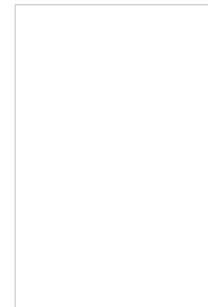


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NATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jamie Strachota Promoted to Executive Director

[Jamie Strachota](#) has been promoted to the position of Executive Director. "I have been a part of WIB for nearly 8 years, first as a member and then as the Executive Manager and on the Board of Directors," said Strachota. "I truly believe and am inspired by the mission of the organization and look forward to serving in the Executive Director capacity." To read the full announcement, [click here](#).



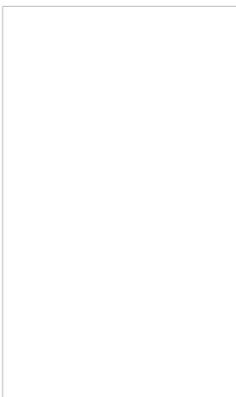
A Fresh Start in 2015: Free Career Search/Transition Webinar

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WIB Is Proud To Award Our 2014 Robbie Melton Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to our 2014 Robbie Melton Scholarship Winners:

- [Maria Sosa](#), Washington DC/Baltimore Chapter
- [Kelly Picchione](#), Pittsburgh Chapter
- [Silvia Cermelli](#), Seattle Metro Chapter



Special thanks to the [WIB Board of Directors](#) and [WIB-Washington DC/Baltimore](#) for sponsoring the three scholarships. Winners will be presented with their checks at their respective chapter holiday parties or chapter events. The scholarship was established to advance the educational development of women in the life sciences industry by encouraging and supporting education on the business aspects of life science. We thank everyone that applied for the scholarships and congratulations to the winners.



WIB Video Spotlight Series

Rally with these 12 women-led companies and 3 organizations dedicated to accelerating women entrepreneurs. [Enjoy this video](#) with our [WIB-Pittsburgh Chapter](#) by logging into our member-only Video Library!

Women In Bio Partnership 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. [Learn more about WIB SmartBrief and to sign up for this free enewsletter!](#)

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Check Out WIB's Job Board!

Women In Bio has a job board! Visit <http://wibcareercenter.com> to get started. Whether you are a job seeker, or looking to fill a position, this is the resource for you!

Support WIB While Shopping at Amazon.com

Did you know you can support us while shopping at AmazonSmile at no cost to you? Designate Women In Bio as the recipient organization of [AmazonSmile's donations here](#). By doing so, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to WIB. Thanks for your support!

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. You can also find us on [Google+](#) and [Pinterest!](#) Thanks for helping spread the word about WIB and your local WIB chapter!



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Got something to send us? See below for our new address:

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[RTP](#)

WIB-RTP to Kick Off the New Year with Structured Networking

On January 21, 2015, let's kick off 2015 and join others from around the RTP area for [a fun evening of networking](#). We will get to know each other in a semi-structured fashion and have plenty of time for open networking. So grab your business cards, polish up your 30-second introduction, and register early to reserve your spot.

[Chicago](#)

WIB-Chicago Presents Confessions of the Clinical Minds

Later stage clinical trials can be a challenging endeavor for companies of any size. Listen to distinguished speakers as they talk about emerging trends, opportunities and challenges of clinical trials from the perspective of a sponsor and a CRO. Panelists will discuss R&D management, patient recruitment and retention strategies, and the pros and cons of outsourcing clinical trials. [Join us on January 22, 2015](#), for this unique opportunity to join the discussion and network with other professional women in the Life Sciences.

[Washington DC/Baltimore](#)

WIB-DC/Baltimore YWIB Has Had A Busy 2014!

