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NATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Early-Bird Registration is open for WIB Plenary Event at BIO 2015

[Registration is now open](#) for our signature annual WIB Plenary Event at Philadelphia's [Top of the Tower](#), which offers breathtaking views of Philadelphia. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet new and familiar faces from across the industry and across the globe. Our Plenary featured speaker will be [ShaAvhrée Buckman-Garner, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.A.P.](#), Director, Office of Translational Sciences Center for Drug Evaluation and Research at the FDA. This WIB event encompasses an inviting and fun environment for networking because it brings together people from all corners of the biotech industry, and spawns new career and business opportunities. If you would like to support the WIB Plenary Event, you can [learn more here](#) or contact info@womeninbio.org. **Early-bird registration rates will be in effect through Friday, May 8, 2015.**

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

Nervous about presenting your work to the scientific community? Ever wondered if your audience is fully engaged? [Improve your presentation skills along with WIB-Pittsburgh](#) by viewing this video 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!

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CHAPTER NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming Events

- **Tonight!** WIB-Chicago [Explores the Evolving Landscape of Biosimilars](#)
- WIB-New York Metro Area YWIB Presents [Consulting Careers with STEM Backgrounds](#), May 6, 2015
- WIB-San Francisco Bay Area [YWIB at Illumina, Inc.](#), May 7, 2015
- WIB-DC/Baltimore Presents [From the Labels to the Lips: The Science Behind the Foods We Eat](#), May 7, 2015
- WIB-Southern California Presents [Speed Networking and Slow Drinking](#), May 7, 2015
- WIB-RTP [YWIB Visits Bayer CropScience Greenhouse](#), May 12, 2015
- WIB-Atlanta Presents [This is How We Roll: Sushi Making Class at Steel](#), May 13, 2015
- WIB-RTP Presents a [Spring Networking Event](#), May 13, 2015

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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.

WIB-Atlanta Book Club Presents [Thrive: The Third Metric to Redefining Success](#)

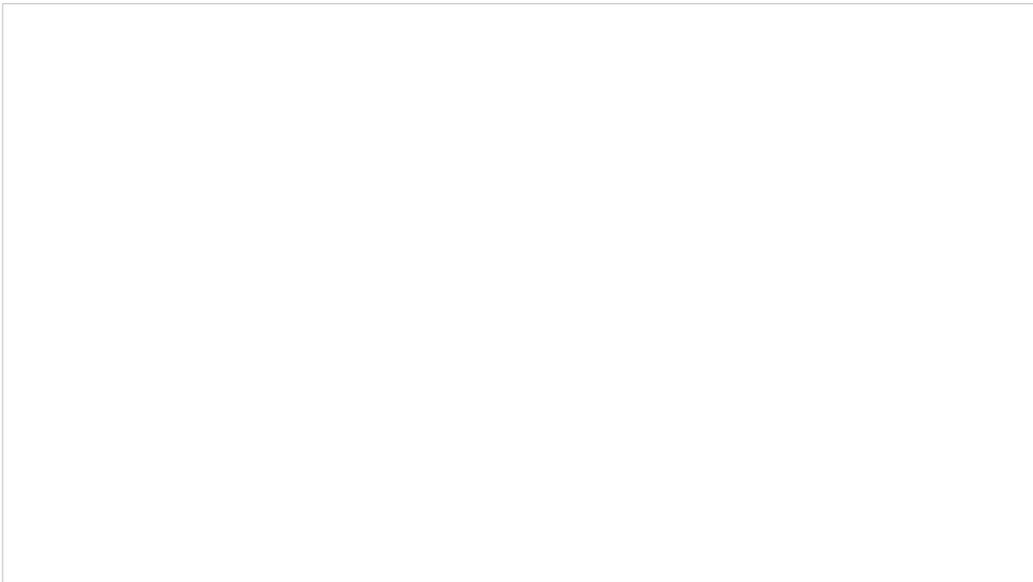
[Come join WIB-Atlanta book club members on June 11, 2015](#), for an engaging and insightful discussion on [Arianna Huffington's](#) book *Thrive*. Arianna Huffington, co-founder and editor-in-chief of *The Huffington Post* has personally shared her real-life experience and insights on how to truly thrive and redefine success by focusing on our well-being, our ability to draw on our intuition and inner wisdom, our sense of wonder, and our capacity for compassion and giving. Can't wait to learn the secrets of how to create a life of well-being, wisdom, and wonder? Sign up today and join us to discuss some revolutionary ways to transform our culture, our thinking, our workplace, and our lives through meditation, mindfulness, unplugging, and giving.

