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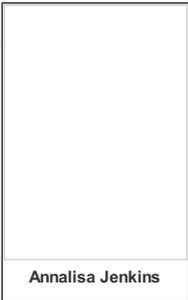
A Busy May Features WIB Events Throughout North America!



April showers have brought... lots of exciting WIB events across North America! The variety of offerings is amazing: Our [DC/Baltimore](#) chapter has already held two YWIB events; [WIB-Greater Boston](#) held a fascinating event that explored the science of brewing; and [WIB-Greater Montreal](#) offered the first session of its [Student Mentorship Mini-Program](#), which will occur throughout May. The next two weeks will see the second event in Montreal's [Student Mentorship series](#), [WIB-Metro New York's celebration of the New YorkBIO CONFERENCE](#), two [WIB San-Francisco](#) events, a [WIB-RTP](#) event examining [how to raise capital for rising companies](#), and a [WIB-Pittsburgh](#) discussion on [how to use social media to further your career](#). Whew! Our chapters have more events coming up in May, and we will highlight those in our next newsletter. Additionally, we also turn our attention to our annual celebration, [BIO 2014!](#) Over the coming weeks we will provide you with [up-to-date BIO2014 news!](#)

Limited Space Available for the WIB Annual Celebration – Reserve Your Spot!

[Join us for an exciting evening at the Women In Bio Annual Celebration Reception](#) on June 23, 2014 at [BIO 2014!](#) At this event you will have the opportunity to network with influential women leaders from around the world. Additionally, our event will feature keynote speaker, Annalisa Jenkins MD, a leading figure in the biopharmaceutical industry. Reserve your spot at our Annual Celebration and listen first-hand to Dr. Jenkins' personal story and rise to success.



Annalisa Jenkins

Join Us in San Diego at BIO 2014!

This year WIB has a stellar line-up of events at BIO 2014!

- We start off with our first planned Meet-Up session, **"Women In Bio-Southern California Area Professionals and Executives in the Life Science Industry,"** on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Booth #255. While this informal gathering is open to all BIO attendees, it should be particularly valuable for attendees based in Southern California - providing a low-key setting for current and prospective WIB-Southern California chapter members to meet industry peers and discuss professional interests.
- Next, we have a second Meet-Up session, **"Speed Networking Session for Existing and Prospective WIB Members,"** on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Booth #255. At this gathering, current and prospective WIB members will have the opportunity to speed network with industry peers and discuss professional interests. This Meet-Up is open to all BIO attendees.

A Women In Bio booth will be located in the BIO 2014 Exhibit Hall (Booth #2403). Stop by, say hello, and learn more about our rapidly growing organization!

Women In Bio Partners with SmartBrief

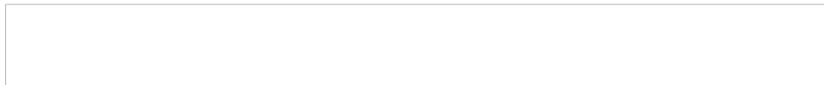
WIB has partnered with SmartBrief to produce a weekly e-mail newsletter, *WIB SmartBrief*, which brings the most important and timely news stories about women in all areas of the life sciences. WIB President Simone Fishburn states, "Women In Bio is delighted to partner with SmartBrief and to bring this 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." [Learn more about WIB SmartBrief and to sign up for this free newsletter!](#)

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. Thanks for your support!

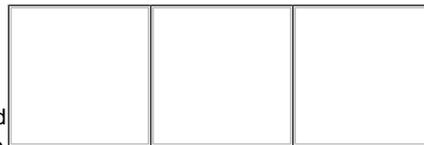
Check Out WIB's Job Board!

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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Volunteers needed for National Committees!

The National Mentors, Advisors, and Peers 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](#).

We also need volunteers to help us 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.

WIB National Seeking Social Media Volunteers!

Assist National Communications with finding and creating engaging relevant content for Facebook and/or Twitter. If interested, please contact Jamie Strachota at info@womeninbio.org.