The WIB-DC/Baltimore chapter of Young Women In Bio has had a busy 2014! [Read on to learn more about the great year we have had!](#)

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WIB - DC/Baltimore Chapter Holiday Gala

The WIB-DC/Baltimore chapter [Holiday Gala on December 17, 2014](#), was a huge success and a great way to kick off the holiday season. We thank all of our members, non-members, and sponsors who attended the event. In particular, we would like to congratulate the winner of the 2014 Robbie Melton Scholarship award, [Maria Sosa](#). All in all, the holiday gala provided a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones while fostering strong relationships within our local biotech community. We look forward to seeing you at our next event in 2015!

□ WIB DC/Baltimore Chapter Vice Chair, [Julia Pinkhasov, Ph.D.](#), and Chapter Chair, [Amy Belton, Ph.D.](#)

YWIB Committee Attends ATLAS Event

The WIB-DC/Baltimore YWIB committee [attended the MdBio Foundation's ATLAS event](#) on November 8, 2014, and the event was quite a success! Event volunteers brought giveaways including YWIB bracelets, pins and candy, as well as information on the committee itself and future YWIB events. Many students came out to explore career and educational opportunities in STEM, and were able to visit various tables representing businesses, universities, and groups like WIB! There was nonstop attendee traffic at the YWIB table for the entire ninety minutes of the exposition period. Attendees talked to the event volunteers—including both professional women in biotechnology and current students in the life sciences—to learn about YWIB and discuss STEM careers.

Become a Sponsor for the WIB-DC/Baltimore Chapter! Help us meet our goals!

Support the WIB-DC/Baltimore Chapter! Being a sponsor gives your company the opportunity to interact with members, a WIB annual membership, and a great chance to display your company logo for WIB events! Does your organization want to impact and facilitate professional growth for women in the life sciences? Then consider becoming our WIB chapter sponsor! Since our chapter represents a network of more than 230 members, your brand name will spread easily within and beyond our community. Furthermore, by sponsoring our monthly education and networking events, you will bring true values that promote our members'

professional growth in careers, leadership, and entrepreneurship. For more details, feel free to contact our sponsorship committee chair, [Bianca Farias](mailto:bfarias@womeninbio.org) at bfarias@womeninbio.org.

Looking to volunteer? Join our Communications, Membership, Sponsorship, and Program committees!

Looking for opportunities to improve your leadership and communication skills through WIB? Consider volunteering with our **communications, membership, program, or sponsorship committees!** All these diverse committees are seeking amazing WIB volunteers to help with exciting projects such as social media marketing, membership driving as well as events planning for the upcoming year. Don't miss out on a chance to serve as future leaders for the DC/Baltimore chapter. Contact DC.Baltimore@WomenInBio.org to learn more and to volunteer!

Atlanta

WIB-Atlanta Presents: Be Your Personal Best While Networking

Gracefully networking with others is no easy task. Many of us have faced challenges remembering names and keeping conversations running smoothly. Consider improving your networking performance on January 28, 2015, with [a professional etiquette workshop](#) with [Peggy Newfield](#), founder and president of [Personal Best, Inc.](#) Ms. Newfield will give us important tips on how to initiate and end conversations gracefully, how to be engaging, and how to work a room. Many other topics will be covered, including ways to pass out your business cards while holding plates/glasses. Come out and achieve your personal best. You will make new contacts and leave feeling better prepared for managing future networking events.

Thanks to All Who Participated in WIB-Atlanta's Annual Survey!

Thank you to all of the participants in the WIB-Atlanta 2014 annual survey. Your responses will be given great consideration as we plan future events, set new goals, and move forward with the organization into the new year. We aim to organize and promote high quality events and membership benefits that are relevant to our members. Please consider participating in next year's survey if you feel that you have additional comments or suggestions for the continuing success of WIB-Atlanta. Thank you again for your participation.

San Francisco Bay Area

Peninsula Speed Networking Event

[Join women from around the Bay Area on January 29, 2015](#), for a fun evening of Speed Networking! We have had great success with our Speed Networking events around the Bay Area and are excited to put on the latest event in the Peninsula! So grab your business cards, polish up your 30-second introduction, and join us for a fun, fast-paced evening to meet other women in the Pharma/Biotech Industry. In two hours you'll mingle, learn fast facts, and make new connections. Space is limited so please register early.

