NATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WIB Making Plans for BIO 2015 in Philadelphia!

We will certainly be busy preparing various activities at this year's Convention in Philadelphia on June 15-18, 2015. We will kick off the week with our Annual Celebration on June 15, 2015, an event that attracts hundreds of professionals in the bioscience industry. Next, to help facilitate deeper networking among attendees, we will host Meet-Ups on the Convention exhibit floor. And finally, be sure to attend the WIB panel session. WIB will also have a booth this year staffed with volunteers from our 12 chapters, so be sure to stop by and introduce yourself. Looking to support WIB and get exceptional exposure? Then consider sponsoring the WIB Annual Celebration. Sponsorships start at $2,000. Email info@womeninbio.org for more information.

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.

RESOURCES

WIB Video Spotlight Series

Let your passions drive your career decisions. Hear more advice from 5 industry veterans with successful careers that began in R&D in this WIB-RTP 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.

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.
CHAPTER NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming Events

- WIB-Southern California Town Hall Event, April 9, 2015
- WIB-DC/Baltimore YWIB at the Naval STEM Expo, April 12, 2015
- WIB-Greater Montréal and Technoparc Montréal Present a Conference on Drug Reimbursement in Quebec, April 16, 2015

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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.

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WIB-Austin Area Hosts Roundtable Breakfast with Director Michelle Lee, USPTO

The WIB-Austin Area chapter hosted a Roundtable Breakfast on March 14, 2015, to honor newly sworn-in USPTO Director, Michelle Lee. Read more.
SAVE THE DATE! - “Women In Bio-Chicago Explores the Evolving Landscape of Biosimilars”

This event is planned for April 30, 2015. More information coming soon!

Women In Bio- Chicago Bears Witness to the Confessions of the Clinical Minds

To celebrate Women's History month, WIB-Chicago held an event at Astellas Pharma on March 19, 2015, where over 80 life science professionals got to hear the “Confessions of the Clinical Minds”! The event was a major success thanks to our dynamic panelists and the event sponsors, Astellas Pharma and Imperial CRS. Read the Imperial Blog event recap.
Panel Moderator, Nancy Sacco, Ph.D., fields an audience question

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Life Science Nation Covers WIB-Greater Boston “Shark Tank” Event

Read Life Science Nation's online article that summarizes major takeaways from WIB-Greater Boston’s Women’s History Month event!

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La section régionale du Grand Montréal de Femmes en Bio et le Technoparc de Montréal présentent une Conférence sur le remboursement des médicaments au Québec

La section régionale du Grand Montréal de Femmes en Bio souhaite vous inviter à une conférence d’une demi-journée suivie d’un dîner-conférence qui porteront sur les derniers développements en matière d’accès au marché et de remboursement de médicaments et d’autres technologies de la santé au Québec, jeudi le 16 avril, de 8h30 à 13h30 à l’Institut NÉOMED.

Les coûts croissants liés à la santé, incluant le coût de médicaments spécialisés et de médicaments pour les maladies orphelines, exercent une pression accrue sur le système de soins de la santé québécois. Dans le but de contrôler les dépenses liées aux médicaments, tout en optimisant l’accès et le remboursement à des médicaments innovateurs, le gouvernement québécois a décidé de rendre les ententes d’inscriptions de produits possibles au lieu du mois de l’an 30, afin d’aligner ainsi

WIB-Greater Montreal and the Technoparc Montréal 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 itself with other Canadian provinces which have been allowing PLAs for close to a decade.

Join us as Mélanie Bourassa Forcier (Professor at the
possibilité 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.

Young Women In Bio Interactive Science Workshop for Girls a “Glowing” Success!

On February 25, 2015, ninth grade students participated in a series of stimulating and interactive workshops at Concordia University. We started the day with an inspiring presentation entitled “Let’s get Glowing: The Transfer of Information Among Living Cells” before students got to use biochemistry lab equipment to identify if the mysterious substance in their vials was protein or real DNA! Topics like floating and banging cans, static charges, magnetism, gravity (or lack thereof), and more stumped the students in the physics lab, while the red and green lasers and the CSI-like equipment in the chemistry lab impressed students and teachers alike. The most challenging workshop of all (at least to leave) was making delicious vanilla, strawberry, and chocolate ice-cream using liquid nitrogen. We would like to thank the excellent Concordia Arts and Science faculty and students, as well as the staff and students of Sacred Heart School of Montreal, for such a wonderful event!

Students crowd around one of the experiment stations

A future scientist hard at work

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WIB-Metro New York Presents a Spring Networking Night

The Women In Bio-New York chapter invites you to a networking night on Thursday, April 16th, 2015, at NYC’s best bar lounge, Lounge 48. Don’t miss the opportunity to meet and connect with women industry professionals, entrepreneurs, and researchers. The event is open to both members and non-members. A cash bar will be available and hors d’oeuvres will be provided.
Weill Cornell's Women in Medicine Group Establishes Mentorship Program

WIB-Metro New York Young Women In Bio and Weill Cornell Medical College are pleased to announce the launch of a mentorship program for high school seniors in the New York City area by Weill Cornell's Women in Medicine group. Weill Cornell will host a "Meet and Greet" event on April 7, 2015, for students selected by their schools to participate in this program.

