NATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WIB Executive Roundtable at BIO 2015 Discusses Strategies for Advancement of Women in the Life Sciences

When women’s groups gather at a large conference, such as the BIO International Convention, the talk often drifts to the lack of women at the executive management and board level. Many folks who hear this statement often wonder, “Why is this even an issue? I know a female CEO.” Some may speculate that perhaps there aren’t enough women who want to be in those positions. Yet speculations and vague anecdotal recollections do not tell the whole story. At the June 15, 2015, Executive Roundtable event hosted by Women In Bio, moderated by Susan Windham-Bannister, former head of the Massachusetts Life Science Center, the conversation started with the facts. Read more.

The WIB Executive Roundtable event at BIO 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

Managing Stress and Achieving Work/Life Balance

Discover how you can take control over your work/life stress and achieve the balance and happiness you seek. Learn some practical and applicable tools to solve the challenges stressing you out in this WIB-Chicago webinar 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 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

- WIB-Atlanta “Perk Up Your Profile Pic” July 12, 2015
- WIB-RTP Young Women In Bio Duke Lemur Center Visit, July 12, 2015
- WIB-RTP Summer Book Club Series - Part II, July 16, 2015
- WIB-Chicago Symphony in the Park, July 22, 2015

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WIB-Atlanta Presents: “Perk Up Your Profile Pic with Mary Kay and La Videotique”
When was the last time you had a professional photography session? Do you need an up-to-date polished picture to publish on your website, social media pages like LinkedIn, presentation announcements, or your employer’s website? We are all concerned about how we look online. Well, worry no more. Women In Bio-Atlanta will help you put your best face forward. Join us on July 12, 2015, and perk up your profile pic… and participate in our summer potluck. Dress up as nicely as you would like for the photography session, and bring your favorite dish (large enough to serve five people). Don’t want to worry about making anything for the potluck? No problem – just select the “No-Dish” option when you register for this event and we will provide everything you need to get that high-quality professional portrait you can use for years to come.

**WIB-Atlanta Presents “Enhancing Your Executive Presence”**

Executive presence ranks in the top three traits needed for today’s leaders. Defined as, “The confidence to express your ideas with conviction, and the ability to engage and influence others in the process,” executive presence provides an essential advantage to improve your authority in today’s business world. Learn the essential qualities to delivering your messages with confidence and credibility. Join us on August 24, 2015, to gain insight from Lia Panayotidis, Lead Instructor at Sally Williamson and Associates, Inc., on the behaviors and attitudes that will present a sense of confidence, commitment, and authenticity in your communications.

**Emory MAPs-U Group Needs Volunteers**

Mentors Advisors Peers (MAP)s-University groups have regular monthly meetings on the Emory campus that involve invited speakers and discussions on various career-related topics. The Emory MAPs-U group is looking for a graduate student and a post-doc to volunteer as group leaders. With help from the MAPs Chair, the group leader(s) will be responsible for organizing regular meetings and inviting speakers. The group leader(s) will also report to the MAPs Chair. Being group leader allows you a great opportunity to network and will better prepare you for your future career. Email AtlantaMaps@womeninbio.org and tell us you are interested!

**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.

**Women In Bio-Atlanta Discusses Thrive**

On June 11, 2015, members from the Women In Bio-Atlanta chapter gathered to chat about Arianna Huffington’s book *Thrive: The Third Metric to Redefining Success and Creating a Life of Well-Being, Wisdom, and Wonder*. The central theme of the book everyone had read (or planned to read) was about focusing on your health, listening to your intuition, and enjoying life to regain happiness and achieve “feeling” successful.

**Austin Area**

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**WIB-Austin Area YWIB Event - Crime Scene Investigation: Who smashed Mr. Potato Head??**

Join WIB-Austin Area Young Women In Bio on July 25, 2015, for a special event created for our young science enthusiasts. Participating children will learn how to lift and analyze fingerprints, extract human DNA, and DNA fingerprints – skills used to distinguish individuals and identify criminals… Sally Spuds is a Mr. Potato Head enthusiast. So, you can imagine her dismay when she returned from camp to find Mr. Potato Head dismembered on her floor and some of his extremities missing! Participating girls will help Sally use evidence left at the crime scene to identify the perpetrator.

**Chicago**

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**Join WIB-Chicago for Symphony in the Park**

On July 22, 2015, celebrate the summer with WIB! Join us for an evening of informal networking in beautiful Millennium Park.
followed by a symphony performance at Jay Pritzker Pavilion featuring the Lyric Opera House and Grant Park Orchestra showcasing works of contemporary American opera. Bring your own snacks and a blanket or portable chair to sit on. Meet us at the Southeast corner of the pavilion, and be sure to be on the lookout for blue and gold balloons!

