It Has Been A Women's History Month To Remember!

Women’s History Month has run its course… but we aren’t done celebrating yet! This edition of the enewsletter carries WHM event recaps and photos from our Atlanta and Montreal chapters; and our next (April 24th) edition will conclude our WHM coverage with event recaps from DC/Baltimore and Pittsburgh. There’s more! A commemorative brochure containing in-depth recaps of all WIB and YWiB Women’s History Month events will come out soon! This will be a special publication, because it documents our celebration of the contributions that generations of women have made; because it recognizes all of your hard work in making that celebration a reality; and because the brochure symbolizes WIB’s essential unity - every chapter has contributed to it, and every chapter is represented within it. Look for the WHM commemorative brochure coming your way soon!

Women In Bio Partners with SmartBrief

WIB has partnered with SmartBrief to produce a weekly e-mail newsletter, WIB SmartBrief, which brings the most important and timely news stories about women in all areas of the life sciences. WIB President Simone Fishburn states, “Women In Bio is delighted to partner with SmartBrief and to bring this valuable informative resource to industry professionals and scientists across the life sciences. We are thrilled about the opportunity to shine a light on the contributions made by women in the field and the issues important to them. Advancing gender equity in the life sciences is an important part of our mission.” To read more about WIB SmartBrief and to sign up for this free enewsletter, click here.

Save the Date: WIB Welcome Reception at BIO 2014 Featuring Annalisa Jenkins

Please join us on June 23, 2014, for our signature annual event, the WIB Annual Welcome Reception at BIO 2014. This premier event will feature keynote speaker, Annalisa Jenkins MD, a leading figure in the biopharmaceutical industry. 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. Registration for this event is now open!
National Grants Procurement Committee Seeks Volunteers

We need individuals who can help identify and/or apply for grants applicable to WIB. As our organization grows and expands its reach, we will become eligible for more grant opportunities – and we need your help! If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Jamie Strachota for more information.

Check Out WIB’s 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 information directly to the platform from your profile. You can also 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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2014 BIO International Convention Comes to San Diego in June!

The world’s most influential biotech meeting will come to San Diego during June 23 – 26, 2014, to offer four days of career-boosting opportunities you won’t find anywhere else:

- Face-to-face partnering meetings with thousands of companies
- Hundreds of company presentations from up-and-coming innovators
- World-renowned speakers leading keynote luncheons and super sessions
- Specialty forums, offering in-depth analysis of hot topics
- Session tracks covering timely issues in research and development, intellectual property, market access, and commercialization - and more!
- Over 1,700 exhibitors offering a competitive edge in all fields—from digital health to bioprocess
- Exciting networking events - including Monday’s welcome reception on the USS Midway

Join the global biotech community in San Diego to discover where BIO 2014 can take you! Click here to register!
Support Women In Bio While Shopping at Amazon.com

Did you know you can support us while shopping at AmazonSmile at no cost to you? The next time you visit Amazon, be sure to designate Women In Bio as the recipient organization of AmazonSmile's donations. The link can be found here. By doing so, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to WIB. Thank you for your support!

Volunteers needed for National MAPs Committee

Mentorship is a cornerstone of Women in Bio, and a valuable part of your WIB membership. To bring mentorship opportunities to all WIB members, the National Mentors, Advisors, and Peers (MAPs) program is expanding, and we need volunteers to help on the committee. Volunteer roles will include: helping to expand MAPs or MAPs-University to more chapters, establishing a virtual MAPs program, and setting up a database of topics and articles to be used during MAPs meetings. You don't need a current MAPs group affiliation to help! If you are interested in joining the MAPs committee, please send an email to the National MAPs Program Chair.

CHAPTER EVENTS

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Events

Personal Branding: “Creating and Telling Your Story”

Kaye Foster-Cheek and Stacey Estrella will join us on April 17, 2014, to share insights and strategies for discovering and articulating your purpose and personal brand – a process that is critical for helping you differentiate from others in work and life. This session is the first of a two-part series (Part II will be an event held later this year) in which you can expect an experience that provides you with tools to support your personal brand journey! Interested in learning more about this event? Click here!