SAVE THE DATE! – YWIB Panel Discussion at Langone Medical Center, May 6, 2015

WIB-Metro New York Young Women In Bio will host a panel discussion for New York City and New Jersey area middle and high school-age girls at the New York University’s Langone Medical Center. The panel discussion will focus on career paths in consulting for those with STEM backgrounds. Registration details will be available soon.

Coming In May!

WIB-Metro New York is planning an event featuring women who lead by serving on boards. More information to come!

Women Leaders Discuss Secrets To Success—From Bench to Boardroom—At Women’s History Month Event

On March 11, 2015, in honor of Women’s History Month, Women In Bio-Metro New York held an exciting evening filled with networking and listening to a panel of leaders in scientific innovation, venture funding, and product development. Each presenter provided insights on cultivating new ideas and how to bring them from lab to market.

Read more!

Young Women In Bio Visits John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

On February 25, 2015, the WIB-Metro New York YWIB held its first event of the year at the Hoboken, New Jersey headquarters of John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Fifteen young women from three New Jersey area high schools visited the company to learn about Wiley’s history and global contributions to academia, as well as the scientific and professional communities. During their visit the students sampled a college science course through WileyPLUS, a research-based online teaching and learning tool. They observed how publishing and technology are creating adaptive learning environments that they may utilize as they further their STEM studies.

Attendees listen intently as Wiley leaders discuss their science backgrounds, careers in scientific publishing, and STEM possibilities outside of the traditional laboratory.
A break gave attendees the opportunity to meet Wiley representatives.

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

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**Meet WIB-Pittsburgh’s Leadership Team!**

The faces of WIB-Pittsburgh’s Leadership Team have changed significantly over the past couple of months, and we would like to introduce you to our team. Remember, we are here for you. Find us on Facebook or email us at pittsburgh@womeninbio.org.

- **Babs Carryer, Chapter Chair**, Director of Education and Outreach, University of Pittsburgh Innovation Institute
- **Rachel Kopper, Chapter Vice Chair**, Senior Manager, Business Operations, Knopp Biosciences LLC
- **Nicole Ostrowski, Communications Chair**, Doctoral Candidate, University of Pittsburgh
- **Cassidy Mirabito, Communications Co-Vice Chair**, Contract Manager, Aerotek
- **Susan Farabaugh, Ph.D., Communications Co-Vice Chair**, Postdoctoral Associate, University of Pittsburgh
- **Kathleen Kuznicki, Programming Chair**, Patent Attorney, Lynch Weis, LLC
- **Lynn Brusco, Sponsorship Chair**, Executive Director, Disruptive Health Technology Institute, Carnegie Mellon University
- **Lidiya Orlichenko, Ph.D., M.B.A.,** Membership Chair: Research Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh
- **Christi Kolarcik, Ph.D., YWIB Chair**, Research Associate, University of Pittsburgh
- **Erika Fanselow, Ph.D., YWIB Vice Chair**, Bioscience Research Consultant
- **Gulsum Anderson, Ph.D., MAPs Chair**, Researcher, UPMC RXP-LTC Pharmacy
- **Megan Bowers, Ph.D., MAPs Vice Chair**, Patent Agent, Pepper Hamilton LLP

MAPs-U Event: Creating Your Own Career!

**Dr. Ria David**, president of Cyergnetics, inspired a group of 15 attendees at the WIB-Pittsburgh MAPs-U event on March 24, 2015, with the invigorating story of how she got to where she is today. Dr. David led a riveting Q&A discussion on navigating unconventional career paths by constantly learning and taking calculated risks. David laughingly admitted she would not have believed anyone who told her she would be where she is today when she was growing up in Cape Town, Africa, and planning to pursue a career in business. “Be open to everything and don’t give up,” she urged the engaged group. “You create the opportunity. There’s never been a situation like there is in today’s world where so much is possible… Set goals, chart a course, and make things happen,” she advised. “Be open to everything and don’t give up.” A special thanks to **Darlene Zellers, Ph.D.**
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!

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Young Women In Bio to Visit NCCU's BRITE Facility

North Carolina Central University is home to one of the newest and most innovative biotechnology educational initiatives in the country, and offers the only formal biotech degree program offered by a North Carolina university. The Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise (BRITE) program creates well-trained undergraduate and graduate students ready to excel in biotechnology and biomanufacturing. This April 28, 2015, event for girls in the 9th through 12th grades will include a tour of the state-of-the-art BRITE facility, a hands-on activity, and direct engagement with scientists and researchers. Learn more.