Opportunity for Free Registration to WIB-Atlanta Events

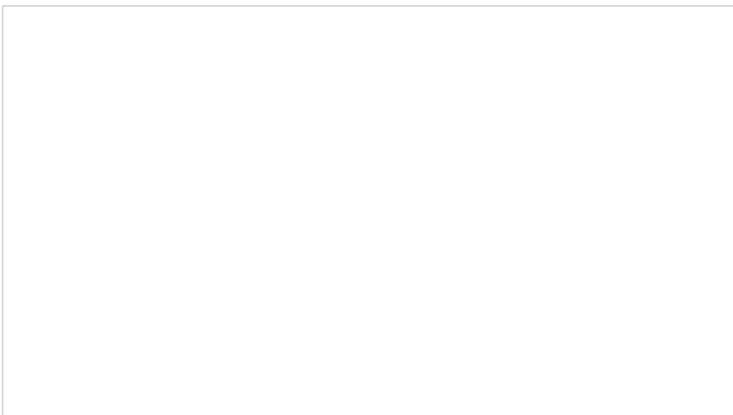
Would you like the chance to attend WIB-Atlanta events for free? WIB-Atlanta is looking for volunteers to work the registration table at the beginning of chapter events. Benefits of this experience include the opportunity to meet and network with event attendees. If you are new to WIB, want to meet people, 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.

WIB-Atlanta YWIB at Atlanta Science Festival's Exploration Expo

At the Atlanta Science Festival Exploration Expo on March 28, 2015, [the ladies of YWIB honored four great women scientists with interactive demos](#). The labs performed were 1) DNA extraction to honor [Rosalind Franklin](#); 2) color chromatography to honor [Marie Curie](#); 3) tulip dissection to honor [Maria Sibylla Merian](#); and 4) a create-a-cell workshop to honor [Elizabeth Blackburn](#). The booth, "Women Rock in Science," was attended by many young children, who were encouraged to pursue their scientific interests and received YWIB bracelets for their participation. The women of YWIB-Atlanta were delighted about this opportunity to get involved and promote science with the kids of the metro-Atlanta area. We are all looking forward to participating in the festival again next year.



[Nitya Sharma](#) and [Dan Cui](#) demonstrate the DNA isolation of strawberries



[Jessilyn Dunn](#) helps a young girl dab her colors on the coffee filter

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TONIGHT! - WIB-Chicago Explores the Evolving Landscape of Biosimilars

