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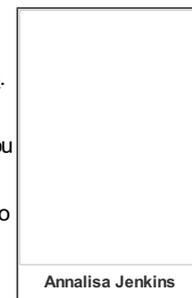
March is Women's History Month!



Women In Bio is excited to celebrate Women's History Month next month 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 on our Women's History Month events!](#)

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

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's New Job Board is Up and Running!

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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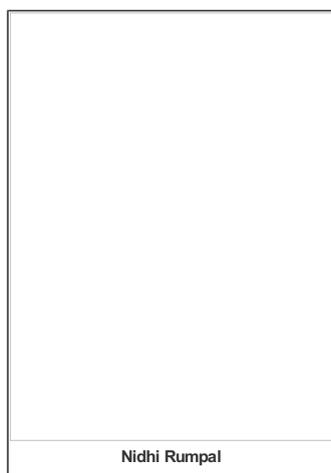
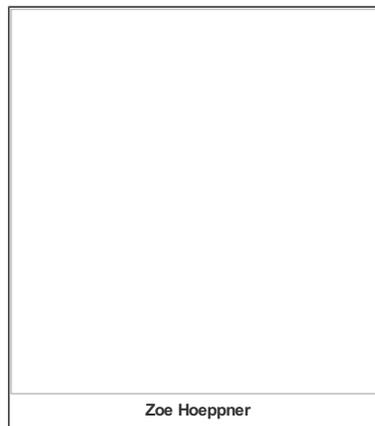
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New WIB Membership Leaders

Dr. Zoe Hoepfner is responsible for driving National membership initiatives, and assisting WIB's 11 chapters with their membership strategies and tactics. Through working in a variety of industries, Zoe effectively translates ideas across disciplines to make connections, unite teams, and create innovative new ideas. She develops and maintains relationships with biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries for the development of student-focused learning partnerships.



Nidhi Rumpal is responsible for driving national membership retainment and recruitment initiatives, as well as assisting chapters in their membership goals. She is an experienced life sciences professional, and is passionate about technology development and commercialization. Nidhi is a Technology Licensing Analyst at the University of Maryland. Prior to that, she received training in entrepreneurship from a NSF funded program, INNOVATE, and provided organizational assistance to the program for two years. Nidhi completed her postdoctoral training at Johns Hopkins University, and holds a Bachelors in Biophysics, Masters in Molecular Biology, and PhD in Neuroscience. We are excited to have Nidhi as part of our National team and look forward to working with her!

CHAPTER EVENTS

[Montréal Chapter](#) Events

Séminaire scientifique et interactif du chapitre de Jeunes Femmes en bio destiné aux filles inscrites en secondaire 3.

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

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.](#)

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.

La section régionale du Grand Montréal de Femmes en bio Série déjeuner: L'intégration travail-vie 25 février 2014

La nouvelle année est souvent un moment où l'on se fixe de nouvelles résolutions et nouveaux objectifs. C'est malheureusement aussi le moment où ces résolutions et objectifs sont abandonnés lorsqu'on manque de temps. Dans sa séance sur l'intégration du travail et la vie, la gestionnaire de talent et coach de vie Tarina Wagschal expliquera l'importance de bien déterminer ce qui est important pour chacun dans la vie, et de comment établir des objectifs et des limites afin de s'assurer d'être en mesure d'atteindre nos buts, sans que les moments inattendus de la vie nous mettent des bâtons dans les roues. [Les places sont limitées, donc s'il vous plaît inscrivez-vous le plus tôt possible](#)

WIB-Greater Montreal Breakfast Series: Work-Life Integration February 25, 2014

The new year is frequently marked by the setting of resolutions and goals... and the breaking of those resolutions and goals when time is limited! In her session on Work-Life Integration, talent manager and life coach Tarina Wagschal will explain the importance of determining what is meaningful for you in your life. She will also discuss how we can set goals and limits for ourselves that help us drive towards those goals - all without getting side-lined by life's unexpected moments. [Space is limited so please register early](#)

WIB-Greater Montreal Hosts a Lively Book Club Discussion of Lean In, by Sheryl Sandberg

