NATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women In Bio Applauds Our 2015 Founders Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to our WIB Scholarship Winners, Shahila Mehboob Christie, of the WIB-Chicago Chapter, and Di Gao, of the WIB-Washington DC/Baltimore Chapter.

Shahila and Di will provide to our readership descriptions of their experiences using the scholarship money towards their professional development. The WIB Founders Scholarship was established to advance the educational development of women in the life sciences industry by encouraging and supporting education on the business aspects of life science. We thank everyone that applied for the scholarships and congratulations to the winners.

RESOURCES

WIB Video Spotlight Series

Taking Control of Your Work/Life Stress

Start your year off on the right foot by learning practical and applicable tools to take control over your work/life stress from this WIB-Chicago event in our member-exclusive video archive!

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!

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 Annual Town Hall Meeting, January 20, 2016
- WIB-Atlanta “Women in Entrepreneurship” event, February 1, 2016

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WIB-Atlanta and German American Chambers of Commerce South Present “Women in Entrepreneurship”

On February 1, 2016, panelists from diverse industries will share their insights and experiences as successful entrepreneurs! Whether you own a business, are thinking of venturing on your own, want to hear stories from other successful women, or just want to network in an international environment, join us for this panel discussion on the unique challenges women entrepreneurs face today. The panelists will present advice and share their own experiences, addressing key elements of success, difficult decision making and the importance of women within entrepreneurship.

Looking to volunteer? Join our Communications Committee!

Looking to gain leadership experience through Women In Bio? Volunteer to serve on our Communications Committee! We seek enthusiastic WIB members wishing to help with exciting chapter projects over the upcoming year such as social media marketing. Don’t miss out on a chance to serve as a leader for the WIB-Atlanta chapter. Contact Atlanta@womeninbio.org to learn more and to volunteer!

Sign-Up for Our Mentoring Program!

Are you looking for more mentoring opportunities? WIB has three different ways members can participate in mentoring activities: Mentors, Advisors, and Peers (MAPs) groups, which are informal groups of members who meet regularly to discuss career-related topics; MAPs-University groups, which are groups of young students at local universities that meet regularly and host speakers; and our new 1:1 Mentoring program, where WIB members are matched together for more individual mentoring. Tell us how you want to get involved by filling out this survey. For more information, email AtlantaMaps@womeninbio.org.

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.

**Austin Area**

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**Meet the WIB-Austin Area Chapter Leadership!**

- Monica Berrondo, Chapter Chair, Membership Chair
- Erica Lopez, Chapter Vice-Chair
- Tanya Raymond, Communications Vice Chair
- Jaya Srivastava, Program Chair
- Jeanette Hill, Program Vice Chair
- Krista Ternus, Funding Chair
- Becca Young Brim, Ph.D., Young Women In Bio Chair
- Dana Kadavy, Young Women In Bio Vice Chair
- Anne Wilson, Membership Vice Chair
- Marilyn Robertson, Diversity Chair

Learn more about us and our chapter!

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**Please Participate in the WIB-Chicago MAPs Survey**

WIB-Chicago would like to start a MAPs (Mentors, Advisors, and Peers) program. Please participate in our survey to let us
know more about you and your interest in such a program. Take the survey here. Thanks in advance for your help!

**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!

**Greater Montréal**

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**About Our Chapter**

The WIB-Greater Montréal 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. The Greater Montreal region is recognized worldwide as a biotech and life sciences hub with state-of-the-art expertise. As a Canadian leader in life sciences and health related technologies, the region boasts more than 600 private companies with over 43,000 employees in life science industry. Montreal’s life sciences business cluster benefits from the presence of recognized experts in pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, contractual research, and medical technologies, as well as 150 university and public research organizations.

Learn more about our chapter!

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WIB-Metro New York Celebrates the Season by Networking for a Cause

On December 2, 2015, more than 60 members and guests gathered at Wiggin and Dana in Manhattan to toast the holiday season, network, and have fun! Representatives from the Global Initiative Against HPV and Cervical Cancer (GIAHC) also were present, providing an opportunity to learn more about GIAHC, whose mission is to save lives from cervical cancer, one woman at a time, one day at a time. Anyone wishing to learn more about the GIAHC and donate to its mission of helping the reproductive health of women in developing nations, please visit: http://www.giahc.org/.

A GIAHC representative describes her organization’s mission to attendees.
Wiggin and Dana provided a relaxed setting for toasting the holiday season.

WIB-Metro New York Thanks Its Sponsors for a Fantastic Year!

WIB-Metro New York thanks its generous sponsors for their support throughout 2015, in alphabetical order: Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, Curemark, Harlem Biospace, JV Public Relations NY, KeyBank, New York School of Medicine, Palatin Technologies Inc., Pfizer, Roche, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, The Rockefeller University, ThomsonHine, Tonix Pharmaceuticals, Wiggin and Dana, Wiley, and WilmerHale.

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A New Year’s Message from Rachel Kopper, WIB-Pittsburgh Chapter Chair

Happy New Year! Looking back at 2015, the Women In Bio Pittsburgh chapter experienced an exciting year of progress and transition resulting in three primary achievements: We reduced the number of chapter events so that we could focus on developing the many new women who stepped up to take leadership positions. By expanding the number of roles, we increased opportunities for more members to actively participate in the growth of our chapter, and we assembled a deep pool for future leadership succession. Thank you to every single volunteer who contributed -and continues to contribute - to the success of our chapter! Read the rest of Rachel’s letter.

