NATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WIB’s Celebration of Women’s History Month Continues

Women In Bio’s celebration of Women’s History Month continues next week with WHM events held by our Seattle, Boston, DC/Baltimore, and Montreal chapters. To honor and recognize the contributions that generations of women have made to events in history and to society, WIB’s chapters have been holding events in cities across North America. These events have included 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.” Learn more about our Women’s History Month events.

WIB Membership March Discount - Join Now!

If you’ve considered joining Women In Bio, there is no better time to do so than now! In honor of Women’s History Month, throughout March WIB will offer 20% off of our normal membership rates. Take advantage of this discount and join us for only $76 (1-year general membership) or $40 (student/post-doc membership). There are also discounted multi-year membership options and discounted organizational membership options available. This is a limited-time offer for new members - take advantage of it today! To become a WIB member visit www.womeninbio.org and use promo code: WHM201520%.

MAPs Seeks Volunteers for its 1:1 Mentoring Program!

Along with our current MAPs (Mentors, Advisors, and Peers) groups, we are excited to announce that we are creating a 1:1 Mentoring Program. We are looking for volunteers who are interested in being a part of this new program. Please contact Lisa Mueller at mapgroup@womeninbio.org if you are interested.
Challenge yourself to think differently about your relationships, brush up on the skills to improve them, and enhance your career with WIB-Greater Montreal! Check out this event in our member-exclusive 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 e-newsletter!

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!

CHAPTER NEWS & EVENTS
**Atlanta**

**TONIGHT - WIB-Atlanta Presents a Women’s History Month Event: “Women Changing Cancer”**

We are honoring Women’s History Month tonight, with our panel on “Women Changing Cancer,” underscoring the work women have done and continue to do in cancer prevention and treatment. We look forward to insights from these prominent women speakers, all leaders in the cancer research community. Panelists include: Suzanne S. Shope, J.D., Director of the Technology Transfer Office at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Patricia Thompson, M.D., Medical Director of Thoracic Oncology & Medical Oncology, SE Regional Medical Center, Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Margaret “Kenny” Offermann, M.D., Ph.D., Managing Partner of Salutarmed Group, Susanna Greer, Ph.D., National Director of Clinical Cancer Research and Immunology at the American Cancer Society and President of Greer Consulting, and Lisa Richardson, M.P.H., M.D., Division Director of Cancer Prevention & Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

WIB-Atlanta Presents a YWIB event: Women in Science History at the Atlanta Science Festival

Join the Young Women In Bio-Atlanta group as they celebrate Women’s History Month at the Atlanta Science Festival on March 28, 2015! We will be honoring the work of Rosalind Franklin, Marie Curie, Maria Sibylla Merian, and Elizabeth Blackburn with descriptive posters and specific labs. Volunteers will be needed that morning to set up the booth at Centennial Olympic Park. Volunteers can also assist for one or two hours during the festival. Help will be needed in booth set up and breakdown, and with assisting the kids with the strawberry DNA extraction, M&M color chromatography, lily dissection, and create-a-cell labs. To volunteer, email Atlanta@womeninbio.org and let Jenniffer Stetler know that you’ll be there to help!

**Opportunity for Free Registration to WIB-Atlanta Events**

Would you like the chance to attend WIB-Atlanta events for free? WIB-Atlanta is looking for volunteers to work the registration table at the beginning of chapter events. Benefits of this experience include the opportunity to meet and network with event attendees. If you are new to WIB, want to meet people, and want an easy way to initiate professional relationships, this is a great opportunity. Contact Atlanta@womeninbio.org to discuss volunteer opportunities that can provide you with free entry into WIB-Atlanta events.

**Chicago**

**TONIGHT - A Women’s History Month Event! - “Confessions of the Clinical Minds”**

Later stage clinical trials can be a challenging endeavor for companies of any size. Listen to distinguished speakers tonight 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. Take this opportunity to join the discussion, and network with other professional women in the Life Sciences.