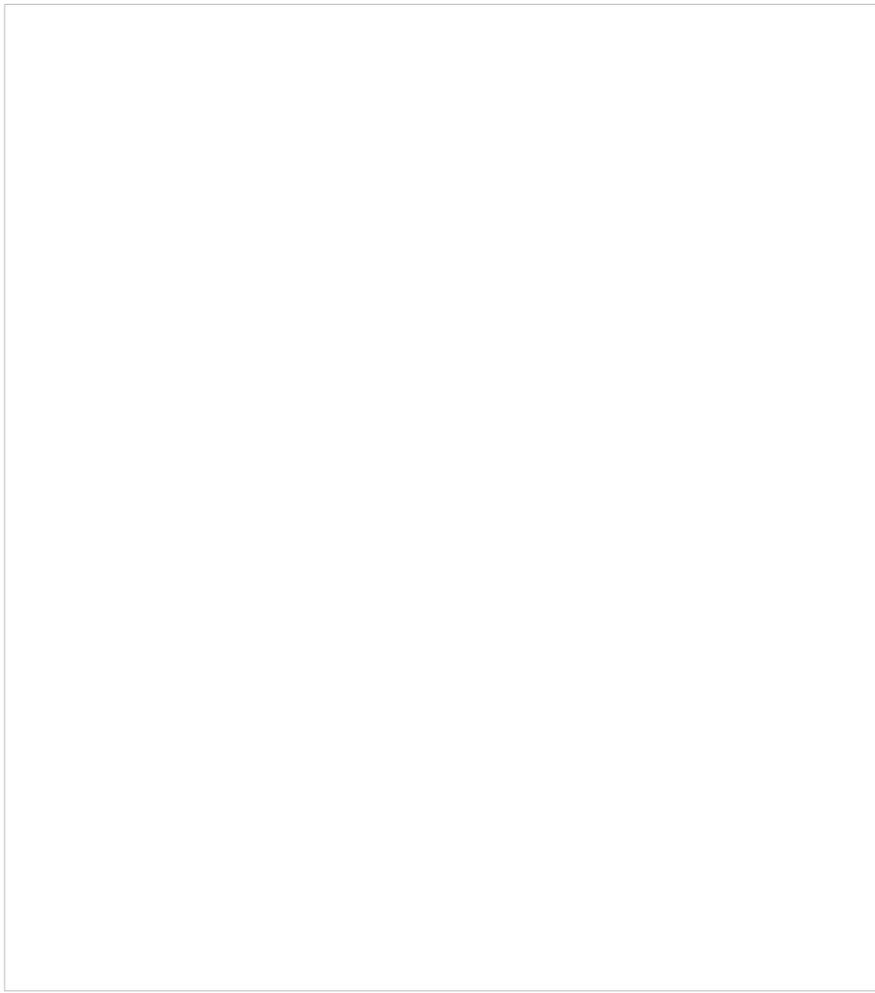
Exciting changes are occurring in the world of biosimilars every week. [Please join WIB-Chicago](#) for a panel discussion that will explore the business, regulatory, and legal issues facing the biosimilar industry today, and look at what this industry will face in the future. Our panelists include industry experts [Emily Alexander](#) from AbbVie, Inc., [Sharon Ayd](#) from Fresenius Kabi, and [Kirsten Anderson](#) from Baxter Healthcare, who will share their real-world experiences with the burgeoning biosimilars business. The panel will be moderated by [Emily Winfield](#) from Duane Morris LLP.

[WIB-Chicago and iBIO IndEx Converging to Emerge a need to make Precision Medicine a reality!](#)

[WIB-Chicago was pleased to support iBIO IndEx 2015](#) on April 21, 2015, at the Hotel Orrington in Evanston. The exhibit hall was attended by the life science industry's key thought leaders, who brought in diverse backgrounds and perspectives that drive academic, entrepreneurial, biotech, and pharma-wide transformation. This aligned with the conference's "Emerge to Converge" initiative involving discussion of ways to make Precision medicine an actionable tool in the US healthcare system. [Ikbel Achour](#), [Auditi DebRoy](#), and [Sacha Patera](#) manned the WIB booth and also participated in the discussions sparking new angles to vision Precision medicine's utility and delivery. WIB-Chicago received tremendous support and interest from the attendees, making IndEx 2015 a huge success! We thank our long-standing partner, iBIO, and sponsor [HUB International Midwest Limited](#), for helping us make IndEx 2015 a memorable experience.



WIB-Chicago Committee leaders: Ikbel Achour and Auditi DebRoy



WIB-Chicago members Sacha Patera, [Lilli Zakarija](#), [Julie Langdon](#), and [Katherine L. Neville](#)

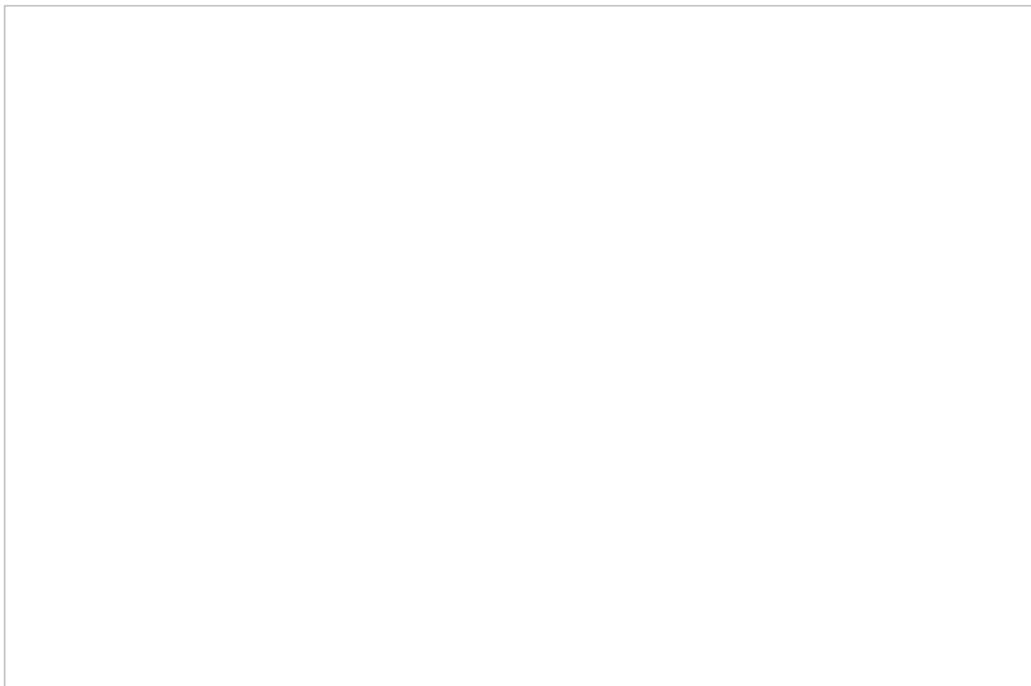
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WIB-Greater Boston Presents a Women's History Month "Shark Tank" Event