WIB-RTP Presents How to be Intentional with Your Online Brand on LinkedIn®

Dr. Nannette Stangle-Castor, founder and president of InnoVector Tech, Inc., shared her expertise on building strong and authentic LinkedIn profiles with more than 100 attendees at a March 16, 2015, event held by WIB-RTP at North Carolina Biotechnology Center.
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WIB-San Francisco Bay Area Presents “Careers in the Life Sciences and Transitioning from Academia to Industry”

There are hundreds of careers in the life sciences—how do you decide which is the best match for your personality, interests, and goals? Join us on April 23, 2015, to hear Toby Freedman discuss the findings in her book, Career Opportunities in Biotechnology and Drug Development, which is based on interviews with over 200 industry executives. (A copy of the book will be raffled at the event!) The large number of possible careers in the life sciences can be overwhelming for one to consider, but Toby will help break it down. She will provide a high level overview, ranging from careers in venture capital to discovery research, and discuss how these careers differ in work/life balance and other factors. Toby will also talk about steps that you can take while in academia to help you make the transition to a rewarding career in life sciences industry.

WIB-San Francisco Bay Area YWIB to Visit Illumina, Inc.

Illumina invites San Francisco Bay Area middle school and high school girls to discover how next generation sequencing will affect our futures and related careers. This event will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2015, and include brief lectures and discussions, a lab tour, a hands-on activity or game, and informal networking with women working in science. Snacks and pizza will be served.

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 Dxtt, 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!

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How Can We Serve One Another? A Town Hall-Style Event

On February 25, 2015, WIB-Seattle Metro held a Town Hall style event to receive member input on ways by which our chapter can serve the Seattle Metro life sciences community. Event attendees broke into small groups to discuss their desires for Women In Bio during the upcoming year. Common expectations included networking, mentoring, and making connections. The University of Washington’s CoMotion Incubator (formerly known as C4C) hosted the event.

Southern California
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WIB-Southern California Town Hall Event

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.

A Perspective on Biotechnology Entrepreneurship with Dr. Magda Marquet, Ph.D.

As part of the WIB nationwide celebration of Women’s History Month, the WIB-Southern California team was deeply honored to have Dr. Magda Marquet, Ph.D., one of the most successful entrepreneurs in biotechnology, as the featured speaker of our March event. Dr. Marquet shared her unique experience and perspective on being an entrepreneur in the field of biotechnology including: balancing business and personal relationships, raising capital, how to take risks, and to successful co-own a business with her spouse. Special thanks to Dr. Marquet and sponsors Kilpatrick Townsend Law for truly making this event a success.

Moderator Kandace Watson, J.D., looks on as Dr. Magda Marquet answers an audience question

Steering Committee with Speakers: (Back row left to right) Jaymee Davis, Laura Pomeroy, Cassidy Cantin, Magda Marquet, Gloria Lin, Ashley Reynolds, Courtney Cote, Kristin Gross, (front row left to right) Randa Wahid, Kandace Watson.

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WIB-DC/Baltimore YWIB at the Naval STEM Expo

Come out to see YWIB’s table at the Naval STEM Exposition at Sea-Air-Space on Sunday, April 12, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.![2] The event will be in the Potomac Rooms at the Gaylord Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. Middle and high school students will be able to participate in various career-exploration opportunities as well as some hands-on activities! YWIB volunteers will be in attendance to lead activities and speak with event participants about careers in STEM. Interested students can register here.

WIB-DC/Baltimore Holds Its Women’s History Month Event - “Funding Your Biotech Enterprise”
WIB-DC/Baltimore held its 2nd Annual Women’s History Month event on March 24, 2015, when it hosted a panel discussion entitled “Funding Your Biotech Enterprise.” The event panel consisted of several dynamic entrepreneurs including Iris Sherman, CEO of Kitchology, who served as the moderator for this event, Dr. Audra Stinchcomb, CSO and Founder of F6 Pharma, and Wendy Perrow, CEO at Alba Therapeutics. These amazing women shared their professional and personal experiences in raising funding for their business ventures. They also offered great insights into different funding mechanisms, and how to approach and secure various types of investment partnerships. We greatly appreciated these women taking the time to share their experiences and insights with us. We also offer our sincerest gratitude to our event sponsors, the University of Maryland BioPark and TEDCO. Stay tuned for more exciting WIB-DC/Baltimore events in 2015!

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!

WIB-DC/Baltimore Holds Its First Happy Hour Event of the Season

WIB-DC/Baltimore hosted a terrific spring happy hour on Thursday, March 19, 2015, at La Tasca in Rockville, Maryland. Approximately 25 members and guests attended this great informal social event to meet up with professionals with various backgrounds and make potential connections. Complimentary appetizers and beverages were provided. Moreover, we were honored to have representatives from the Halloran Consulting Group and Facility Logix join us and share their information and important connections with the attendees. Special thanks to our volunteers, attendees, and WIB leaders for making such event a great success! We look forward to the next great social event in 2015!

Attendees at the WIB-DC/Baltimore Spring Happy Hour connected and shared valuable resources.

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.

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
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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