**WIB-Chicago Program Decrypts Evolving FDA Regulations Relating to Apps, Devices, and Data**

Over 60 life science professionals attended the “Evolving FDA Regulations: Apps, Device and Data” event at MATTER on March 3, 2015. Attendees enjoyed networking over drinks and hors d’oeuvres, and the informative presentation by Suzanne O’Shea and Lee Tumminello of Faegre Baker Daniels LLP. WIB-Chicago thanks our great speakers, the MATTER team, and our sponsor, Faegre Baker Daniels LLP for helping make this program a success!
Over sixty life science professionals attended WIB-Chicago’s March 3, 2015, event.

Washington DC/Baltimore

TONIGHT - WIB-DC/Baltimore Invites You to Come and Enjoy Our Spring Happy Hour!

The Women In Bio-DC/Baltimore chapter invites you to a networking Happy Hour tonight at La Tasca in Rockville, MD. Don’t miss the opportunity to meet and connect with women industry professionals, entrepreneurs, and researchers while enjoying sangrias and tapas at the lounge! The event is open to both members and non-members. All guests will enjoy complimentary appetizers and one drink ticket. La Tasca happy hour specials will be available throughout the event.

WIB-DC/Baltimore Presents a Women’s History Month Event: “Funding Your Biotech Enterprise”
March is Women's History Month. To honor this special time, on March 24, 2015, WIB-DC/Baltimore will present an educational event on the topic of financing with biotech entrepreneurs Wendy Perrow, M.B.A. (CEO at Alba Therapeutics) and Audra Stinchcomb, Ph.D. (CSO and Founder of F6 Pharma), who will share their knowledge and experience with funding a biotech enterprise. Entrepreneur Iris Sherman, M.B.A. (President and Co-founder of KitchoLOGY) will serve as moderator for this discussion.

WIB-DC/Baltimore YWIB Presents: “The Scoop on Food Science - A Visit to South Mountain Creamery”

With the winter snow becoming a memory, and thoughts turning to warm summer days, join us on March 27, 2015, in the exploration of how a favorite summer treat is made during a visit to South Mountain Creamery. You scream, I scream, we all scream for ice cream! A creamery Tour Guide will explain the production process, animal care, sustainability practices, and how ice cream is delivered to you the consumer. You will meet the famous Animal Planet chicks and calves, visit the cow maternity ward, and visit the calf barn. The tour will conclude with you enjoying a scoop of the homemade creamery ice cream!

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 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!

The WIB-DC-Baltimore YWIB Had a Fruitful 2014 and Looks Forward to a Fantastic 2015!

The DC/Baltimore Chapter of YWIB had a busy 2014! We held five fall events, including three company site tours as well as two expo events where WIB-DC/Baltimore volunteers organized an experiment for participants and promoted YWIB. Read more about the great year that we had in 2014, and learn about the exciting programming we have in store for 2015!

Seattle Metro

A Women’s History Month Event: “A Journey of Courage for the Next 10 Years”

On March 23, 2015, come celebrate Women's History Month with WIB-Seattle Metro and hear stories of mentorship from our panel of women leaders - what this support has done for their professional careers, and how these endorsements and sponsorships will pave the way for our collective future. Moderated by our MAPs leadership, we promise a night of inspiration for women of all ages.

Greater Boston

WIB Boston Presents a Women’s History Month “Shark Tank” Event

March is Women's History Month, and what better way to honor women's history than to celebrate powerful women in the life sciences. On March 24, 2015, we will feature two groups of influential women in the biotech space for the WIB shark tank event. As the name suggests, this event will be in the style of shark tank with each fundraising female executive giving a pitch to the “sharks.” The sharks will provide feedback on the pitch and commentary on the company/product. This event will help executives understand how to pitch to investors more effectively. It also will be a great way to get exposure to some new
technologies and ideas in the life sciences space. So whether you are thinking about starting your own company, are fundraising, or just want to celebrate powerful women this is one event that you can’t afford to miss.

Metro New York

**WIB-Metro New York Young Women In Bio to Attend Event Hosted by Harlem Biospace**

On March 25, 2015, WIB-Metro New York YWIB will attend an event hosted by Harlem Biospace. High school girls will learn more about this exciting, dynamic biotech incubator space.

**SAVE THE DATE! – Women In Bio-Metro New York Spring Networking Event, April 16, 2015**

Join WIB-Metro New York for networking fun at NYC’s best bar lounge, Lounge 48, located at 1221 Avenue of the Americas at 48th Street. A cash bar will be available and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Registration will open soon - please stay tuned!