YWIB Visit to Stanford Biodesign

Stanford Biodesign will host San Francisco Bay Area middle and high school girls (6-12th grade) for an exciting afternoon on April 28, 2014! The girls will learn how novel biomedicine technologies are invented and implemented. After check-in we’ll have a tour of Biodesign, followed by activities with Biodesign fellows. Next, we’ll have a Pizza Party, question-and-answer session with Biodesign fellows, and collect your feedback on our visit. Interested? - Click here to learn more!

YWIB Visit to Stanford University’s CHARM Laboratory!

Stanford University’s Collaborative Haptics and Robotics in Medicine (CHARM) Lab invites San Francisco Bay Area middle school girls for an afternoon discovering the fun and challenge of science careers! We’ll meet Professor Allison Okamura, director of the CHARM Lab, and Dr. Ilana Nisky. We will also have small group demonstrations of current research and chat with Lab researchers about their work. Our visit to the CHARM Lab will wrap up with a pizza dinner. Check it out!

Big3Bio: SF Provides Write-Up on Women’s History Month Event!

WIB-San Francisco’s March 13th WHM event, “Finding the Path to Your Own Career History,” received a long and enthusiastic article in the Big3Bio: SF online periodical. Extensive coverage was given to the event’s afternoon panel discussions, “Making It All Work: Operational Roles in the Life Sciences,” “Off the Bench: Alternative Careers for Life Scientists,” and “Workplace Cultures and Environments: Which is Right for You?” as well as the evening session’s keynote address by Dr. Karen Antman. Click here to read the article!

Atlanta Chapter Events

Join Us At The YWIB-Atlanta STE+aM Fair!

Join us on April 19, 2014, as women scientists lead hands-on, interactive activities with middle-school and high-school girls at the STE+aM Fair at the Children’s Center in Conyers, Georgia. Activities will include a demonstration of how
allergies work with puzzle pieces of mast cells, IgE antibodies, and allergens!

**WIB-Atlanta March of Dimes Walk For Babies!**

We’re getting ready to walk for the March of Dimes on April 26, 2014! It promises to be a fun day out with people who share our passion for improving the health of babies. Interested in learning more? [Click here for more information on this important event!](#)

**Atlanta YWIB Celebrates Women’s History Month at the Atlanta Science Festival!**

YWIB of Atlanta participated in the Exploration Expo on March 29, 2014, for the first ever Atlanta Science Festival! We had a variety of interactive activities that included DNA extraction, flower dissection, and transpiration, brain demonstrations, candy chromatography, and hazmat suit fittings! We also handed out YWIB bracelets and WIB pins. To recognize Women’s History Month, we had posters of famous women in history to share with the kids. The demos given by WIB gave children a brief insight into the various STEM careers available to them, and drew the young girls and boys at the festival in the world of science! Hopefully, these activities inspired many girls to continue exploring their scientific interests!

Trying on the hazmat suit…

*Checking out a human brain – compliments of Emory University!*

**Volunteers Needed to Share Their Stories!**

During the fall of 2014, the YWIB-Atlanta Chapter will partner with Career Girls Organization to interview and film career path stories of women from the Healthcare and Life sciences Industries. We are looking for dynamic women volunteers to
share their success stories and motivate the next generation of young women scientists and professionals! Do you have a story to share? Email Atlanta@womeninbio.org!

Support the WIB-Atlanta Mission by Volunteering!

Women In Bio-Atlanta wants to help our women build their networks and excel in their careers! We do this by providing community and informational seminars, awarding scholarships, mentoring, and organizing community outreach. Opportunities to help us achieve our mission are available in the Programming, Communications, Sponsorship, YWIB, MAPs and Membership committees. Email Atlanta@womeninbio.org and get involved today!

RTP Chapter Events

Managing Difficult Conversations: Tips for Talking when Stakes are High

Whether dealing with a supervisor, an employee, a client, or a family member, we all face situations when we must have a difficult conversation. The consequences of not having these uncomfortable conversations—or conducting them poorly—are costly to relationships and organizations. Take your leadership skills to the next level and attend this workshop on April 21, 2014, that is designed to equip you with tools for talking when stakes are high!