**WIB-Chicago Member Spotlight: Dr. Ikbel Achour**

Ikbel Achour is the Sponsorship Chair for WIB-Chicago, and Director of Precision Health and part of Lussier’s group at the University of Arizona, where she manages the precision medicine portfolio rooted in their research and development in computational biology. She attributes her passion and motivation for active participation with WIB to the moment when “you realize that we are leading by example; the core value of our mission is mirrored in our own work within the organization and beyond: inviting, supporting and succeeding!” In addition to her work with WIB, Ikbel is also the Vice President of Development for the Tunisian American Young Professionals Organization, where she is deploying initiatives to promote economic opportunities for investment and partnership between US startups and companies and their counterparts in North Africa. Learn more about Ikbel.

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**Greater Boston**

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**Help Us Get to Know You Better!**

Help our Women In Bio-Greater Boston chapter get to know you better! Please take a few minutes to complete [this short survey](#) to help us understand what you are looking to gain from WIB programming. Information collected through this survey will aid us in designing more exciting and useful events to better assist you in your journey as a woman in science. Thank you for your time. We look forward to seeing you at our next event!

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**Greater Montréal**

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**About Our Chapter**

Le bureau montréalais de Femmes en bio souhaite rassembler les professionnelles de tout le Québec œuvrant dans divers secteurs liés aux biotechnologies. Les professionnelles des entreprises, les entrepreneuses et les chercheuses des secteurs privé, public et universitaire ainsi que les étudiantes sont invitées à devenir membres de Femmes en bio et à profiter des ressources offertes par l’organisme : réseautage, partage de connaissances et d’expertise, échange d’information sur les toutes dernières innovations et perspectives dans les domaines pharmaceutiques, biotechnologiques et des équipements médicaux. [apprendre plus!](#)

The WIB-Greater Montreal Chapter seeks to bring together professionals from across Quebec with bio-related interests in diverse sectors. Business professionals, entrepreneurs and scientists from the private sector, government institutions, and academia are invited to join and benefit from WIB’s many resources which include networking, sharing insights and innovations, and learning about the latest developments, and opportunities within the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical devices industries. [Learn more!](#)

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**Metro New York**

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**WIB-Metro New York Presents “Virtualizing Biotech - 3 Key Strategies for Success”**

Register now for our next networking and learning meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, titled, “Virtualizing Biotech - 3 Key Strategies for Success” with speaker Janaki J. Joshi, CEO, Iris Interactive. Registration is free for WIB members! For more information please [visit our website](#) or email us at [NewYork@womeninbio.org](mailto:NewYork@womeninbio.org).

**WIB-Metro New York Meets to Discuss: “Does the Fountain of Youth Reside Within Our Own Bodies?”**
On June 24, 2015, Dr. Robin Smith, MD, M.B.A., Executive Chairman, Board of Directors, NeoStem, Inc., and author of *The Healing Cell* discussed her success in building a biotech company in New York City. She also discussed how advances in medicine using cells from our bodies are being used to cure diseases such as cancer through vaccines, rebuilding cartilage and breast tissue using fat and adult stem cells, and reprogramming the immune systems to treat multiple sclerosis, lupus, and type 1 diabetes. Participants each received a copy of Dr. Smith’s book and enjoyed an evening of networking as well.

Faith Charles, Chapter Chair, WIB-Metro New York, introduced Dr. Robin Smith at WIB-Metro New York’s June chapter meeting.

**WIB-Metro New York Chapter Chair Profiled in ClinicalLeader.com**

Faith Charles, Chapter Chair, WIB-Metro New York, has been profiled in ClinicalLeader.com. Read about how Faith successfully navigates her stellar legal career, as Corporate Securities and Transactions Partner and Chair of Life Sciences at Thompson Hine LLP, while fostering the careers of women in science.

**Pittsburgh**

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**WIB-Pittsburgh Summer Skyscraper Social - Bring Out Your Pink!**

On Tuesday, June 23, 2015, WIB-Pittsburgh members gathered at Sienna Mercato for a Skyscraper social! Due to summer storms, the event was moved inside. The storms did not detour over 40 members from attending and enjoying summer drinks and appetizers. Mingling members were easily detected by the pink they donned: shirts, pants, dresses, hats, sunglasses, sandals, and even hair. Prizes were awarded to two members voted as wearing “The Best Pink.” Members took pink flamingo favors home and add to their lawns. Thank you to all who came out and made this event one to remember!

Classic Pittsburgh weather was not in our favor, but everyone had a great time nonetheless.
YWIB:

WIB-Pittsburgh ladies enjoying appetizers, drinks, networking, and pink flamingos!

