board of Directors will collect your thoughts on the value of membership, and gain insight on the types of programs and topics you would like to see in the upcoming year. Come collaborate with the new Board at this Town Hall style event, and influence the strategic direction and events of the WiB-Seattle Metro Chapter in 2014. The event will take place the third week in February. Stay tuned for more information.

New York Metro Events

Attend WiB-New York Metro’s Launch Event
WiB-New York Metro Launch Event will take place January 23, 2104. 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.

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.
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.

**Join YWIB for a great event at Northwestern University on February 1, 2014!**
WIB-Chicago’s YWIB committee will host students from Highland Park High School’s Women In STEM organization for an exciting afternoon of mentorship and hands-on experience with cutting edge research. Students will tour Northwestern’s molecular imaging facility, participate in a laboratory activity, hear research talks from Northwestern students, and learn about the diverse career paths available to women with science degrees. We seek volunteers to participate in the career panel that starts at 3:45 p.m. Come share your story! The event is also open to the first five WIB members who would like to participate with their daughters. Don’t miss this great opportunity on February 1st from 12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m., at the Evanston campus! Email [Chicago@womeninbio.org](mailto:Chicago@womeninbio.org) to RSVP or volunteer.

**Save the Date: WIB-Chicago Speed Networking at Castle on February 19, 2014**
Kick start your professional new year with a fun and productive Speed Networking event in the beautiful Cabaret Room at Castle in Chicago’s River North neighborhood from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Make new connections and speak about why you do what you do, your aspirations and challenges. Bring your business cards! More details will be available soon.

**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).

**Follow WIB-Chicago on Twitter**
Connect to the WIB-Chicago on [Twitter](https://twitter.com) feed for information on National and Chapter events, news around the biotech industry and entrepreneurship.

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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 provocant à la fois. Nous sommes impatients d’entretienir une discussion animée et fructueuse avec vous! [Veuillez cliquer ici](#) pour plus d’informations et pour vous inscrire.

**Join WIB-Greater Montreal For a Book Club Discussion Of “Lean In” by Sheryl Sandberg**
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.
**Séminaire scientifique et interactif du chapitre de Jeunes Femmes en bio destiné aux filles inscrites en secondaire 3.**

L'inauguration du chapitre Jeunes Femmes en bio aura lieu à l'Université Concordia le 19 février, 2014. Les jeunes filles auront l'occasion de participer au séminaire interactif, mis sur place par la faculté d'Arts et de Sciences de l'Université Concordia. Ce séminaire a pour but de familiariser les étudiantes aux carrières envisageables dans les domaines des sciences de la nature, technologie, génie et mathématiques. Les étudiantes seront incitée à explorer des possibilités de carrières dans les domaines des sciences de la nature, technologie, génie et mathématiques. Les étudiantes vont acquérir de l'expérience sur le tas en découvrant la biologie (en manipulant des cellules vivantes), la chimie, et on passe! Ce séminaire s'offre aux étudiantes inscrites en secondaire 3. Ce séminaire s'offre gratuitement, mais une inscription est requise pour y participer. Les places sont strictement limitées, alors inscrivez-vous le plus vite possible. [Veuillez cliquer ici pour plus d'informations et pour vous inscrire.]

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**Young Women In Bio Greater Montreal’s Interactive Science Workshop for Ninth Graders**

Join WIB-Greater Montreal at its inaugural YWIB event, at Concordia University on February 19, 2014! Young women have the opportunity to participate in an interactive workshop developed by Concordia University’s Faculty of Arts and Science. The workshop will encourage students to explore careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. Students will gain “hands-on” experience discovering the worlds of living cells, markers, chemistry, and more! The workshop is open to girls attending ninth grade. There is no registration fee, however pre-registration is required. Spaces are strictly limited, so register early! [Click here for more information and to register.]

