SHAAVHREE BUCKMAN-GARNER TO GIVE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT BIO 2015

The Women In Bio Annual Celebration and Meetups during the BIO International Convention attract hundreds of WIB members as well as community and business leaders (women and men) from across the United States and beyond. Our 2015 Annual Celebration will be on June 15, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and we are excited to feature keynote speaker Dr. ShaAvhrée Buckman-Garner M.D., Ph.D., FAAP, Director of FDA’s Center for Drug Evaluation and Research Office of Translational Sciences! Look for more details on our Annual Celebration and Meetups to come soon. Sponsorship opportunities are also available - Visit our site or contact info@womeninbio.org for more information.

Philadelphia’s Top of the Tower to be Venue for Annual Celebration

WIB is delighted to announce that this year’s Annual Celebration will take place at Philadelphia’s elegant Top of the Tower, a venue featuring a breathtaking view of Philadelphia and the surrounding countryside.

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.
WIB Video Spotlight Series

Safety, efficacy, regulatory, oh, my! What are principles of good clinical study design? How do you best execute and monitor a clinical trial? Learn from WIB-San Francisco Bay Area's panel of clinical trial experts in this archived video in our member-exclusive 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!

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!

CHAPTER NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming Events

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- WIB-Austin Area Presents Pursuing a Life Sciences Career in Central Texas, April 28, 2015

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WIB-Atlanta Presents “Making a Professional First Impression”
Join us on April 20, 2015, for a professional dress and makeup workshop led by Macy’s specialists. They will help us spruce up our wardrobe by providing advice on how to dress professionally and updating us on some of the latest fashion trends. Our fashion experts will also pick a few of us from the audience to model featured outfits they recommend. We will get two whole hours to ask all the questions we want on improving our professional appearance. Following the presentation, each attendee will be given a $25 Macy’s gift certificate and a Friends & Family discount coupon to purchase items of our choosing. This event is sure to be a fun and informative gathering that will help you improve your style. You will leave better prepared for meeting new people and making a professional first impression!

WIB-Atlanta Presents “This is How We Roll: Sushi Making Class at Steel”

On May 13, 2015, join WIB-Atlanta and learn how to roll sushi from the experienced chefs at Steel Restaurant & Sushi Lounge. If you are interested in experimenting with different types of cooking, or want to impress your friends at your next social gathering with sushi rolls prepared especially by you, this is an experience you can’t pass up! Steel will teach you how to prepare the rice and cut the fish for three different types of sushi rolls: California, Spicy Tuna, and the Caterpillar. You will also get the recipes for these rolls and a sushi making kit to go with you when you leave, so you will be able to prepare and practice rolling sushi at home on your own time. Come learn this fun new skill with us! Also, bring your business cards to enter in a gift card prize drawing.

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.

Thanks to the Speakers of WIB-Atlanta’s MAPs-University Groups

The MAPs-University groups at Georgia State University and Emory University have been happy to welcome fantastic speakers to their recent meetings. On February 27, 2015, Suzanne Mertens, an account manager with Affymetrix, spoke with graduate student members at Georgia State University, sharing her own career story and offering many tips and tricks to networking.

On March 3, 2015, Emory’s MAPs-U group met to have an informal discussion with Lieutenant Commander Tamara Henderson of the U.S. Public Health Service who is currently serving as investigator for the Food and Drug Administration. Dr. Henderson shared her own personal career journey from an Emory Ph.D. graduate student in Chemistry to her current position in the federal government, offering lots of personal and practical insights and answering all of our questions! If you are interested in being a speaker at one of our informal MAPs-University meetings, please contact the Atlanta MAPs-U chair at Atlanta@womeninbio.org.
Tamara Henderson described her career journey to Emory’s MAPs-U group.

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

The Atlanta chapter’s March 19, 2015, Women’s History Month Event featured a panel of four leading women researchers working to positively impact cancer outcomes. The panel included Margaret “Kenny” Offermann, M.D., Ph.D., co-founder and Managing Partner of Salutramed Group, Inc; Patricia Thompson, M.D., Medical Director of Thoracic Oncology & Medical Oncology at the Cancer Treatment Centers of America at Southeastern Regional Medical Center; Lisa Richardson, M.D., M.P.H., Division Director of Cancer Prevention & Control at the CDC; and Susanna Greer, Ph.D., Director of Clinical Cancer Research and Immunology Program at the American Cancer Society and was moderated by Suzanne Shope, J.D. [Read more.](#)

The panelists at WIB-Atlanta’s Women’s History Month event field audience questions.