CHAPTER EVENTS

Montréal Chapter Events

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 chapitre du Grand Montréal des femmes en bio offre un atelier interactif pour vous aider à y parvenir!](#)

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 interactive workshop to help you develop those skills!](#)

Metro New York Chapter Events

Cocktail Party for NewYorkBIO-CON 2014

WIB-Metro New York is [throwing a party](#) on May 15, 2014, to mark the NewYorkBIO-CONference! Come to our party and get a leg up on fostering relationships to help grow your career and business. Nathan Tinker, Executive Director, NewYorkBIO, will join us to present highlights from this year's meeting! For more information and to register, visit [WIB-Metro New York](#).

SAVE THE DATE: Neurobiology of Frazzled: Loss of Prefrontal Cortical Function During Stress, June 11, 2014

Stressed out? Experts agree that lowering stress is good for your health! And too much stress can be extremely harmful, potentially raising your risk to a myriad of mental illnesses and age-related cognitive disorders. Learn more from brain expert [Dr. Amy F.T. Amsten](#), Professor of Neurobiology, Yale University School of Medicine, as she shares the latest information and research on the impact of stress on the brain. More details to follow.

Coming in July! – SoulCycle Spin Class

Women in Bio-Metro New York plans to promote cardio fitness, have fun, AND network at NYC's hottest workout center, SoulCycle. Details to follow shortly, so please stay tuned!

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Events

YWIB at Abbott Diabetes Care

[Abbott Diabetes Care invites San Francisco bay area middle school and high school girls to join them](#) on May 16, 2014,

for an afternoon discovering the fun and challenge of science careers! The event kicks off with pizza and an informal discussion with women in working in science. Our visit to Abbott Diabetes Care will also include a panel discussion with Abbott presenters, a lab tour, and a hands-on lab exercise.

Discussion of the Product Path to Market

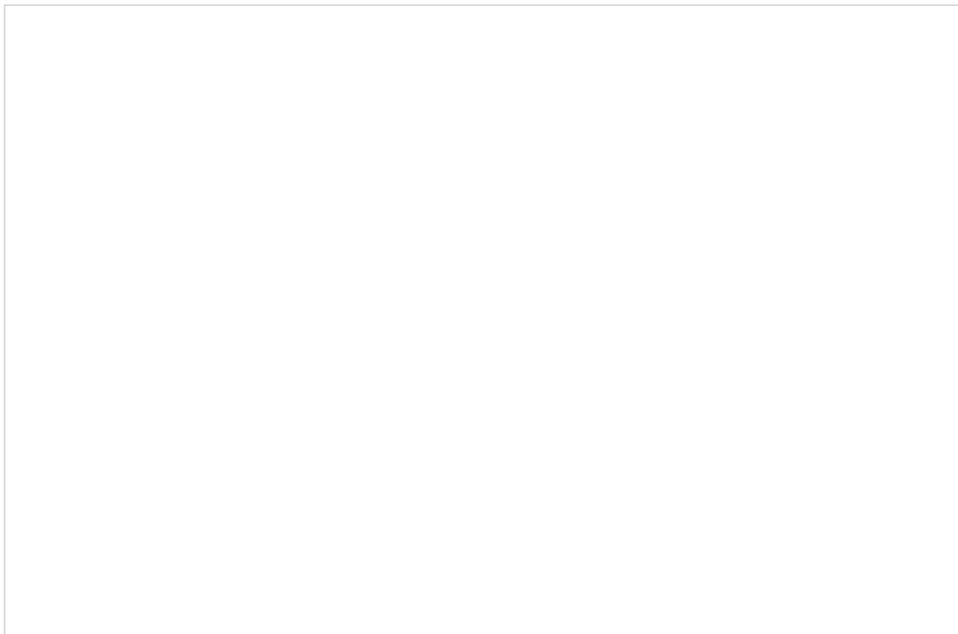
You have a product idea, you have secured funding, and you have built your executive team... so what's next? [Join our expert guests](#), Lissa Goldenstein, CEO, and Deborah Kilpatrick, Ph.D., on May 20, 2014, for a discussion of the key areas involved in bringing your product to market. Our event will examine this critical time frame in the lifecycle of a product. Learn about issues you need to identify and address at this stage in the product development process to ensure a smoother path to market!