La section régionale du Grand Montréal des Femmes en bio est heureuse de faire part du succès de l'événement inaugural de son club de lecture. Dans la magnifique salle de réunion de Fasken Martineau, les invités ont pris du café, du thé, ainsi que quelques délicatesses tout en discutant des sujets abordés dans

WIB-Greater Montreal is pleased to announce the success of its inaugural book club. In the beautiful meeting room of Fasken Martineau, guests enjoyed coffee, tea, and dainties while discussing the topics addressed in Sheryl Sandberg's best-selling publication, *Lean In*. The book sparked meaningful

le best-seller de Sheryl Sandberg, *Lean In*. Le livre a suscité un débat sur les différents obstacles que les femmes rencontrent dans le milieu du travail et les meilleures façons de les surmonter. Beaucoup de femmes ont partagé des expériences personnelles, et elles ont quitté la rencontre avec un sentiment renouvelé de s'engager pleinement dans leur carrière.

debate among guests about the various obstacles women face in the workplace and how to best address these issues. Many women shared personal insights, and guests left feeling inspired to fully engage in their careers.

[Chicago Chapter Events](#)

WIB-Chicago Speed Networking at Castle

Kick start your professional new year on February 19, 2014, 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! [Learn more about this event by clicking here.](#)

Save the Date - WIB-Chicago Women's History Event

Celebrate Women's History Month by attending an exciting WIB-Chicago event on March 13, 2014, focusing on bridging the gender gap in science. An illustrious panel of women will discuss the under-representation of women in science and what can be done to fix it, including ways to attract more women to careers in science and help them succeed in those careers once they get there!

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.

[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! On February 20, 2014, 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. Refreshments will be served. [Click here to register!](#)

Kristin Rand Profiled by *Outsourced Pharma*

Join us in congratulating Kristin on her appointment as the Seattle Metro Chapter's new Chair! [She was recently the subject of a profile by Outsourced Pharma.](#)

[RTP Chapter Events](#)

[A Women's History Month Event! - "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 on 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 to learn more!](#)

[Pittsburgh Chapter Events](#)

[WIB-Pittsburgh Scientific Presentation Skills Workshop](#)

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 on February 26, 2014, 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. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and wine will be provided. [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 Melanie Peffer (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!

[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.

[Greater Boston Chapter Events](#)

[A Women's History Month Event! - Nonprofit Advocacy in the Biotech Industry](#)

Join Women In Bio - Greater Boston on March 6, 2014, for an evening focused on nonprofit advocacy in the biotech industry! A panel of esteemed female leaders will discuss the many aspects of working in the nonprofit research sector. The panel will be moderated by Joanne Kamens, Executive Director, Addgene. [Register now!](#)

[San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Events](#)

[A Women's History Month Event! – “Finding the Path To Your Own Career History”](#)

WIB-San Francisco Bay Area wants to help women in the life sciences consider various career choices through a very special, [two-part event](#) on March 13, 2014. The afternoon program is a mini-conference with 3 sessions that focus on career opportunities and job environments. The evening program will include a sit-down dinner and feature a keynote address by Karen Antman, M.D., Dean of Boston University Medical School. [Attendees can register for the conference only, or for the full program \(conference and dinner\).](#)

[Our New Year Starts-Off in Typical Can-Do Style with Speed Networking](#)

WIB-SF Bay Area Chapter's 2014 events are off to a great start! On January 7, 2014, we held our first Speed Networking event in Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute's (CHORI) gorgeous library. Thirty can-do women and men learned about WIB's new initiative called MAPS - Mentors, Advisers and Peers. Participants also met Janet King, executive director of CHORI, and many Principal Investigators and Senior Scientists to

learn about exciting scientific breakthroughs at CHORI. The participants then launched into sharing their value adds, aspirations, and even challenges with one another. As usual, fantastic food and libations augmented the evening's energy!



Learning, sharing, and helping each other at WIB-San Francisco Bay Area's Speed Networking Event.