**Austin Area**  
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**WIB-Austin Area Presents “Pursuing a Life Sciences Career in Central Texas”**

Are you interested in exploring or furthering a career in the life sciences? Please join us on April 28, 2015, as our panelists Dr. Stephanie Kreml, Principal, Popper and Company; Erin Overstreet, Senior Technology Licensing Manager, University of Texas Office of Technology Commercialization; and Hayley Gillespie, Ecologist, Owner/Artist at the Art.Science.Gallery, discuss options and share tips for pursuing a life science career in Central Texas. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and gain expert advice from industry leaders. Beer, wine and appetizers will be served.

**Chicago**  
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**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!

**WIB-Chicago’s YWIB Committee Gets 2015 Off to a Flying Start**

2015 took off with flying colors for the WIB-Chicago Young Women in Bio as they engaged and inspired youngsters in Chicago as well as Texas. On March 28, 2015, the YWIB Committee led a workshop at the Expanding Your Horizons, Chicago Symposium at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Thirty seven middle school girls participated in the YWIB workshop. Also, YWIB representatives participated in various scientific fairs and committees such as the Science Fair Scientific Review Committee, Texas Science and Engineering Fair, and the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) Student Science Fair.
The Expanding Your Horizons workshop

Students proudly display their projects at the Texas Science and Engineering Fair

WIB-Chicago Board member, Anna Lisa Somera, with an exhibitor at the Chicago Public Schools Student Science Fair 2015
**Greater Boston**
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**WIB-Greater Boston Presents: “Non-traditional Careers in Bio”**

This April 22, 2015, event will feature a panel discussion for those interested in learning about opportunities available in the scientific community beyond the traditional academic and industrial roles. The panel will include several speakers who have taken either a non-traditional path to a career in science, or used their background in the life sciences to pursue a career of the non-academic or industry nature. These speakers will represent a variety of fields including but not limited to patent law, consulting, and practicing medicine!

**Greater Montréal**
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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 diner-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 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 (CEO 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.

**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 Université of Sherbrooke and Lawyer), Michelle Savoie (CEO of Montréal InVivo and Professor at the Faculty of Pharmacy of Université de Montréal), Ranya El-Masri (Director Government Affairs at Merck), Denise Cloutier (National Director, Health & Economic Policy at Pfizer), Gail Ouellette (CEO of Quebec Coalition of Orphan Diseases), Claude Di Stasio (Vice-President Quebec Affairs, Canadian Life and Health Insurance Industry (CLHIA), consultants from PDCI market access and an INESSS representative will engage the crowd on these hot topics. Refreshments and lunch are included.
**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.

**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!

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**Pittsburgh**

**WIB-Pittsburgh YWIB Judges and Sponsors Special Award at Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair**

For the first time at what will hopefully be an annual event, Young Women In Bio-Pittsburgh participated as a sponsor in the 76th annual Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair. Read more!

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![WIB-Pittsburgh's Susan Farabaugh (left) and Amy Laura (right) with the winner of the 1st place prize sponsored by YWIB](image)

**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!

**WIB-Pittsburgh Holds a “Lead Like a Girl!” Event**

Expressive, patient, collaborative, and intuitive are all behaviors traditionally deemed feminine. At the March 31, 2015, WIB-Pittsburgh event, we learned that they are also the traits most desired in modern leadership! Lee Ann Munger, PowerLink Director, took a group of women through an entertaining and empowering workshop on discovering personal leadership
characteristics. Engaging discussions sprang up through different activities where participants selected images and words they felt spoke to their personalities as leaders. We also listened to the TED Talk by John Gerzema on The Athena Doctrine that exposed facts from across the globe describing the edge women have as leaders by being themselves and embracing what makes them unique. Participants chatted about what they had learned long after the event ended as they snacked on appetizers and sipped wine. Many thanks to C-leveled for providing the venue and to all those who participated in the enlightening evening!

Guest speaker Lee Ann Munger discusses “feminine” leadership styles taking over the 21st century.

WIB Pittsburgh ladies debating which photograph speaks to their leadership style
**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.]