WIB-San Francisco Bay Area Mentors, Advisors and Peers Program Needs Mentors!

Are you an experienced and successful woman in the world of Bio? Are you interested in mentoring? WIB-San Francisco Bay Area offers a [MAPs](#) program that provides 1:1 mentoring for young women who are recent graduates or in early to middle stages of their careers. Mentors and Mentees are paired based on common interests, and then meet at mutually convenient times. Mentees typically look for advice in either career development, transitioning to an alternative career, work/family balance, promoting women at work, managing a team, or the entrepreneurial process. Interested in being a Mentor? Get in touch with [Vidula Dixit](#), Chair, WIB-San Francisco Bay Area MAPs Program to obtain more information. You can contact Vidula by emailing her at SanFrancisco@WomenInBio.org. You can also [read this flyer to learn more about our MAPs program's offerings](#) – please feel free to share it with friends and colleagues!

Southern California

WIB-Southern California Presents "Painting and Vino"

On February 18, 2015, [let your creative side flow!](#) With a glass of wine in hand, you will be guided step-by-step by a resident Paint Nite® artist through a painting so that you come up with your own unique masterpiece at the end of the night that you will

be amazed YOU created. Paint Nite® provides everything you will need: canvas, paints, brushes, and even a smock. Just bring your fun loving friends and have a few cocktails to keep the spirits high and inhibitions to a minimum and we'll make sure your inner Picasso is unleashed.

WIB Membership Leads to Networking, Leadership, and Long Lasting Relationships!

Women In Bio is an organization of professionals who are committed to promoting careers, leadership, and entrepreneurship for women in the life sciences. If you are already a member, enrich your WIB experience and help us achieve our mission by participating in chapter events and by volunteering for various leadership opportunities that our chapter provides! We encourage you to attend the WIB events that our chapter provides, and support our chapter's future events by spreading the word to members and non-members. You can inspire others by taking leadership roles in our chapter's steering committee. Your goals in joining WIB can be best realized by becoming more involved, so get involved in any way you can! If you have questions about how to become more involved in our chapter, please contact our leadership team at Southerncalifornia@womeninbio.org.

Membership Discount for Biocom Members!

Biocom members can save 25% on WIB membership costs! If you are a Biocom member, contact SouthernCalifornia@womeninbio.org to learn more and receive the discount code.

WIB-Southern California Has a Twitter Account!

You can now follow us on Twitter! Our link is <https://twitter.com/WomenInBIOSoCal> and our handle is [@WomenInBIOSoCal](https://twitter.com/WomenInBIOSoCal).

WIB-Southern California Ends 2014 with Style

Good company, impressive venue, delicious food, live music, and theme of giving back were the themes of [WIB-Southern California's December 10, 2014, Holiday Party](#). The great food, fine beverages, and mingling with over 60 attendees made for lots of fun and good cheer for all! Special thanks to those who donated clothes to [Laura's House](#), a non-profit organization that provides unduplicated domestic violence-related services to the residents of Orange County, California and beyond. We collected enough clothes to fill an entire car! Additionally, wonderful silent auction prizes included Disney Theme Park and San Diego Zoo tickets, dinner at local restaurants, sports memorabilia, and handmade jewelry, resulting in a significant amount of money raised for upcoming [Young Women In Bio](#) programs.

□ WIB-Southern California's Chapter Chair, [Pari Kazeminy](#), and Chapter Vice-Chair, [Kristin Gross](#), enjoy a well-deserved holiday break.

[Metro New York](#)

We Look Back On A Stellar Inaugural Year and Look Ahead To An Exciting 2015!