For the latest WIB-Metro New York news, planned events, and membership information please see our [website](http://womeninbio.org) or email us at NewYork@womeninbio.org.

Greater Montréal

**YWIB Women’s History Month Event! - Planting the Seeds of Science Workshop for Girls in Grade 9, March 26, 2015 – *** THIS EVENT IS CLOSED *****

Young Women In Bio-Greater Montreal presents a workshop designed to encourage young women to explore career opportunities & fields of study in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

This event offers lab tours and discussions in the field of science, at the Rosalind and Morris Goodman Cancer Research Center at McGill University. McGill graduates will introduce girls aged 14-15 years to the wonders of science at the bench.

WIB-Greater Montreal and the Montreal Technoparc Present a Conference on Drug Reimbursement in Quebec

The Greater Montreal Chapter of Women In Bio would like to invite you to a half-day conference followed by a keynote lunch on the latest developments and trends affecting market access and reimbursement of drugs and other healthcare technologies in Quebec, from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 16, 2015, at the NEOMED Institute. The increasing costs of healthcare, including the cost of new specialty and orphan drugs, are putting an unprecedented strain on the Quebec healthcare system. In an effort to control drug expenditure while optimizing access and reimbursement to novel drugs, the Quebec government has decided to make product listing agreements (PLAs) possible through Bill 28, thus aligning...
optimisant l’accès et le remboursement à des médicaments innovateurs, le gouvernement québécois a décidé de rendre les ententes d’inscriptions de produits possible par le biais du projet de loi 28, s’alignant ainsi avec les autres provinces canadiennes qui permettent de telles ententes depuis près de 10 ans.

Joignez-nous alors que Mélanie Bourassa Forcier (Professeure à l’Université de Sherbrooke et avocate), Michelle Savoie (présidente de Montréal InVivo et professeure à la Faculté de pharmacie de l’Université de Montréal), Ranya El-Masri (Directrice des affaires gouvernementales chez Merck), Denise Cloutier (Directrice nationale, Économie de la santé chez Pfizer), Gail Ouellette (présidente du Regroupement québécois des maladies orphelines), Claude Di Stasio (Vice-présidente, affaires québécoises, Association canadienne des compagnies d’assurances de personnes), des consultants de PDCI Market Access et un représentant de l’INESSS discuterons de ces sujets d’actualité. Des rafraîchissements et le déjeuner sont inclus.

Pittsburgh

A Women’s History Month Event – “Practicing Leadership: Global Perspectives, Personal Focus”

There is a real need for women’s leadership and feminine values in our organizations and in the world. If not you, who? If not now, when? Join us on March 31, 2015, for this Women’s History Month Event! Through a workshop-style format, we will bring global perspectives into personal focus through discovering and exploring our own personal, authentic leadership styles. Lee Ann Munger, PowerLink Director at Seton Hill University’s E-Magnify, will lead us through a fun and highly interactive exercise, followed by group discussion and insight.

YWIB – Volunteer to Judge at the Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair!

The WIB-Pittsburgh Young Women In Bio is volunteering at the 76th Annual Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair! The competition will be held on Friday, March 27, 2015, at Heinz Field! If you are interested in judging or general volunteering please contact us at pittsburgh@womeninbio.org.

Volunteer Roll Call!

We are always looking for volunteers to help on the WIB-Pittsburgh Communications/Marketing, Events/Programming, Membership, and Sponsorship committees! It is a great way to become more involved in the Pittsburgh chapter for all those who are interested. Please send an email to pittsburgh@womeninbio.org for more information or to start volunteering!

Southern California

Engaging, Connecting, Supporting

For Women In Bio leadership March signifies change: During this time we transition members into roles within our steering committees and prepare for a new year of leadership. While we look forward to the success of our organization with new leaders, we set aside time to acknowledge and highlight women who have made an impact in our world. March is Women’s History month. This year, WIB-Southern California is acknowledging how far women have come by creating a social media campaign to highlight women through history who have contributed to the life sciences, medical, and general scientific industries. Every day in March we will tweet about an influential women and her contribution to the world. Join the conversation and follow us @WomeninBICSoCal. We would also love to hear how you will remember a woman who has influenced your
Are you interested in learning more about Women in Bio? Would you like to be involved in helping our Southern California Chapter grow? If so, have your opinion heard by attending our 2015 Annual Town Hall Meeting on April 9, 2015, presented by the Southern California Chapter’s Steering Committee and Biocom. We will discuss 2014 program successes and improvements, membership benefits and retention, reinvigorating Steering Committee engagement, and developing an exciting slate of 2015/2016 professional development programs. Light food and refreshments will be served. Guests of members and non-affiliated non-members are welcomed.