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**Atlanta Chapter Events**

**WIB-Atlanta YWIB STEM Outreach at King’s Ridge Christian School**

The Young Women In Bio (YWIB)-Atlanta chapter is planning to conduct a STEM outreach event for middle and high school girls at King’s Ridge Christian School in Alpharetta, Georgia. The event is aimed at motivating young women to aspire for research and management careers in life sciences. Women scientists from various specialties will be leading live, hands-on classroom activities. The event will conclude with a panel discussion featuring women from diverse backgrounds in STEM at various stages of their careers. Advance registration is required, as well as permission for photo release of minors in attendance. [Click here for more information, and to register!]

**WIB-Atlanta Valentine’s Wine and Sweets Tasting**

Come join Women In Bio Atlanta as we gather for a Valentine’s Day themed wine tasting networking event at the Warren Club in the Virginia-Highlands! This is a great opportunity to make new connections with women in the biotechnology community and catch up with old friends. A sommelier will guide us through the tasting of 4 wines paired with desserts from scratch. Come in from the cold, sit by the fire, and enjoy the company of fellow WIB members! Learn more about this event by clicking [here](#).

**Heather Hollick Teaches WIB-Atlanta about a Different Kind of Networking**

On November 12, 2013, WIB-Atlanta partnered with Georgia Bio to bring to Atlanta Heather Hollick, M.B.A., a highly skilled networking expert and career coach. She taught us how to think of networking, and suggested a number of social engagement techniques for us to try. To read the entire program review, please visit the [WIB-Atlanta](#) chapter page.
Professional Development Workshop Held at Atlanta Technical College

On November 14, 2013, WIB-Atlanta members partnered with the Atlanta Technical College to conduct a Professional Development Workshop for women students. The attendees learned about such career-relevant topics as: interview etiquette, resume building, networking, the importance of volunteerism, how to read a scientific paper, and the background of various STEM careers.

Volunteer for WIB-Atlanta!

Have you enjoyed our past events? In 2013, our chapter has put on at least one great program every month! But WIB-Atlanta can accomplish much more with more leaders and volunteers. Currently there is plenty of space available for people on all WIB-Atlanta committees (Sponsorship, Programming, Communications, YWIB).

Email Atlanta@womeninbio.org and express your interests in volunteering today!

Southern California Chapter Events

WIB-Southern California Speed Networking Event

Bring in the new year by making new connections at the WIB Speed Networking Event! Whether you want to find a mentor, be a mentor, generate new business or just make friends, you can do it all in an intimate setting. This event is limited to 30 attendees so that you can meet everyone and comfortably chat with one another. The event runs from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Knobbe-Martens Law Firm. Click here to learn more about this event and register!

Washington DC/Baltimore Chapter Events

Save the Date: MedImmune Facility Tour and Panel Discussion

MedImmune will host a facility tour and panel discussion for a group of young women aged 14-18 from various
Maryland schools on February 12, 2014. The goal of this event is to expose girls to the world of biopharmaceuticals. More details coming soon!

**Women In Bio’s DC/Baltimore Chapter Hosts Holiday Gala!**

On December 18th, 2013, members of the WIB- DC/Baltimore chapter gathered at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC to celebrate the holiday season and mingle with colleagues and friends. The gala, which was sponsored by Maryland Biotechnology Center and DPR Construction, included professionals from government organizations, industry, academia, and other industry support organizations. Event highlights included Rachel King, founder of GlycoMimetics, who gave an inspiring presentation on women and leadership and the presentation of the Robbie Melton Scholarship to Catherine Vrentas.

**Gaithersburg, Maryland Career Day**

The staff and students at Gaithersburg Middle School welcomed a diverse group of professionals to their Career Day on December 20, 2013. Joan Fusco spoke about her career in science, where she develops human vaccines to prevent infectious diseases. She gave insight into how studying and preventing a natural infectious disease can lead to defending against a man-made bio threat with a presentation called Smallpox: Past, Present and Future?