2015 promises to be exciting for [WIB-Metro New York](#). In addition to expanding current professional, career-building initiatives, we look forward to strengthening relationships with Metro NY incubators, pharmaceutical and biotech firms, life sciences publishers, academic institutions, and life science industry services. Through these partnerships we have planned high quality educational and entrepreneurial programming, and many programs that also further interest in science among school-age young women. [Read about highlights from our inaugural year and upcoming WIB-Metro New York events in 2015!](#)

[Pittsburgh](#)

Happy New Year!

A very happy New Year to Women In Bio members across the globe! [2015 will be a spectacular year](#) filled with invitations to enriching events, supportive interactions with peers, and countless success stories to share!

Save the Date! Negotiate like a Pro workshop

WIB-Pittsburgh is excited to welcome [Leanne Meyer](#), from the Carnegie Mellon University Heinz College Leadership and Negotiation Academy for Women, as the guest speaker for our first event of 2015! Leanne is a leadership expert, executive coach, gender specialist, and professional consultant. Details on this program scheduled for the end of January will follow shortly.



[Greater Montréal](#)

Femmes en bio- Grand Montréal célèbre le temps des Fêtes

Afin de célébrer une excellente année ainsi que la saison des fêtes, [Femmes en bio du Grand Montréal a tenu un 5 à 7 le 9 décembre 2014](#). Bravant la tempête de neige, plus de 40 femmes et hommes venant de diverses disciplines bioscientifiques se sont réunis au Whisky Café afin de socialiser tout en profitant de délicieux hors d'œuvres accompagnés d'un ou deux verres de joie festive! Nous remercions chaleureusement tous les participants pour leurs dons généreux au [centre d'hébergement Logifem](#). Nous planifions une variété d'événements nouveaux et intéressants pour 2015 et nous nous réjouissons de vous y revoir!

WIB-Greater Montreal Celebrates the Holiday Season

To celebrate the holiday season and another great year, [WIB-Greater Montreal hosted a Holiday Happy Hour and Networking event on December 9, 2014](#). Braving the heavy snowfall, over 40 women and men from various bioscience disciplines gathered at the Whisky Café, socializing while enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres and a glass or two of festive cheer! Thank you to all our attendees for their generous donations to [Logifem women's shelter](#). We are planning a variety of new and interesting events for 2015 and look forward to seeing you there!

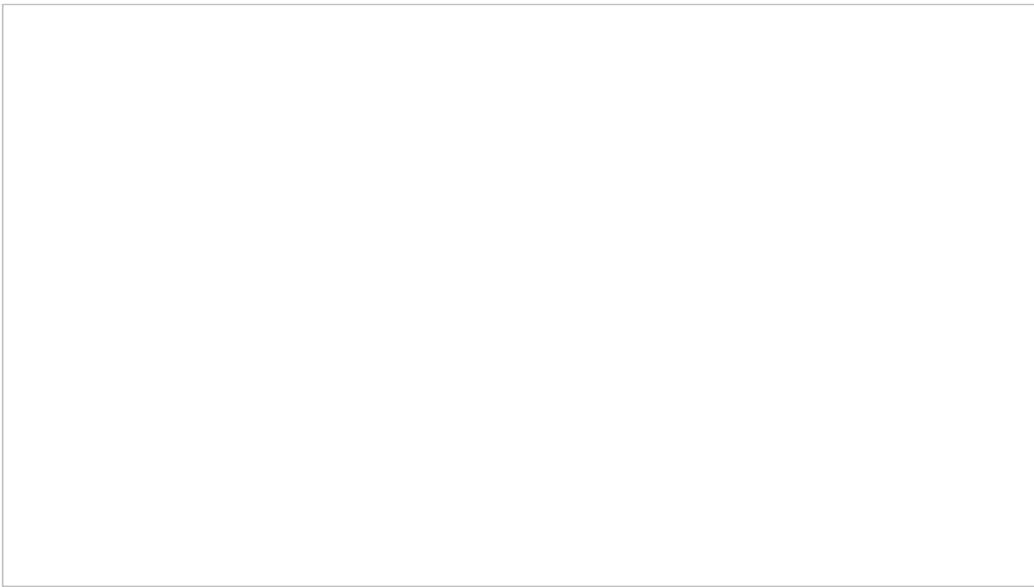
[Greater Boston](#)