To celebrate Women's History month, on March 24, 2015, WIB-Greater Boston held a "Shark Tank" event featuring two groups of influential women in the biotech space, investment firms and fundraising companies. [Learn more!](#)



WIB-Greater Boston's "Shark Tank" event at the Microsoft Technology Center



[Kate Blanchard](#), COO of ORIG3N, fields questions from the investor “sharks” during her presentation

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YWIB- Grand Montréal a célébré le mois de l'histoire des femmes avec un atelier axé sur les sciences pour filles de secondaire 3!

[Nous avons célébré le Mois de l'histoire des femmes](#) en encourageant les futurs scientifiques à suivre l'exemple de grandes femmes scientifiques. Les filles ont comparé le tissu normal au tissu du cancer en utilisant un microscope, ont isolé leur ADN (ou ce d'un kiwi), et ont eu même la chance de mesurer des échantillons de protéines à l'aide d'une pipette. La seule critique de l'enseignant était que nous ne pouvions pas inclure encore plus d'étudiants ou faire cet événement plus souvent! Nous remercions les étudiants de cycles supérieurs pour leur préparation d'une telle gamme ludique et pédagogique des jeux, des présentations, et des expériences de laboratoire.

YWIB-Greater Montreal celebrates Women's History Month with a science workshop for grade 9 girls!

[The YWIB-Greater Montreal “Planting the Seeds of Science Workshop”](#) at the Rosalind and Morris Goodman Cancer Research Center at McGill University was a great success. We celebrated Women's History Month by encouraging future scientists to follow in the footsteps of great female scientists. The girls identified normal and cancer tissue through a microscope, isolated their DNA (or a kiwi's), and even had a chance to pipette protein samples. The teacher's only critique was that we couldn't include even more students or have it this event more often! We'd like to thank the graduate students for preparing such an entertaining and educational gamut of games, presentations, and lab experiments.

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Doing science at the Goodman Cancer Research Center

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The future scientists who took part in WIB-Greater Montreal's Women's History Month event

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WIB-New York Metro Area YWIB Event “Consulting Careers with STEM Backgrounds”

On May 6, 2015, [learn how different STEM backgrounds can take you into a career in consulting](#). This event will feature a panel discussion moderated by [Robert Easton](#), Co-Chairman of Bionest Partners and Chairman of the NY Biotechnology Association. Panelists include consultants from The Boston Consulting Group, L.E.K. Consulting and Bionest Partners. Mingle with panelists and other students interested in STEM sciences. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

Young Women In BIO Visits Harlem Biospace

On March 25, 2015, Harlem Biospace hosted an event for the WIB-Metro New York Area Chapter of Young Women In Bio (YWIB–MetroNY) to tour its biotechnology incubator space and to discuss science and entrepreneurship. Twenty eight young women from seven New York City public and charter high schools attended the event. [Learn more!](#)

□ [Christine Kovich](#), Co-Founder of Harlem Biospace, gives students a tour of the facility

□ Students listen attentively to a panel of Harlem Biospace entrepreneurs

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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SAVE THE DATE! - Summer Fun in the ‘Burgh!