Washington DC/Baltimore Chapter Events

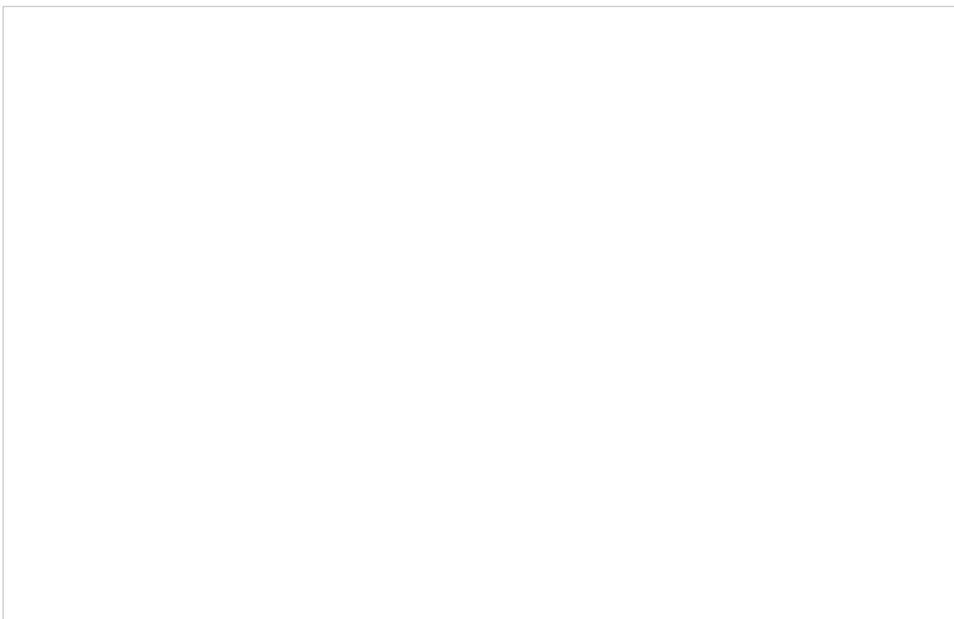
A Women's History Month Event! – Women Trailblazers in Life Sciences Event

Join Women In Bio DC/Baltimore on March 18, 2014, for the Trailblazer Award Reception at the University of Maryland BioPark. Our Trailblazer Awardees will make brief presentations followed by a reception. This is a great opportunity to make new connections with women in the biotechnology community. [Register early because event space is limited.](#)

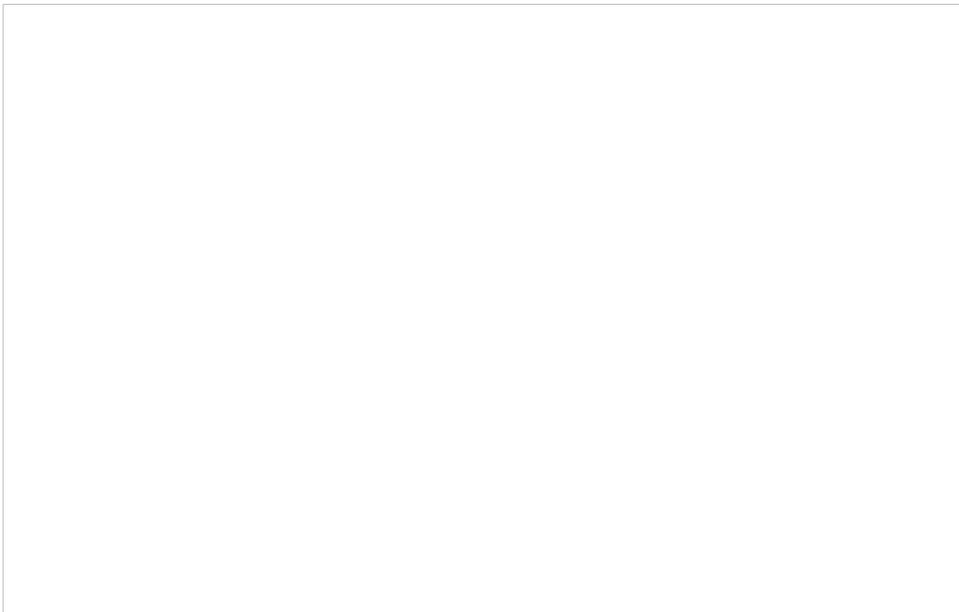
Metro New York Chapter Events

Congratulations to WIB-Metro New York On its Inaugural January Event!