YWB Visit to Stanford University's CHARM Laboratory!

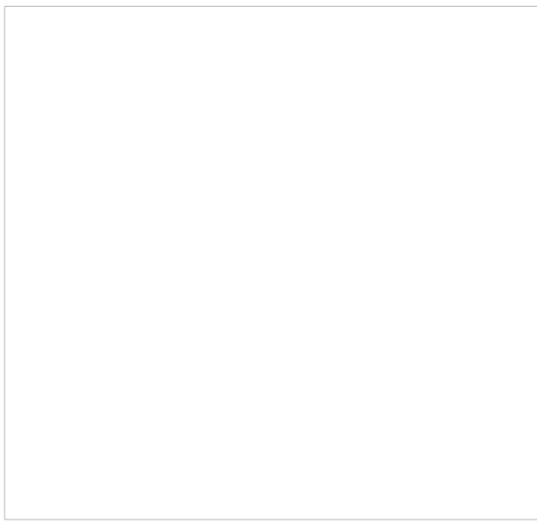
Stanford University's [Collaborative Haptics and Robotics in Medicine \(CHARM\) Lab](#) [invites San Francisco Bay Area middle school girls for an afternoon discovering the fun and challenge of science careers!](#) On May 22, 2014, we'll meet Professor Allison Okamura, director of the CHARM Lab, and 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. NOTE: This event is closed, and the waiting list for it is full as well.

Women Begin to Discover Their Purpose at WIB-San Francisco Chapter Event

On April 17, 2014, WIB-San Francisco held the workshop, "[Personal Branding: Creating and Telling Your Story.](#)" Two extraordinary women—Kaye Foster-Cheek and Stacey Estrella—led the workshop. They provided attendees with strategies for discovering, defining and articulating their purpose – enabling them to differentiate themselves in both their personal and professional lives. An attendee summed up this experience perfectly: "[The event was] an opportunity for self-reflection, identifying ones true inner workings, values, motivations, happiness, and priorities." Onyx, a subsidiary of Amgen, graciously hosted the event which was attended by over 50 women.



Stacey Estrella facilitating a workshop activity



Kaye Foster-Cheek

DISCOVER - Why? How? Who? Of Medical Technology Innovation

On April 28, 2014, [YWIB–San Francisco hosted an engaging event](#) that gave 15 eager middle school and high school attendees the opportunity to meet with four Stanford Biodesign Fellows and learn about the invention and implementation of new biomedical technologies. After the Fellows shared their personal paths to science, the girls took a tour of the prototype design lab and the Brainstorming Room. Next, they performed a hands-on group activity that introduced them to the practice of building basic prototypes to test their ideas. The event was capped by pizza and salad. Some take home messages to the girls were: “Be visual,” “Encourage wild ideas,” and “Build on the ideas of others.” Another resounding success for YWIB!

[DC/Baltimore Chapter Events](#)

Charity Walk to Support the National Kidney Foundation

Support a great cause on May 17, 2014, by joining friends and colleagues for the National Kidney Foundation’s Kidney Walk! Catch up on your exercise, and network with others over the course of this three mile long, easy-paced walk! All walking levels are welcome! [Interested in participating? Registration is free!](#)

Vice-Chair Positions Open on DC/Baltimore MAPs Committee

We are looking to fill two Vice-Chair positions for the DC/Baltimore Mentors, Advisors, and Peers (MAPs) program. One position will oversee the MAPs-University graduate outreach program; and the other Vice-Chair will oversee local mentorship groups for WIB members. Both Vice-Chairs will work closely with the MAPs Chair to expand our MAPs program, increase member involvement, and spearhead new initiatives in this successful program. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Priyanka Oberoi (poberoi@womeninbio.org) for more information.