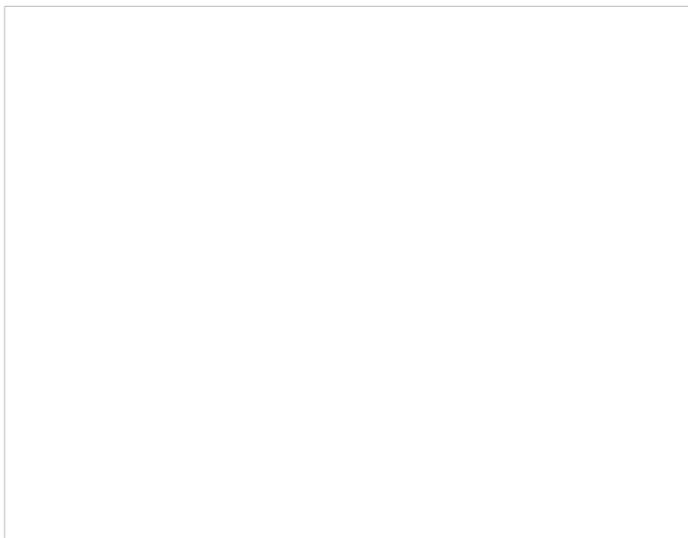
We have some great events coming up for WIB-Pittsburgh! We are planning on enjoying the summer sun with a couple of fun social events toward the end of May and in June. Stay tuned for additional information – we are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

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 Member Spotlight: Meet Rebecca Watters!

[Rebecca “Becky” Watters, PH.D.](#), is a native to Pittsburgh and is currently a postdoctoral associate at Magee Women’s Research Institute studying how breast tumors metastasize to the bone with the hopes of identifying novel targets for clinical use. “It is incredibly rewarding and motivating to know that you are working on something that could improve the quality of or save lives,” she said. Becky takes her passion out into the community too! She is team captain of the UPCI-Women’s Cancer Research Center Komen Race for the Cure team and is helping to spearhead the fundraising for this event. WIB-Pittsburgh is very excited to have Becky as a recent addition to the leadership team as membership vice-chair. She brings great determination and perseverance to every project she undertakes. [Learn more about Becky.](#)



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

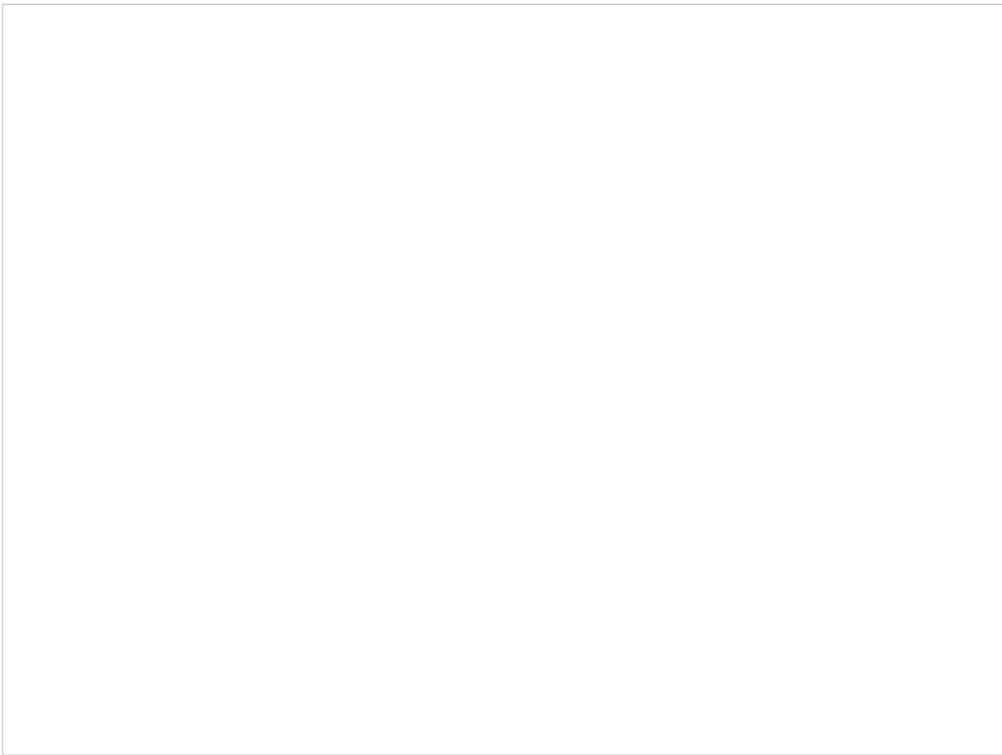
Bayer CropScience's Greenhouse 5 is a 60,000-square-foot building housing office space, seeding areas, and an entire third floor dedicated to greenhouse space. Research and Development at the site focuses on growth and resistance of corn and soybean to herbicides, insecticides, and nematode infections. [This May 12, 2015, event is open to girls in grades 6 through 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.