WIB-RTP Learns Networking Tips, Donates to Local Organization

On March 24, 2014, more than 65 life science professionals attended WIB-RTP’s spring networking event, which began with a group-based model of speed networking that enabled attendees to meet the maximum number of participants: Personal introductions and ice-breakers began with participants answering questions or completing statements such as, “Who has impacted your life the most, and why?” Our event then shifted gears and became more free-form as refreshments were served and participants further connected with others. Our event also gave attendees the chance to empower socially and economically disadvantaged woman in the RTP area by donating career wardrobe accessories to Dress for Success Triangle NC.

RTP WIB Learns “How to Dare to be Yourself?” During Its Women’s History Month Event

WIB-RTP’s Women’s History Month event on February 24, 2014, was an outstanding success! Over 170 attendees heard an inspiring keynote address by Anne Whitaker, President of North American Pharmaceuticals at Sanofi, who posed an important question: “Why is it important for us as women to be ourselves?” and talked about her own path to authentic leadership. In the panel discussion that followed, panelists talked about the challenges of being yourself in a world that constantly demands each of us to be someone else, and shared personal stories of speaking with their own voice in a business setting. The discussion concluded with a mission to offer and participate in women leadership programs, and to encourage organizations to create transparent metrics to measure progress.

Event participants enjoyed an opportunity for open networking before and after the panel discussion.
Susan Nichols, WIB-RTP Chair, thanks the evening’s panelists and event sponsors.

**Southern California Chapter Events**

**WIB-Southern California Holds a Town Hall Meeting!**

Join us and discuss our chapter’s future WIB programs! Help us move our chapter to the next level by driving membership, reinvigorating volunteer engagement, and developing an exciting slate of 2014 programs! Interested in learning more about Women In Bio? Then please join us on April 21, 2014, and help us set our future direction. During the second half of our event, we will discuss our chapter’s Steering Committee roles and volunteer opportunities. This event is free. Food and drinks will be provided. [You can learn more by clicking here](#).

**Seattle Chapter Events**

**Women Who Have Changed the Game - Now it’s Your Turn!**

To honor Women’s History Month in March, we explored the state of women in the life sciences. The vibrant discussions from this event called out the many important issues that we as women face in this sector. During our April 30, 2014, event, women executives of influence from our local life sciences industry will lead roundtable discussions on how they’ve “changed the game” to succeed. [Join us at this critical discussion](#) to hear these leaders’ experiences and how they can help YOU take your career to the next level!

**Boston Chapter Events**

**Women in the Beer Industry and the Science of Brewing**

[Join Women In Bio - Greater Boston](#) for an evening that celebrates women in the beer industry, and the science of brewing! Kristen Sykes, former Executive Director of Massachusetts Brewers Guild, will moderate a panel discussion of brewers who will speak about the biology and chemistry of the brewing process, conduct a guided tasting, and discuss the history of women in the brewing industry.

**Montréal Chapter Events**

**Femmes en Bio-Grand Montréal vous invite à une soirée printanière 30 avril, 2014**

Avec l’arrivée du beau temps venez déguster du bon vin, de la bière, et un assortiment de délicieux hors-d’œuvre lors de la soirée printanière de la section régionale de Montréal de Femmes en Bio. Le réseautage sera entrecoupé de courts séminaires donnés par des femmes influentes dans le secteur des sciences la vie sur des sujets qui seront pertinents aux professionnels ainsi qu’aux cadres. Nous vous invitons chaleureusement à cette soirée qui promet d’être des plus animées!