Come One, Come All to the Next Baltimore Meetup Discussion Tonight!

The Baltimore Meetup is a group of WIB and non-WIB professionals who meet on the second Thursday of every month for networking and facilitated discussion of a selected topic. Join us at the University of Maryland BioPark, Institute for Genome Science [tonight](#)–May 8, 2014–as we meet with Dr. Linda Yaswin-Corkery, Cheron Jones, and Dr. Linda Saffer, to discuss this month’s topic: “Finding Your Inner Voice: Learning How to Speak Up in Scientific and Business Settings.” This event is free and open to all!

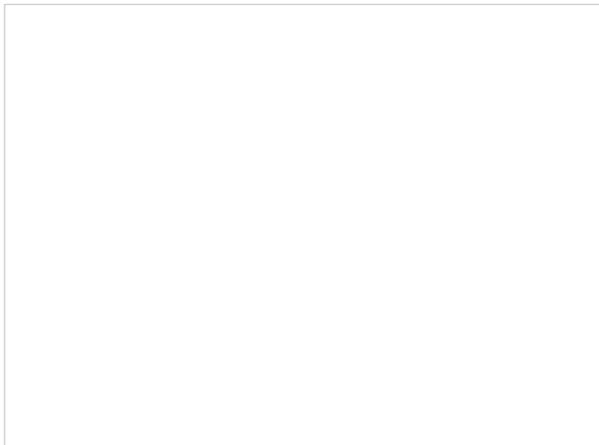
[RTP Chapter Events](#)

Learn How to Raise Capital!

Gain insight into how Wall Street works from our featured speaker, Heather Smith, the Managing Director, Head of Private Financing Solutions, at Sagent Advisors! [During this invaluable session](#) on May 19, 2014, you will learn from her how to customize your capital through private market funding solutions.

WIB-RTP Chapter Learns How to Navigate Difficult Conversations

The three key components of a difficult conversation are: high stakes, strong emotions, and opposing opinions. Often we avoid difficult conversations with a supervisor, an employee, a co-worker, a client, a spouse, or a family member; yet, conducting these uncomfortable conversations is crucial and critical to improving our career, organization, relationship and personal health. Laura McClung, Ph.D., of Eli Lilly & Company, [facilitated a WIB-RTP workshop called, "Managing Difficult Conversations: Tips for Talking when Stakes are High."](#) on April 21, 2014.



"Managing Difficult Conversations" workshop at the North Carolina Biotechnology Center

[Pittsburgh Chapter Events](#)

Take Your Career to the Next Level with Social Media!

Today's social media platform provides us with a powerful resource for communicating with a wide range of people and promoting our careers. Nonetheless, many of us miss the opportunity to take full advantage of this platform as we navigate through our careers. [Join us on May 21, 2014](#), for a discussion featuring an impressive panel of women who will share their insights, strategies, and expertise in the art of using social media to take your career to the next level.

SAVE THE DATE: Roundtable Discussion on Mentoring Relationships

Mark your calendars! WIB-Pittsburgh will host a roundtable discussion on mentor/mentee relationships on June 18, 2014, which will feature two women who are passionate about this topic. More details will be distributed shortly.

SAVE THE DATE: Book Review Rendezvous!

On July 9, 2014, gather at the WIB-Pittsburgh Book Review Rendezvous to discuss *Inspired Entrepreneurs: A Collection of Female Triumphs in Business and Life* with fellow WIB members and the book's author, Beth Caldwell. More details will follow.

[Chicago Chapter Events](#)

Precision Medicine Strategies: Designing Individual-Specific Care

The adoption of precision medicine is regarded as one of the most significant changes in healthcare. Although many opportunities lie ahead, tailored healthcare implementation and delivery based on individual-specific molecular data has challenges to overcome. [Join us on May 29, 2014](#), for a great program with our expert panelists to discuss the implications and strategies shaping the evolving field of precision medicine.