WIB-Greater Boston Celebrates the Holidays with Simone Fishburn and Annalisa Jenkins

On December 10, 2014, WIB-Greater Boston [closed the year with a holiday party](#) while hearing from two WIB leaders, **Simone Fishburn** and **Annalisa Jenkins**. Simone and Annalisa shared their experiences of rising through the ranks in the industry, and provided many "secrets to success," from the importance of networking to letting go of preconceptions.



Networking at the WIB-Greater Boston 2014 holiday party

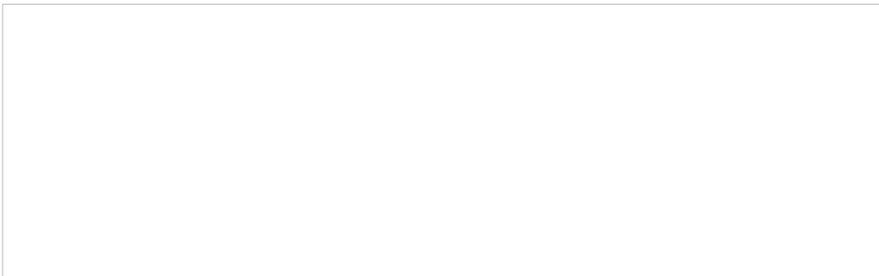


(Left to right) [Simone Fishburn](#), Ph.D., WIB President Emeritus, [Kristi Sarno](#), WIB President Elect, and [Annalisa Jenkins](#), MBBS, MRCP, member of WIB's Board of Directors

OTHER INTERESTS

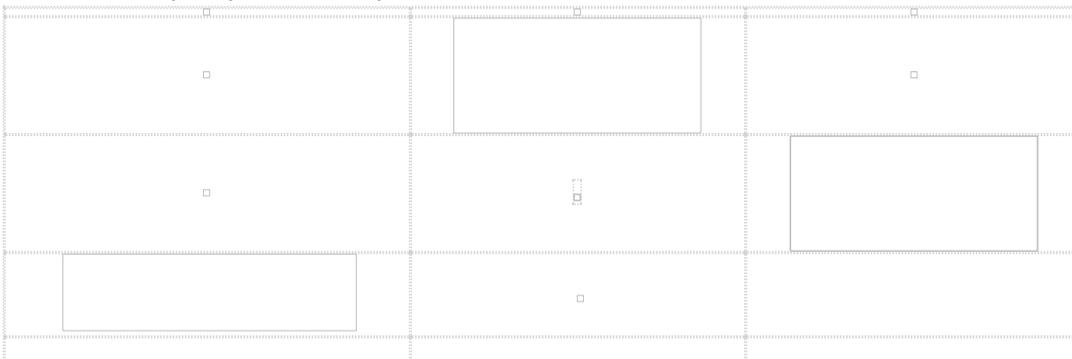
WIB Members Receive a Discount to Personalized Medicine World Conference

WIB members will receive 10% off when they enter the code "WomenInBio" while registering for the [Personalized Medicine World Conference](#), which will be held from January 26 through January 28, 2015, at the [Computer History Museum](#) in Mountain View, CA. This conference gathers leaders, including [Craig Venter](#), [Margaret Hamburg](#), [Richard Klausner](#), [George Church](#), [Dennis Lo](#), [Krishna Yeshwant](#), [Ron Davis](#), [Glenn Steele](#), [Michael Pellini](#), and many more. Conference sessions will be held on topics such as: prenatal diagnostics and newborn screening, longevity and aging, the CDx conundrum, DNA as digital storage, consumerism and crowdsourcing, next-generation sequencing applications for cancer and other diseases, clinical trials in the era of personalized medicine, and navigating reimbursement and coverage. [Click here](#) to register.



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