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About Our Chapter

Research Triangle Park (RTP) is one of the oldest and largest high-tech research and development centers in North America. It is part of North Carolina’s overall biotechnology initiative, and a primary economic driver for the region. Businesses range from Fortune 100 multinational research and development companies, to U.S. federal agencies, to university spin-outs and start-ups. RTP is home to numerous winners of the Nobel Prize, Pulitzer Prize, Presidential Awards, and where the National Science Foundation Awards carry out their efforts. It has served as a model for innovation, education, and economic development worldwide. Many women's careers in life science have been launched in RTP. The WIB-RTP chapter benefits from, and contributes to the rich life sciences industry here: North Carolina ranks biotechnology as one of the top three industries in the state and RTP has been ranked one of the top areas in biotechnology development in the US. Learn more about our chapter!
Biotech Showcase 2016 Comes to San Francisco in January!

Biotech Showcase (put trademark sign in after uploading) is an investor and partnering conference devoted to providing private and small- and mid-cap biotechnology companies an opportunity to present to and meet with investors and biopharmaceutical executives during the course of one of the largest annual healthcare conferences that attracts investors and biopharmaceutical executives from around the world. The 2015 event showed a substantial increase in the number of presenting companies, as well as significant growth in the number of attendees and one-to-one meetings. Now in its eighth year, Biotech Showcase 2016 is expected to feature presentations by close to 250 public and private companies and attract more than 2,100 attendees. The event will run a full program of topical plenary sessions and workshops. Biotech Showcase is co-produced by Demy-Colton Life Science Advisors and EBD Group. Both organizations have a long history of providing high quality business support services to the biotechnology industry. Learn more.

Over 40 Women Leaders to Speak at 2016 Annual Personalized Medicine World Conference!

The 10th Annual Personalized Medicine World Conference, co-hosted by Stanford Health Care, the University of California, San Francisco, Oracle Health Sciences, and the Personalized Medicine Coalition takes place January 25-27, 2016, in the heart of Silicon Valley. The conference will gather global thought leaders from medicine, industry, research, regulatory, and the payor community to discuss breakthroughs and challenges in the world of personalized medicine. Speakers include Laura Esserman, Bonnie Anderson, and Kathy Giusti. Learn more.

About Our Chapter

WIB-Seattle Metro is an organization of professionals actively committed to promoting careers, leadership, and entrepreneurship of women in the life sciences in Seattle, Bellevue, Bothell, and the other cities located in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. We are dedicated to providing education, mentoring, and professional development assistance to women working in life sciences or in professions supportive of the life sciences, and young women and girls who are interested in science careers. Our membership consists of professionals at leading pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and device companies, non-profits, academic institutions, and support service companies, including law firms, consultants, and financial service firms. Learn more about our chapter!
Join Us for WIB-Southern California’s Annual Town Hall Meeting!

We need volunteers like YOU! Are you interested in learning more about your local Women In Bio chapter? Would you like to be actively involved in helping our chapter improve for 2016? If so, learn about our chapter and have your opinion heard by attending our 2016 Annual Town Hall Meeting on January 20, 2016. We will discuss: WIB Goals, Membership, 2015 Program Successes and Improvements, Volunteer Roles, and more. Space is limited. Light refreshments will be served. Guest of members and non-affiliated non-members are welcomed.

PepTalk Coming to San Diego in January

PepTalk: The Protein Science Week will be held at the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center on January 18-22, 2016. This annual event is one of the largest gatherings of protein science researchers in the world, offering an array of education, innovation, and networking programs, and providing many opportunities to scientists. Industry experts from around the world will share case studies and unpublished data. Additionally, they will discuss breakthroughs and solutions that support and enhance research, providing new perspectives on the evolution of biologics. Attendees have the opportunity to network with over 1200 colleagues, hear unpublished data and case studies from industry leaders, showcase their research by presenting scientific posters, participate in roundtable discussions, and more! Additionally, student fellowships are available for graduate students and Ph.D. candidates. Interested? Learn more and register.

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.

Looking Back On a Stellar Year

Happy New Year from WIB-Southern California! May 2016 bring you new adventures, personal growth, and interesting connections within the Women In Bio growing community. We are incredibly grateful to our members and sponsors as we take a quick look back at some 2015 events…
The University of Maryland and WIB-DC/Baltimore Young Women In Bio co-hosted a STEM event on November 18, 2015. The afternoon was a huge success, with 14 young women present to learn how to extract DNA from cancer cells. The girls also attended a panel of six women professionals representing various career backgrounds: Genetic Counselor, Medical Writer, Engineer, Speech Pathologist, PharmD, and MD/Oncologist. Each panelist provided the girls with unique insights on how she pursued her career in science. Each panelist also offered guidance and mentoring for interested young women. Finally, the attendees completed a tour of the Center of Innovative BioMedical Research. The whole event was a major success, as demonstrated by results of the survey given to attendees after the event. We thank all of our members, guests and, sponsors who supported us in this program.

A panel of women professionals represented various STEM careers.

**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. We are looking for volunteers interested in being part of this new program. Interested? Learn more and take our interest survey!

**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, Jenny Zhang at DC.Baltimore@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!

**Attend Events for Free: WIB-DC/Baltimore Communications Committee Seeking Post-Event Writers!**
Have you been wondering who the talented writers are behind our chapter’s post-event reports? Have you ever shied away from our events because of the admission price? WIB-DC/Baltimore is seeking volunteer post-event writers for our subcommittee under the chapter’s Communications Committee! Once recruited to this subcommittee you will enjoy the benefit of attending any events hosted by our chapter FOR FREE. In addition, to gain information for your write-ups you will have opportunities to meet key contacts behind the events. You will also attend our monthly Program Committee calls to get involved in chapter events planning! Sound tempting? Contact us at DC.Baltimore@WomenInBio.org to learn more about this opportunity!

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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