WIB Rings in New Year at NYSE

WIB leaders had the honor of participating in the closing bell ceremony for the New York Stock Exchange on January 28, 2016. Executive Director, Jamie Strachota, and WIB President, Kristi Sarno, were the bell ringers. This opportunity was presented to WIB by the NYSE because our organization was recognized for making a powerful impact in helping women succeed and rise in their careers in the life sciences. Participants of the bell ringing ceremony also included Dimitra Georganopoulou (WIB President Emeritus), Stacie Byars (WIB President-Elect), Ashley Bowman (National Young Women In Bio Chair), Julie Langdon (National Membership Vice Chair), Keisha Thomas (WIB-Metro New York Sponsorship Chair), Charlotte Stewart (WIB-Metro New York), Andrea Cohen (WIB-Metro New York Communications Chair), Jen Zimmons (WIB-Metro New York Program Chair), Janet Vasquez (WIB-Metro New York Membership Chair), Violetta Urba and Karine Kleinhaus.
WIB Executive Director, Jamie Strachota (left) and President Kristi Sarno (right) ring the NYSE’s closing bell.

RESOURCES

WIB Video Spotlight Series

Product and Technology Licensing

Have you ever wondered how to license a product or technology within the life science industry? Learn how to navigate the process and complete negotiations from a webinar archived 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!

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CHAPTER NEWS & EVENTS
Upcoming Events

- WIB-Chicago iGANT Roundtable event, February 16, 2016
- WIB-Greater Montreal “Let’s Talk” communication strategies event, February 17, 2016
- WIB-San Francisco Bay Area “Speed Networking at Invitae!” event, February 17, 2016

Atlanta
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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 (MAPs)-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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Call for Speakers!

The year ahead has many opportunities for professional women to share their experience and exchange information at one of our events. Do you have special expertise? Tell us your story! Whether you're in Academia or Industry, we want to hear from you. Contact Austin@womeninbio.org to sign up!

Chicago
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Chicago iG rant (Impact of Gender/ Sex on Innovation and Novel Technologies) Roundtable

Agencies and organizations, including the National Institutes of Health and NASA, have policies on the inclusion of gender and sex in research studies. Men and women can present with different disease symptoms, courses, and responses to therapeutics. Understanding the impact of gender and sex on health can enhance precision medicine as well as disease prevention and health promotion strategies. The time has come to move from the research bench to the design of gender/sex-specific products, programs, polices, or protocols related to health. On February 16, 2016, come and hear perspectives from a diverse group of professionals and learn how they are optimizing or planning to optimize sex and gender considerations to create the best outcome for their clients and patients.

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!

Lynn Janulis Elected to Partnership at Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP

WIB-Chicago member and former chapter officer, Lynn L. Janulis, Ph.D., has been elected to the partnership at Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP in Chicago. Lynn concentrates her practice on securing patent rights and providing counsel, including evaluating patentability, patent validity, and freedom to operate in the life science technologies. Dr. Janulis serves on the Firm’s Pro Bono Committee and is also an active member of the Chicago Chapter of Women In Bio, where she has served as Chair or Vice Chair of the Membership Committee since its inception.

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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Have you ever watched a colleague, boss, or mentor navigate through a tricky situation and been amazed? Wondered why some peoples’ words really resonate with you? Wished someone would share their experiences on...
how to more effectively communicate? Please join Women In Bio – Greater Montreal as we present an evening panel discussion on successful communication strategies. Our panel of professionals from the biopharmaceutical industry exemplify the gamut of effective strategies that can be implemented to progress in an organization.

During this interactive event, the speakers will share their personal experiences and discuss many different and successful ways to manage people, teams, and situations. Time will be allotted to meet and discuss ideas with other individuals from the Life Sciences sector. Canapé appetizers will be provided.

Metro New York
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About Our Chapter

The Metro New York Area WIB chapter, WIB-Metro New York, invites you to join a dynamic organization committed to developing and promoting leadership and entrepreneurship by women in a region which boasts the highest concentration of women with advanced degrees in the nation. Our goal is to build a community of biotechnology professionals that provides mentorship and development opportunities for women at all stages of their careers – from those just starting out to well established, industry veterans. Learn more about WIB-Metro New York!