WIB-RTP Presents a Spring Networking Event

Women In Bio-RTP [invites you to our May 13, 2015, spring social and networking event](#) at the Raleigh-Durham Hilton Garden Inn. Mingle with Life Sciences industry professionals in an informal setting right in the heart of RTP. The event will feature WIB's signature structured networking as well as open networking activities designed to promote interactions, ensuring participants leave having made new meaningful connections. This event will provide a casual, safe environment to help you build confidence in meeting new people, help you perfect your mingling skills until they become second nature, expand your network, and enhance your business relationships

WIB-RTP Young Women In Bio Visits BTEC

On March 18, 2015, Winnell Newman [hosted a group of 10th, 11th, and 12th graders](#) at their Biomanufacturing Training and Education Center (BTEC) on NC State's Centennial Campus. The visit included an overview of ion exchange and size exclusion chromatography, an experiment illustrating separation through chromatography, and a tour of the laboratories and training facility.



Students toured the BTEC labs and training facility.



Explaining gowning practices and clean room design

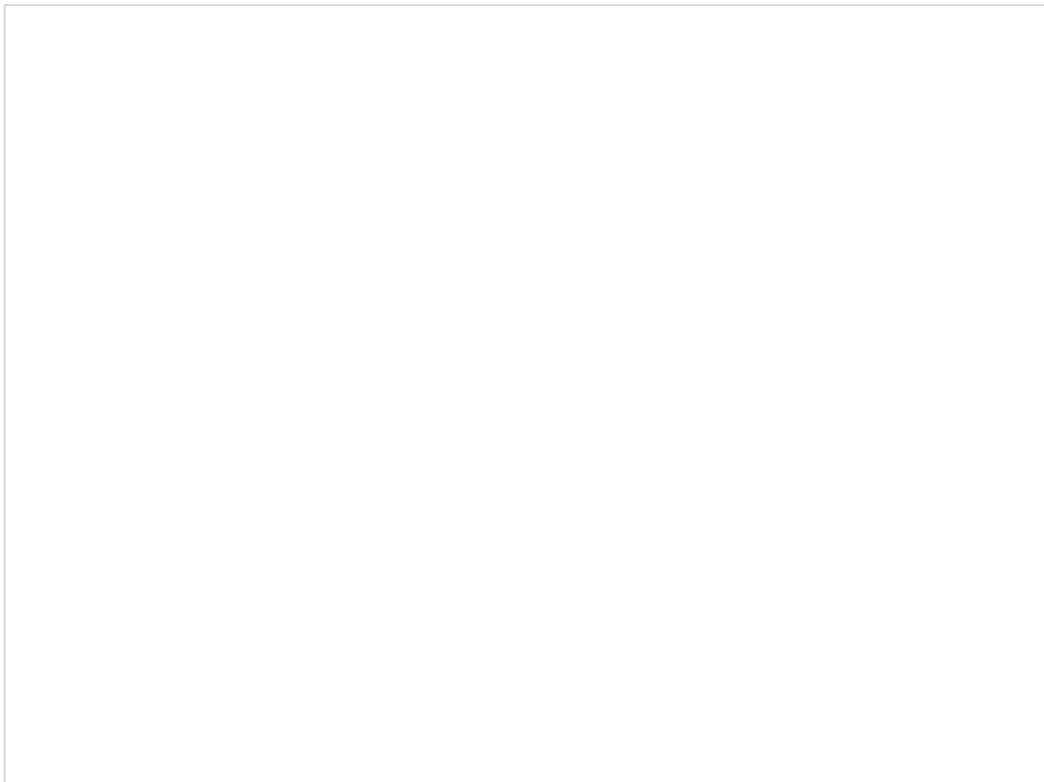
[Illumina](#) invites San Francisco Bay Area middle school and high school girls to discover how next generation sequencing will affect our futures and related careers. [This event will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2015](#), and include brief lectures and discussions, a lab tour, a hands-on activity or 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!