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.

San Francisco Bay Area

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!

Finding--and Getting--Your Worth: Negotiating Compensation

On February 26, 2015, over 50 women convened at Nektar Therapeutics in San Francisco for an evening discussion on understanding and getting your worth when negotiating compensation. The evening began with a meet-and-greet networking session with light refreshments, and then transitioned into a panel discussion. The expert panel was chaired by Mary Haak-Frendscho and included panelists Simone Fishburn, Mimi Hancock, and Dorian Hirth. The discussion ranged over a wide variety of topics, including what to expect in a compensation package, how to gauge and set salary expectations, and how to approach compensation negotiations to meet one’s priorities. The event was very well received, as illustrated by this comment from WIB member Diane Heditsian (CEO deClarity): “This was definitely an expert, well-prepared panel. I always walk away
from WIB events with so much actionable information. That’s why I became a member.” Members, be sure to check out the recording of this event in the WIB video library!

Panelists Simone Fishburn, Mimi Hancock, and Dorian Hirth

The evening started with a meet-and-greet networking session.

**RTP**

**How to Be Bold and Take Calculated Risks to Advance Your Career Path**

Is something holding you back from being the most successful person you can be? On March 5, 2015, to celebrate Women’s History Month, WIB-RTP organized this professional development event to help women propel their careers forward. Judith Cone, Vice Chancellor of Economic Development and Commercialization at UNC-Chapel Hill, and Anne Whitaker, CEO of Synta Pharmaceuticals, came to the North Carolina Biotechnology Center to share insights into the brave steps they have taken in their careers, and the decisions that led them to become the successes they are today.
Judith Cone narrates her experiences about taking courageous steps throughout her career.

Over fifty attendees listen as Anne Whitaker shares her advice about taking bold steps to propel one's career forward.

OTHER INTERESTS

Join WIB-Chicago at iBIO IndEx 2015

WIB-Chicago is pleased to sponsor iBIO IndEx 2015 with the generous support of HUB International Midwest Limited. Whether you are a seasoned life science industry player or just entering the market, the iBIO IndEx is a place to converge and connect with key thought leaders and peers from diverse backgrounds, and emerge with new insights to help drive industry-wide growth and transformation. As part of your Women In BIO membership you can register for iBIO IndEx 2015 at the iBIO Member rate - a 40% discount! To receive this discount, use promotional code 2015WIB and register as non-member iBIO. If you hurry, you'll take advantage of even more savings! - Early bird registration ends on March 24, 2015.

2015 Health Innovation Hub

Springboard’s Health Innovation Hub is a collaboration platform advancing the growth of women-led digital health and life science companies with access to sources of funding, partnerships, and advisors. Learn more on their website, download the 1-pager, or apply here.

Cayman Chemical Offering Grant to Postdoctoral and Graduate Students

Cayman Chemical, a company that produces reagents for biomedical research, is offering a $500 grant to postdoctoral or graduate student women in research to help cover the cost of attending a conference. The grant application can be found here. Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2015. Learn more about Cayman Chemical at www.caymanchem.com.

International Intellectual Property Forum – Quebec Provides Discount for WIB Members

FORPIQ (the International Intellectual Property Forum - Quebec) is a not for profit organization whose objective is to increase the level of knowledge of innovative Canadian companies and their advisers with respect to IP assets, in order to gain more value therefrom. To attain this objective, FORPIQ organizes forums that bring together business leaders, intellectual property experts, investors, and government representatives to discuss and exchange their experiences and best practices with respect to IP. Their next conference - FORPIQ2015 – will be held in Montreal on April 16, 2015. WIB members can get a discount using promotional code, exclusive to WIB members: FORPIQ2015WIB. You can access an electronic version of the FORPIQ2015 program and register here.

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