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.” To honor and recognize the contributions that generations of women have made to events in history and to society, WIB’s 11 chapters will hold events 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 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, at 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 has a job board! Visit http://wibcareercenter.com to get started. The job board platform can link to your LinkedIn profile, enabling you to upload your information directly to the platform from your LinkedIn profile. Additionally, you can see who in your network works at companies you are interested in. Whether you are a job seeker, or looking to fill a position, this is the resource for you!

WIB’s Social (Media) Butterflies

Help WIB grow our social media footprint! Remember 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

Southern California Chapter Events

WIB-Southern California Speed Networking Event on January 30, 2014

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!

Greater Boston Chapter 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. Walk-ins are welcome!

RTP Chapter Events

YWIB–RTP Presents… THE CASE OF THE MISSING BUNNY!

OH NO! Fluffy the bunny has disappeared! Who could have done such a thing to this bunny rabbit?? We are looking for crime solving 3rd and 4th grade girls with an interest in science to help us solve this mystery. The girls will watch demonstrations of the basic science behind control experiments that they perform, work in teams to conduct the experiments and identify a series of unknowns, and use the unknowns they identify to solve the mystery. The event concludes with a question & answer session and short talk about how confident one must be in results before identifying the perpetrator of a crime. We will hold two sessions at the Duke University French Family Science Center on February 1, 2014: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST. This event is currently full. To place your daughter on a waiting list, please contact RTP@RTPWomenInBio.org.

"How to Dare to be Yourself? Innovate and Stay Standing No Matter the Outcome!"

How to dare to be yourself? Innovate and stay standing no matter the outcome! Join us February 24, 2014 for a varied and exciting event at Biogen Idec! Anne Whitaker, President of North America Pharmaceuticals for Sanofi, will give the evening’s keynote speech. Next, we’ll have the opportunity to hear a panel discussion involving several distinguished professionals from the pharmaceutical industry. Finally, ample time will be set aside during the event for networking. Click here for more information and to register.

Chicago Chapter Events

Join YWIB for a great event at Northwestern University on February 1, 2014!

YWIB-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 1, 2014, from 12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., at
the Evanston campus! Email Chicago@womeninbio.org to RSVP or volunteer.

**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! Click [here](#) to register.

**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.

**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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**Atlanta Chapter Events**

**WIB-Atlanta Valentine’s Wine and Sweets Tasting on February 11, 2014**
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](#).

**Leadership Opening in the YWIB-Atlanta Committee**
The YWIB-Atlanta committee accomplished much over the past year, and it continues reaching out to young, aspiring biologists, encouraging them to pursue their interests. We need a volunteer to continue YWIB-Atlanta’s mission by taking over this well-established committee, already equipped with other dedicated leaders and volunteers enthusiastic about contributing to YWIB activities. Email Atlanta@womeninbio.org to express your interest in taking on a leadership role in the YWIB committee.

**WIB-Atlanta Reviews Tough Choices: A Memoir by Carly Fiorina**
This popular book received mixed reviews from Women in Bio-Atlanta. A small, cozy group enjoyed a catered evening meal at a member’s home on a cold night in January to discuss it. Not everyone had completed Fiorina’s memoir - but most had strong opinions about it!
Montréal Chapter Events

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 incitées 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.

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.

Pittsburgh Chapter Events

WIB-Pittsburgh Scientific Presentation Skills Workshop on February 26, 2014
Nervous about presenting your work to the scientific community? Ever wondered if your audience is fully engaged? Whether you’ve been giving presentations for 20 years or you’re preparing your first one, we can all benefit from an opportunity to develop these critical skills. Please join WIB-Pittsburgh as respected UPMC professor Judy Cameron, Ph.D. provides tips to improve our presentation skills. Each participant will have an opportunity to practice these techniques at the workshop and offer feedback to peers. The evening will conclude with a contest for best short speech. Don’t worry, though, the atmosphere will be relaxed by the presence of food and wine! Click [here](#) to register today - space is limited.

WIB-Pittsburgh Proudly Announces the Launch of Young Women In Bio-Pittsburgh!

Our inaugural event this spring will introduce local Girl Scouts to the lives and work of prominent females in STEM fields—past and present. Help us get YWIB-Pittsburgh off to a great start! Please contact us at [Pittsburgh@womeninbio.org](mailto:Pittsburgh@womeninbio.org) to volunteer or learn more about the event. Our goal is to encourage girls to pursue STEM careers. Your involvement is critical to our success!

Members and Guests Gab Over Cab at WIB-Pittsburgh’s First Event of the New Year

Nothing quite stimulates networking and great conversations like a glass of good wine! Exactly that, and more, occurred on January 16, 2014, at Pittsburgh Winery. New connections were made amongst over thirty women who attended: We circulated throughout the room, stopping at the small tables to share stories, snacks, and various reactions to the different wines being offered.

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.

Seattle Metro Chapter Events

Members Are In the Driver’s Seat - Where are You Taking Us?

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 on February 20, 2014, and influence the strategic direction and events of the WIB-Seattle Metro Chapter in 2014. Refreshments will be served. Click [here](#) to register!

Seattle Metro Toasts the New Year!

On January 21, 2014, WIB-Seattle Metro held its first event of the year with “A Toast” to our great community of women in the life sciences! Hosted by the Washington Biotechnology & Biomedical Association, seventy-five of our members, past and new board leadership, and prospective members came to meet the new Board of Directors and network with other area professionals. Keynote speaker, Michelle Burris, Operations Consultant at OncoGenex Pharmaceuticals, recognized the power of women to spur business and economic growth around the world. She emphasized that the key to continued advancement of women, is teamwork, diversity across teams, leadership, and mentoring.

OTHER INTERESTS

Patients as Partners Event Will Be Held in Philadelphia, PA, on March 3-4, 2014

The Conference Forum is proud to present Patients as Partners with CISCRP’s founder Ken Getz as conference chair, along with an exciting speaking faculty representing industry, advocacy, academia, patients and the FDA. Together, they address the latest strategies, technologies and policies to vastly improve the patient experience in clinical trials. WIB members are eligible for a 50% discount when registering! Use code “WIB” when registering to receive the discount. Click [here](#) to register.