Women’s History Month Event Features Women Leaders’ Involvement in Industry “Hot Trends”

WIB-San Francisco Bay Area [celebrated Women’s History Month on March 9, 2015](#), by hosting panel discussions featuring women leaders in biotech and their involvement in “Hot Trends” within our industry. The day culminated in a wonderful sit-down dinner at the DogPatch Wineries in San Francisco. We featured [Karen Bernstein, Ph.D.](#), Co-founder, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of BioCentury in a “fireside chat” with [Chris Meda, M.S.](#), Chief Business Officer at IncellDx.



[Ashley Dombkowski](#) explains how to capitalize on the latest biotech tools to create clinical value

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A Journey of Courage for the Next 10 Years

On March 23, 2015, [WIB-Seattle Metro celebrated Women's History Month](#) by hearing stories of mentorship from a panel of local women’s leaders, including [Beth Etscheid](#) of WRF Capital, [Rhonda Rhyne](#) of Prevencio Inc., and [Marie Anne Stager](#) of Seattle Genetics. The panelist imparted their wisdom on the audience as to how to find a mentor, how to be a good mentee, and the importance of giving back. Look for a mentor who has interest in you and is willing to be honest, as a mentee know what you want and don't forget to buy them a cup of coffee.

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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.

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WIB-DC/Baltimore Presents “From the Labels to the Lips: The Science Behind the Foods We Eat”

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!

WIB-DC/Baltimore YWIB Presents: “Exploring Nanotechnology! A look inside Pixelligent Technologies LLC”

Young Women In Bio invites middle school students to Pixelligent Technologies for an afternoon of nanotechnology exploration! On May 21, 2015, discover the science behind products made at one of our local nano companies here in Baltimore. This event is open to girls in grades 6 through 8, and these students will have the opportunity to meet with female scientists, tour the facility, and perform an experiment! [Come join us](#) for this fun and informative science event!

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!

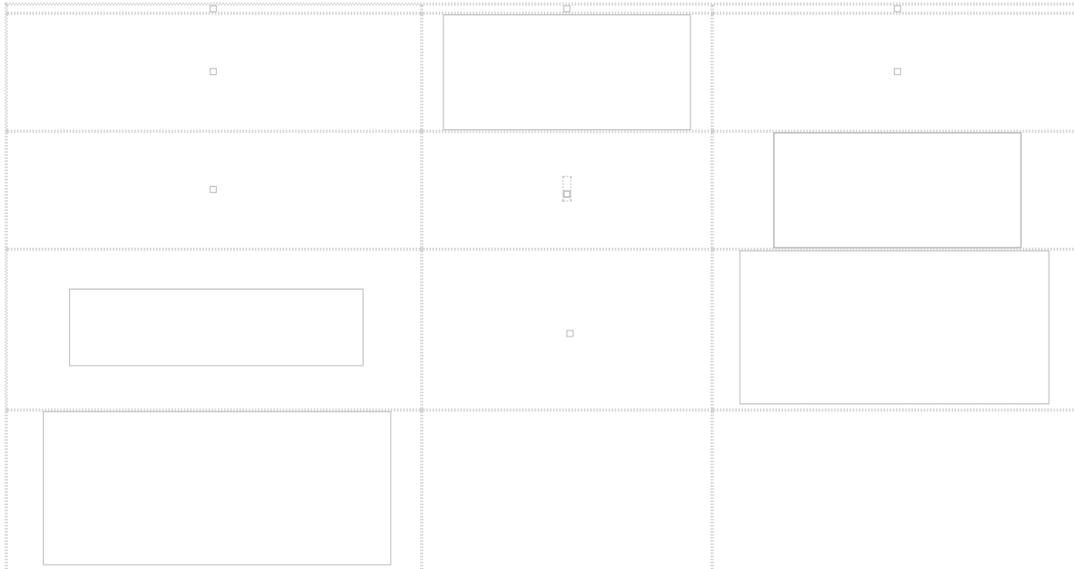
OTHER INTERESTS

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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