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**WIB-RTP Young Women In Bio to Visit Bayer CropScience Greenhouse**

Bayer CropScience’s Greenhouse 5 is a 60,000-square-foot building housing office space, seeding areas, and an entire third floor dedicated to greenhouse space. Research and Development at the site focuses on growth and resistance of corn and soybean to herbicides, insecticides, and nematode infections. This May 12, 2015, event is open to girls in grades 6-8, and will include a safety video and an introduction to both the greenhouse and the scientists who work there. The event will end with a full tour of the greenhouse.

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**San Francisco Bay Area**

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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 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!

**YWIB Visits Onyx Pharmaceuticals**

On March 18, 2015, Onyx Pharmaceuticals hosted an event for twenty-one 6th to 12th grade girls from the Boys and Girls Club of South San Francisco. The girls were from neighboring schools in South San Francisco and Pacifica. [Read more!]

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During the YWIB visit to Onyx Pharmaceuticals a group of girls works through an exercise together
**Seattle Metro**
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**WIB-Seattle Metro Presents: “Becoming a Better Influencer: Persuading with Ease and Getting Results”**

On April 21, 2015, learn techniques to help others—and yourself—cope during times of change. All workplaces are constantly evolving. If you can grow with your company, you'll stand out as an exemplary team player and leader. Learn the art of motivating others—and yourself—to be more productive, more effective, and to enjoy your job more. Learn how to put your best foot forward both online and in real life. We'll discuss tips on acting with grace so that you stand out—in a good way!

**Southern California**
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**WIB-Southern California Presents “Speed Networking and Slow Drinking”**

A new year means new experiences! Since the success of our speed networking event last January, we've had a lot of new people join our organization and/or move into the SoCal life sciences professional arena. Whether you're in business development, marketing, research, law, or on the prowl for a new opportunity, your success is determined by relationships. During this year's speed networking event on May 7, 2015, we will offer two tracks: pitching yourself, or pitching your company's product/service. You'll get to practice and perfect how well you get your points across in a short period of time, and meet some great people along the way. We'll have food and drinks throughout the evening thanks to our generous sponsor and host Knobbe Martens Intellectual Property Law. Be sure to pre-register because space is limited!

**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 Welcomes New Steering Committee**

The ladies of the Southern California WIB Chapter gathered together at Biocom on April 9, 2015, to welcome new members and new chair leaders into our ever growing group. It was an eventful evening, as torches were symbolically (and literally) passed from a few former chair members to their successors. The evening began with Pari Kazeminy delivering a heartfelt speech of thanks to all of the members who had help support her efforts as the chapter’s president for the past year. Pari was proud to officially announce Ashley Reynolds as the new WIB-Southern California chapter president. New leaders for other departments in the chapter were also announced as the meeting continued, and the new steering committee members volunteered for various roles as well. New leadership and additional members bring exciting changes to the WIB-Southern California chapter and we are all anticipating what 2015 will have to offer!

The scene at Biocom, April 9, 2015

Ashley Reynolds (left) gets passed the Chapter Chair torch from Pari Kazeminy

**Washington DC/Baltimore**
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Today, eating healthily has never been easier—or harder—depending on whom you ask. Walk into any grocery store and you'll find organic versions of this, all-natural options for that, and a growing number of "GMO-free" items stacked on the shelves. Furthermore, consumers increasingly demand "clean" labeling and foods free of genetic modifications. But what do these terms really mean? And what impact do these types of foods have on the supply, demand, and sustainability of our food sources? Perhaps our quest for healthy eating is more complex than we originally thought. Therefore, please join our chapter on May 7, 2015, to explore these topics and meet with our industry expert Dr. Janet Collins, Senior Vice President of Science & Regulatory Affairs at CropLife America. We look forward to have you join us there!

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!

Young Women In Bio Visits South Mountain Creamery

WIB-DC/Baltimore's Young Women In Bio committee and 20 students spent an exciting Friday afternoon at the South Mountain Creamery in Frederick, MD, on March 27, 2015. The two hour tour consisted of a visit to the calf barn where students were able to pet and visit with the calves, meet the famous Animal Planet chicks, see the cow maternity ward, tour the facility, and learn about the milk production process. The tour finished up with a scoop of homemade ice cream! This was WIB-DC/Baltimore's first Food Science focused YWIB event, and it was a great success! Special thanks to our YWIB hosts - Dr. Stacie Bell and Susan Griffen.
Starting the South Mountain Creamery tour

“Deeeelicious!”

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 apply here.

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