Pittsburgh
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WIB-Pittsburgh Presents “Trending Industry Jobs in Pittsburgh”

What is hot in the Bio Industry Career space? What’s trending in Pittsburgh? Come and find out if the grass is green in the greater Pittsburgh area. On March 30, 2016, we will host a professional development event with panelists who have unique perspectives on industry trends including: medical devices, startups, intellectual property, biotech, clinical research, and healthcare. Additionally, hear from a recruiter looking for talent in our area. In the first hour our panelists will share their thoughts, while in the second hour you can mingle and ask more specific questions. We’ll convene in the East End on the third floor of AlphaLab, a local startup accelerator. Food and drink will be provided; street parking is available.

WIB-Pittsburgh Celebrates Its First Pop-Up Social

On January 27, 2016, WIB-Pittsburgh celebrated its first ever Pop-Up Social at BZ’s Bar and Grill on the North Shore. With a great décor and amazing happy hour prices, WIB members along with curious non-members enjoyed a relaxing evening of socializing and networking. Be on the lookout for future Pop-Up Socials announced only through our social media #WIBMeet (Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter). These happy hour events are specially designed for a light and fun evening out between regular scheduled programming. No registration is required – this is the perfect opportunity to introduce WIB to your friends and co-workers! To receive Pop-Up Social announcements directly to your e-mail, please join our Facebook page.

RTP
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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. Its 7,000 acres house more than 170 companies employing over 42,000 full-time and approximately 10,000 contract employees. Businesses range from Fortune 100 multinational research and development companies, to U.S. federal agencies, to university spin-outs and startups. 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. Learn more about WIB-RTP!

San Francisco Bay Area
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WIB-San Francisco Bay Area Presents “Speed Networking at Invitae!”

On February 17, 2016, join members of the Bay Area biology community at WIB’s first speed networking event of 2016! This is a great opportunity to meet other women working in academia and biotech, and to learn about new opportunities, the biotech landscape, and WIB. We'll start with an informal reception with refreshments and plenty of time for conversation, followed by a speed networking event with five-minute one-on-one interactions. Special thanks to Invitae for hosting!

Seattle Metro
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Be More Innovative in Your Career - Learn how to use the Lean Canvas Tool

Lean Canvas is a one page business model to quickly and effectively communicate your business ideas with internal and external stakeholders. On February 22, 2016, join Lindsey Goss and Jeanette Ennis for a presentation and Workshop on mapping out a business idea, and raising your odds of success. Learn more!

Southern California
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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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Young Women In Bio Recap and a Look Ahead!

With 2016 upon us, the WIB-DC/Baltimore YWIB team wanted to take a moment to reflect on such a successful fall semester last year: The school year began with a change in chapter leadership; but thanks to our dedicated committee members we didn’t lose any momentum in the transition. Last fall we partnered with the University of Maryland and Institute of Marine and Environmental Technologies to host two afternoons of hands-on science, lab tours, and STEM career discussions for middle school through college-aged women. Both events received enthusiastic reviews from participants, and we hope to collaborate with more great sponsors in the future. In addition, our committee worked to increase YWIB’s reach and reputation within the greater education community: To that end, last November YWIB volunteers participated in the ATLAS expo for STEM careers and colleges, and more recently kicked off the New Year with a day exhibiting at the Maryland Out of School Time networking conference. Check out WIB-DC/Baltimore’s Facebook page as well as our Past Events and Upcoming Events sites for photos and more details on our events. 2016 is already looking fruitful - with new partnerships and activities underway. Thank you to our wonderful team and to WIB overall for all the support you have provided us this year. Cheers!

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!

**WIB-DC/Baltimore Bids Farewell to 2015 with a Holiday Gala - and Welcomes 2016!**

When we look back at WIB-DC/Baltimore’s 2015, we can point to a series of exciting events organized by our chapter. The year’s grand finale was our major networking event - the Holiday Gala Celebration, held on December 15, 2015, at Paladar Latin Kitchen & Rum Bar in Rockville. Approximately fifty members and their guests attended the event, where they received brief introductions by our chapter's functionaries and had plenty of opportunities for networking as well as fantastic food and wine. Congratulations to our WIB-DC/Baltimore chapter member, Di Gao, who won a WIB Founders Scholarship this year! And now - a month into the New Year - we continue to appreciate the hard work and chapter support of our volunteers, members, and guests. Here’s looking forward to our chapter providing even more exciting events for you in 2016!
Holiday Gala Party attendees had a good time networking with one another.

Congratulations to our WIB Founders Scholarship Winner, Li Gao (middle), with WIB-DC/Baltimore Chapter Chair, Amy Belton (left) and Vice Chair, Julia Pinkhasov (right).

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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