**WIB-Greater Montreal Invites You to a Spring Soirée April 30, 2014**

Welcome the onset of warm weather by enjoying wine, beer, and an assortment of delectable hors d’œuvres among fellow professionals at WIB-Greater Montreal’s spring soirée. Networking will be interspersed with spotlights given by influential women in Montreal’s life sciences sector on topics relevant to rising professionals and senior executives alike. **We look forward to seeing you at what promises to be an evening of lively discussion!**

**Mini Programme de mentorat aux étudiants mai, 2014**

Vous êtes dans les débuts de votre carrière et intéressés à acquérir les compétences nécessaires pour assurer une bonne transition du milieu universitaire à l’industrie? **Le WIB-Greater Montreal – Student Mentorship Mini Program May, 2014**

Are you in the early stages of your career, and interested in developing the skills necessary to transition from academia to industry? If so, **WIB-Greater Montreal offers a 3-part**
Metro New York Chapter Events

Coming in May! – Cocktail Party Kick-Off for New York Bio’s 2014 Conference

WIB-Metro New York is throwing a party to ring in the NYBio Conference! Come to our party and get a leg up on fostering relationships to help grow your career and business. More details to follow soon!

Coming in June! - 5K Walk/Run with JP Morgan Corporate Challenge

Run with the best of ‘em at this high-profile NYC run/walk… and have fun too! The race will be held over two evenings: June 4 and 5, 2014. More details to follow!

SoulCycle Spin Class is Forthcoming

Women in Bio-Metro New York plans to promote cardio fitness, have fun, AND network at NYC’s hottest workout center, SoulCycle. Please stay tuned for more details.

Pittsburgh Chapter Events

SAVE THE DATE: WIB-Pittsburgh Social Networking Event!

Please plan to attend our May 21, 2014, Social Networking Panel Discussion! At this event you will learn how to use social media to positively affect your career. More details to come.

SAVE THE DATE: YWIB to Host an “Expand Your Horizons” Event

On June 14, 2014, YWIB-Pittsburgh will host this event for young women at Robert Morris University. Please stay tuned for more details.

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.

Thanks for everything, Dottie!

Dottie Clower, Ph.D., is passing the torch. She officially stepped down as WIB-Pittsburgh’s Chapter Chair on March 1, 2014. As a founding member of our chapter, Dottie’s initial goal was to build membership. Under her enthusiastic leadership, the chapter achieved its goal by successfully engaging more than 70 members from all life sciences in our region. Dottie is excited for her successor, Susan Catalano, Ph.D., to take on the next challenge: supporting and promoting entrepreneurship, networking, education, and mentorship.

Welcome, Susan!

Please join us in welcoming the new WIB-Pittsburgh Chapter Chair, Susan Catalano, Ph.D. With a background in neurobiology and oncology—as well as 20 years of leadership in the pharmaceutical industry—Susan brings a wealth of scientific and entrepreneurial experience to our chapter! Susan is excited to build on the fantastic work that our founding members have done to provide networking opportunities for women in our region. Additionally, she is keen to, “leverage [her] experience as an academic and entrepreneur to help our chapter continue its tradition” of actively preparing women to take advantage of new prospects in Pittsburgh, and create their own paths. She “truly adores Pittsburgh,” and we truly
Looking to Get Involved in WIB-Chicago? The Membership Committee wants you!

Our 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.

OTHER INTERESTS

Nominations Are Open for 2014 BioProcess International Awards!

The 2014 BioProcess International Awards recognize the People, Organizations, and Technology Applications that have significantly changed, impacted, and advanced the efficiency of biotherapeutic development and manufacturing processes. Award nominations are Now Open! The nomination deadline is June, 2014. The awards ceremony will be held in October, 2014. For more information, click here!

Applications Now Open for Springboard’s Life Science Accelerator

Springboard is recruiting for Springboard: Life Science 2014 - a community-driven accelerator designed to promote and support women-led, life-science companies seeking equity investments or strategic partnerships. Companies that apply will undergo a rigorous screening process before being selected to participate in the program which includes a targeted, hands-on coaching process with industry experts and a two-day intensive Bootcamp workshop in Boston this coming May. Participants gain unique exposure to Springboard’s nationwide network of VCs, angels, corporate investors, seasoned entrepreneurs, and strategic partners through a variety of virtual and in-person events, and presentation assessment opportunities. Click here to learn more!