SAVE THE DATE: Symphony in the Park

Share an evening under the stars with WIB-Chicago members and friends at Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park on June 18, 2014, for a (free!) performance by the Grant Park Orchestra. We'll reserve the space, and all are invited to bring their own refreshments. Don't miss this opportunity to network with your peers and enjoy one of Chicago's many great cultural offerings.

Call for Volunteers for MAPS program

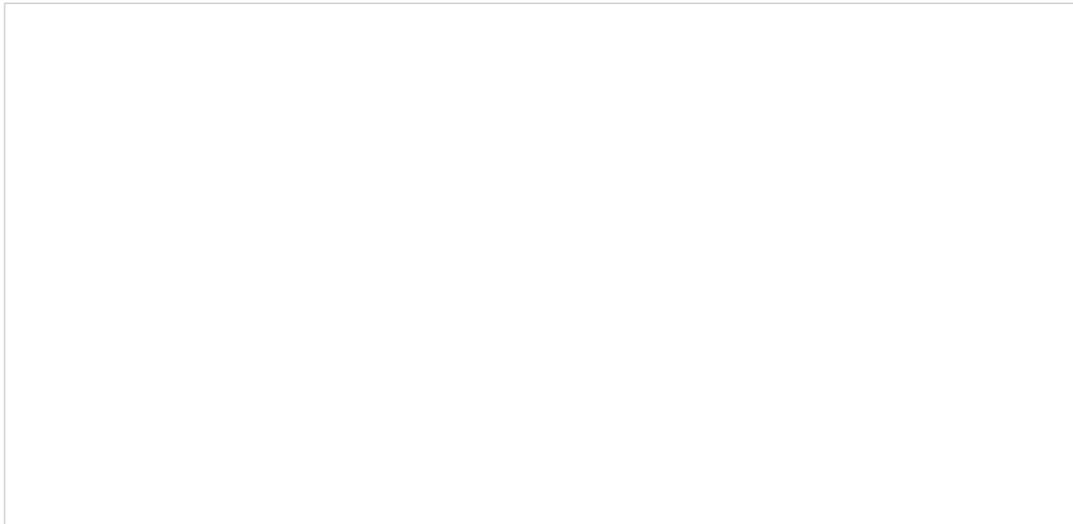
WIB-Chicago seeks volunteers interested in participating in to help organize MAPs (Mentors, Advisors, Peers) groups in the Chicagoland area. MAPs groups have informal meetings of six to ten women who have an interest in discussing topics of common professional interest. The program strives to bring together people of different career stages, paths, and backgrounds in a professional yet social atmosphere – group mentoring at its best! This is a great way to get involved in WIB-Chicago and meet other dynamic women in the local life sciences community. Interested? Contact Chicago@womeninbio.org for more information.

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.

WIB-Chicago Partners with HUB International Midwest Limited at iBIO IndEx 2014

[WIB-Chicago members and friends connected at iBIO IndEx on April 24, 2014](#), to hear industry leaders discuss the thriving biotechnology industry in Illinois. Attendees were inspired by initiatives to foster growth in the startup industry of Illinois, including opportunities led by MATTER, a not-for-profit “BioHub” supported by the state of Illinois to drive entrepreneurship in the healthcare field. WIB-Chicago’s presence at this conference highlighted the important role of women professionals to solidify Illinois as a local and global presence in the life sciences industry. Thank you to Hub International Midwest Limited for supporting WIB-Chicago’s participation at the conference.



The WIB-Chicago team with representatives from HUB International Midwest Limited

Atlanta Chapter Events

WIB-Atlanta Midtown Potluck at Piedmont Park!