On January 23, 2014, over 100 women attended Manhattan's midtown Astra venue to network and learn from world-renowned cardiologist and women's heart health pioneer, Nieca Goldberg, M.D. Dr. Goldberg spoke on "Getting to the Heart of Women's Health," and provided poignant, inspirational anecdotes of how she landed her dream job leading one of the nation's largest women's heart health medical centers. Stay tuned for information on upcoming events planned for March, April and May!



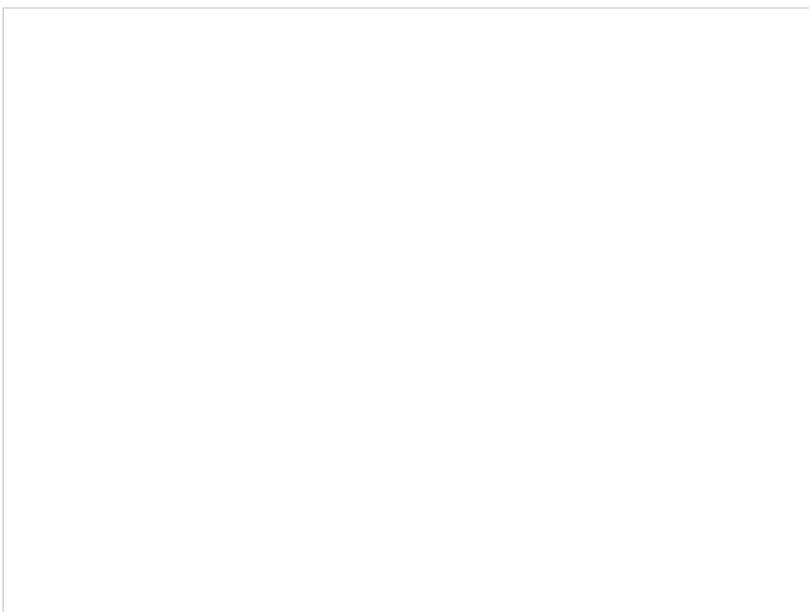
Dr. Nieca Goldberg Speaking at WIB-New York's inaugural event.



Atlanta Chapter Events

YWIB-Atlanta Events Are Just Not Long Enough!

On January 25, 2014, WIB-Atlanta's YWIB committee held their second STEM event at King's Ridge Christian School. This time, girls from nearby schools participated along with those from King's Ridge. A large number of dedicated YWIB volunteers wanted to participate in this event by organizing 30-minute labs, talking on a career panel, and providing general help. Everyone had such fun in the labs that we ran over time, and unfortunately could not perform the career panel. YWIB-Atlanta is looking forward to doing more of these events at other middle and high schools in the future.



Abigail Hielscher, Ph.D., assists with a brain demonstration.

Volunteer! Support the WIB Mission!

Women In Bio-Atlanta wants to help women meet the right people and excel in their careers. We do this by providing community, awarding scholarships, mentoring young professionals, and inspiring girls to pursue STEM careers. The Atlanta chapter has accomplished a lot in its first year, but can do so much more with a larger budget. Sponsorship committee members should expect to contribute part of their time networking to secure funding for events. Email Atlanta@womeninbio.org and express your interests in leading the sponsorship committee.

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.

Southern California Chapter Events

WIB-Southern California Speed Networking Event

A small group of women gathered at Knobbe Martens on January 30, 2014, for the Chapter's first speed networking event (registration had been limited to 30 participants to allow everyone the chance to meet one another). The evening started with mingling near the food and drinks as attendees arrived. Then it was a quick walk down the hall to a room which was set up for one-on-one discussions. The most challenging part of the evening was wrapping up one discussion to engage in the next, since in true speed networking fashion the discussions were timed. At evening's end, several participants remained to talk more - a true sign that we had a successful evening of connecting folks with industry contacts. A special thanks to Knobbe Martens for sponsoring the event.

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 CISCIP'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.](#)

2014 BioProcess International Awards

The 2014 BioProcess International Awards celebrate and recognize the outstanding people, organizations and technologies that have significantly changed, impacted, and advanced the efficiency of biotherapeutic development and manufacturing process ultimately allowing the industry to deliver better, more effective treatments to a global patient base. Accepting nominations now! [For more information, click here.](#)

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