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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WIB-RTP Young Women In Bio Visits the Duke Lemur Center

The Duke Lemur Center and its living laboratory advance science, scholarship, and biological conservation through interdisciplinary research on lemurs. By engaging scientists, students, and the public in new discoveries and global awareness, the Center promotes a deeper appreciation of biodiversity and an understanding of the power of scientific discovery. This July 12, 2015, event includes a short lecture and a tour of the facilities, and is open to current or rising 4th through 6th grade girls.

WIB-RTP Presents Its Summer Book Club Series - Part II

Join us on July 16, 2015, as we review our book club’s second selection, Nice Girls Don’t Get the Corner Office: Unconscious Mistakes Women Make to Sabotage Their Careers. In it, author Dr. Lois P. Frankel provides examples of serious mistakes that women have made that hold them back in their careers. In her book, Dr. Frankel reveals why some women roar ahead in their careers while others’ careers stagnate: She has spotted a unique set of behaviors that women learn in girlhood that sabotage them as adults. Now, in this The New York Times bestseller, she helps you eliminate these unconscious mistakes that could be holding you back - and offers invaluable coaching tips you can easily incorporate into your social and business skills.

WIB-RTP Young Women In Bio Visits the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health

The University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health was ranked the number one public school of public health by U.S. News & World Report. The school’s mission is to improve public health, promote individual well-being, and eliminate health disparities across North Carolina and around the world. This event will include an introduction to the school with a question and answer portion. The girls will be taken on a tour of the school as well as the labs. A hands-on activity will be completed at the end of the event. This July 28, 2015, event is open to rising 9th-12th grade girls.

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WIB-San Francisco Bay Area Presents a Social at Cantor Arts Center

Did you know that over 5,000 years of art history is sitting in Palo Alto? Join Women In Bio on July 30, 2015, for an evening
walk through the ages of art history at Stanford University’s Cantor Arts Center. The event will begin with al fresco networking in the Rodin Sculpture Gardens, one of the largest collections of Rodin Bronzes outside of Paris. After light appetizers, we will meet with our own docent for a personal tour of the museum.

**Seattle Metro**
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**WIB-Seattle Metro Planned Events**
- August, 2015 - Summer Social
- September, 2015 - Stories from Working Entrepreneurs and Intrapreneurs
- October, 2015 - Career transitions and LinkedIn Profile
- November, 2015 - Pitching Yourself: Developing and Delivering Your Message

**Southern California**
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**WIB-Southern California Reviews On Becoming Fearless...in Love, Work, and Life by Arianna Huffington**

We all have fear because it is necessary for survival, but it is misplaced fear that negatively impacts the quality of our lives. Let’s take the opportunity on July 21, 2015, to identify where and why we hold ourselves back, and discuss the ways by which we can shift our focus to the experiences and happiness gained from being bold. In stories drawn from her own experiences and from the lives of other women, Arianna Huffington points toward the moments of extraordinary strength, courage, and resilience that result from confronting and overcoming fear. Her book shows us how to become bold from the inside out - from feeling comfortable in our own skin to getting what we want in love and at work to changing the world. If you purchase the book through AmazonSmile as a hardcopy, Kindle edition, or on Audible, a percentage of the purchase price will be donated to Women in Bio! The book is also available on iTunes.

**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 Holds an Inspiring and Informative Event on Rare Diseases**

We had an incredible turn out for our amazing June 25, 2015, event on “Rare Diseases: Obstacles of Rare Disease Healthcare.” Learn more!
Attendees network prior to the event's start

Dr. Christina Waters and other speakers discussed challenges involved with the study and treatment of rare diseases.

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**WIB-DC/Baltimore Announces Its 1:1 Mentoring Program**

The WIB-DC/Baltimore Mentors, Advisors, and Peers (MAPs) Committee is thrilled to announce the initiation of our 1:1 Mentoring Program. This program is designed to match mentees in the early stages of their careers to mentors who can help guide them based on different areas of interest. [Learn more](#)

**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!

OTHER INTERESTS

Professional Diversity Career Fair Coming to Philadelphia

As part of the NAACP National Convention, the Professional Diversity Career Fair is coming to the Philadelphia area. The event is open to the public, and WIB members are invited to attend. This year's event will take place on July 14, 2015, from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Philadelphia Convention Center:

UCode Programming Academy Offers Scholarships to “Girls Only” Camp

UCode—a K-12 coding academy—is offering a “Girls Only: Intro to Programming” camp as well as 16 girls scholarships for this camp. Learn more about UCode and the programming camp.

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.

To take advantage of a free subscription to WIB-Smartbrief, a weekly newsletter that will keep you updated about women making a difference in biotech and life sciences, please sign up here.

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