Summer is right around the corner - the perfect time for gathering together and enjoying the warm, sunny weather... So come [join us on June 1, 2014](#), for an evening outdoors! We will gather at one of our WIB member’s homes in Midtown for food and drinks. You will enjoy the lazy summertime weather on her large open front porch while chatting with other WIB members. There will also be opportunities to partake in outdoor activities at Piedmont Park. Sound like fun? Then sign up and come on over with a dish to share with your Women In Bio friends!

WIB-Atlanta Book Club Discusses Biography of Maria Sibylla Merian

[Join us on July 10, 2014](#), for the next WIB-Atlanta book club meeting! We will discuss *Chrysalis: Maria Sibylla Merian and the Secrets of Metamorphosis*, a biography of the extraordinary Eighteenth Century woman entomologist, botanist, and artist. Maria Sibylla Merian was an exemplar who showed other women that they could follow their dreams at a time when pursuing careers in science was forbidden for women. Her story brings perspective on how one can carve out a career during challenging times.

Interested in Joining a MAPs Group? Complete Our Questionnaire!

WIB-Atlanta is launching MAPs and MAPs-University Groups! MAPs (Mentors, Advisors and Peers) Groups are informal meetings of six to ten women who share an interest in discussing topics of common professional interest. WIB-Atlanta is also bringing MAPs to local colleges and universities: MAPs-U Groups will be established in various campuses across Metro-Atlanta, serving the students and post-docs and helping them in their career decisions. Interested in joining a MAPs Group? [Complete this questionnaire](#). Interested in joining a MAPs-University group instead? Then [complete this questionnaire](#).

Vice Chair Needed for the Mentors, Advisors, Peers Program

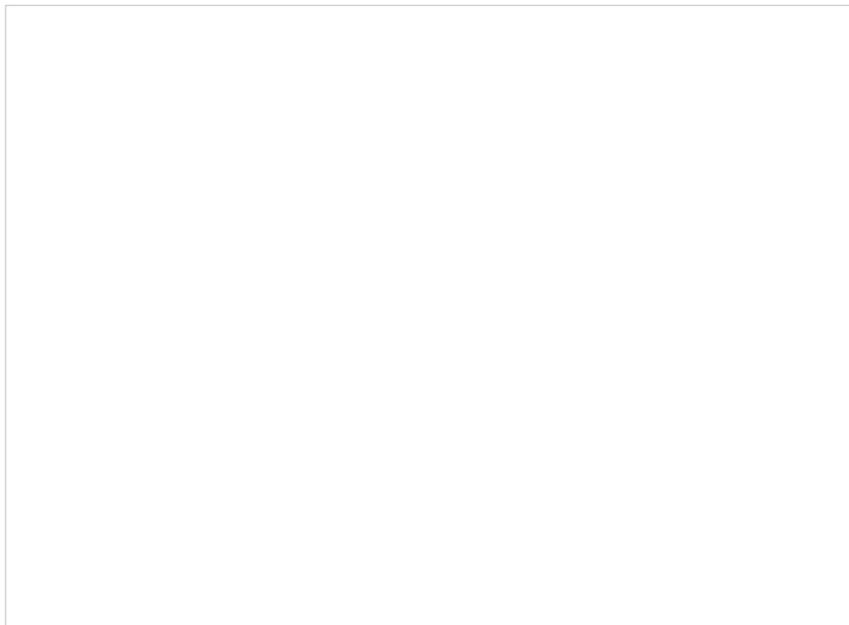
The Mentors, Advisors, and Peers (MAPs) program was developed to allow WIB members to meet other women in an informal, intimate setting to exchange career information and provide career/personal advice. Different mentoring styles (peer-to-peer, early-in-career, and advanced pairings) are available for students and professionals. Our Chapter is looking for a volunteer who is passionate about helping other women establish themselves in their careers and find a work-life balance. This person would serve as a MAPs program Vice-Chair, helping develop all aspects of the MAPs program across the Metro Atlanta area, and working closely with the WIB-Atlanta MAPs Chair. Contact Atlanta@womeninbio.org to get involved!

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!

WIB-Atlanta Participates in STE+aM Fair

On April 19, 2014, Susan Sunay, Jennifer Stetler, and Nikita Wright represented WIB-Atlanta at [a local STEM fair put on by Jack and Jill of America](#). Our volunteers demonstrated how one gets allergies with a very fun puzzle game of IgE antibodies, mast cells, and allergens. Besides discussing how one gets allergies, we had time to ask the young women we met about their future careers, and talk about the exciting opportunities available to those entering STEM-orientated careers such as immunology.



WIB-Atlanta's Susan Sunay and Nikita Wright at the Jack and Jill of America STE+aM Fair

Southern California Chapter Events

WIB-Southern California Town Hall Meeting Exceeds Expectations!

WIB-Southern California held a Town Hall Meeting on April 21, 2014, which exceeded our expectations! Prior to this meeting, our goal was to build upon previous program successes, drive membership, reinvigorate Steering Committee

engagement, and develop an exciting slate of 2014/2015 programs... During our meeting, we had five new WIB volunteers wanting to join the Steering Committee and two existing members wanting to take on Chair rolls! We also had other member and non-member attendees express interest in getting more involved with future chapter events!

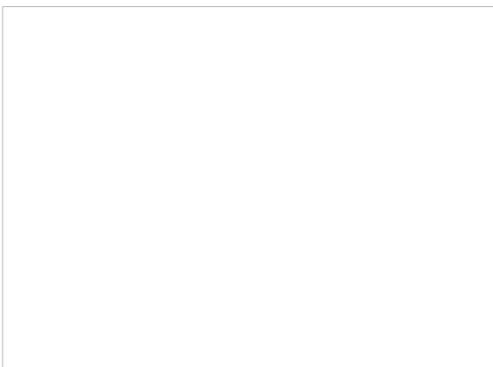


WIB-Southern California Town Hall Meeting at Cooley LLP, San Diego

[Seattle Chapter](#) Events

WIB-Seattle Continues Their Momentum from March Event with “Women Who Have Changed the Game – Now it’s Your Turn!”

On April 30th, [we invited four women executives of influence from our local life sciences industry to lead roundtable discussions](#) with over 50 life science professionals. Over the course of the evening, we discovered these leaders’ experiences, and examined how we could take our career to the next level: discussing challenges we need to overcome and our means for overcoming those challenges, the resources available to us, and the opportunities we have. Our discussions revealed to us the importance of confidence in helping us take risks and think outside the box; of the need to ask - not only for what we want, but for help when we need it; and of having the courage to reach and extend ourselves to determine the right fit for us. These efforts to take our careers to the next level can be supported through a network of women and the guidance of mentors.



“Women Who Have Changed the Game – Now it’s Your Turn!” Seattle, April 30, 2014

OTHER INTERESTS

[Nominations Are Open for 2014 BioProcess International Awards!](#)

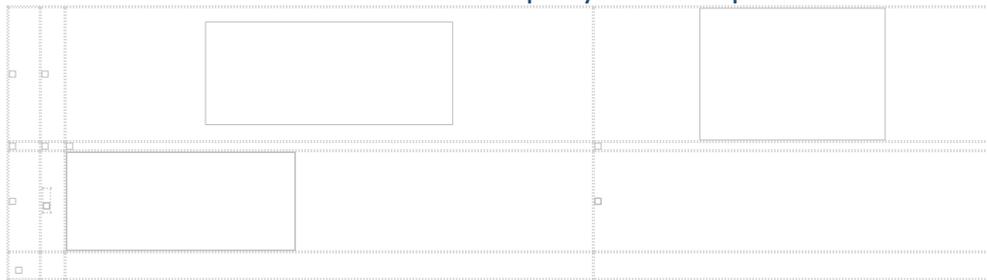
The 2014 BioProcess International Awards recognize the People, Organizations, and Technology Applications that have significantly changed, impacted, and advanced the efficiency of biotherapeutic development and manufacturing processes. [Award nominations are Now Open! The nomination deadline is June, 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!](#)

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