Women's History Month is Here!

Women In Bio's celebration of Women's History Month goes into full swing this week and next with events in San Francisco, Southern California, Chicago, and DC/Baltimore! These and other WIB chapter events across North America are part of the third annual “National Women In Bio Conference.” To honor and recognize the contributions that generations of women have made to events in history and to society, WIB's chapters are holding events in cities across North America. These events will include keynote addresses and panel discussions from pioneer women in life sciences, covering topics such as science education for girls, career path choices, cultivating skills to move from bench to business, and breaking the life sciences “ceiling.” Learn more about our Women's History Month events!

WIB Offers a Women's History Month Membership Discount!

If you've considered joining Women In Bio, there is no better time to do so than now! In honor of Women's History Month,
throughout March, WIB will offer 20% off of our normal membership rates*. Take advantage of this discount and join us for only $76 (1-year general membership) or $40 (student/post-doc membership). There are also discounted multi-year membership options and discounted organizational membership options available. This is a limited-time offer for new members; take advantage of it today! To become a WIB member, visit www.womeninbio.org and use promo code: WHM201620% " - this promotion applies to new memberships only.

RESOURCES

WIB Video Spotlight Series

A Chat with Women Entrepreneurs

Learn how and why these women entrepreneurs started their companies, their biggest successes, and their hardest challenges. Watch WIB-Atlanta's video in our member-exclusive library!

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-San Francisco Bay Area YWIB International Women’s Day event, March 8, 2016
- WIB-Southern California YWIB “Women in STEM: Media & Communications” event, March 8, 2016
- WIB-Chicago "Biosimilars 2.0" event, March 10, 2016
- WIB-RTP YWIB “Spring into STEM” event, March 12, 2016
Volunteer to Help Us with Our YWIB Booth at Atlanta Science Festival 2016!

Many from the Atlanta area scientific community will attend the Atlanta Science Festival on March 26, 2016. Come join the fun! Young Women In Bio will have a booth from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Festival’s Exploration Expo dedicated to honoring women scientists who have made invaluables contributions to science. Volunteers are needed to help work our kid-oriented science labs. We will have DNA extraction with strawberries to honor Rosalind Franklin’s significant contribution to the discovery of DNA; color chromatography with Skittles to honor Marie Curie; a lily dissection to remember naturalist and scientific illustrator Maria Sibylla Merian; and a create-a-cell lab in honor of molecular biologist Elizabeth Blackburn. Helpers are also needed beforehand to help make materials for the booth, such as posters describing various women in science. If you’re interested in participating, contact Jenniffer Stetler at Atlanta@womeninbio.org.

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.
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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WIB-Chicago Presents a Women's History Month Event! - “Biosimilars 2.0”

Please join the Chicago Chapter of Women In Bio on March 10, 2016, for our second annual panel focusing on the evolving landscape of biosimilars. Panelists will explore the business, regulatory, and legal issues facing the biosimilar industry today and in the future.

Chicago iGIAN'T Roundtable: Impact of Gender/ Sex on Innovation and Novel Technologies

On February 16, 2016, WIB-Chicago was pleased to showcase a truly outstanding panel of 12 speakers, half were physicians and half were health tech entrepreneurs, with quite a few of these women working in both realms as physician entrepreneurs.

Read more!

The event’s Entrepreneur Panel (left to right): Dr. Neelum Aggarwal, Dima Elissa (Moderator), Dawn Matthews, Lilli Zakarija, Barbara Goodman, Kapila Viges
The Clinical Panel fields audience questions (left to right): Dr. Anitha Rao-Frisch, Dr. Carrie Mendoza, Rachel Dvorken, Krista Vink Venegas, Dr. Annabelle Volgman, Dr. Neelum Aggarwal, Dima Elissa (Moderator)

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!

Heather Kissling Wins 2016 ILO Client Choice Award

WIB-Chicago Board Member, Heather Kissling, has won the 2016 International Law Office (ILO) Client Choice Award: “Intellectual Property – Patents – Illinois.” Learn more!

Greater Boston
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What better way to honor Women's History Month than to celebrate powerful women in the life sciences? On March 16, 2016, we will feature two groups of influential women in the biotech space: eight female executives from startups raising funds, and five senior-level women at investment firms will come together in the Piranha Pool. Come check out companies across four different sectors within life sciences - therapeutics, diagnostics, devices and healthcare IT. Learn more! This is one event that you can’t afford to miss.

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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YWIB: Montreal YWIB Presents a WHM Event: “Today’s Students, Tomorrow’s Scientists”
Third Annual Workshop for Girls in Grade 9, March 22, 2016

The WIB-Greater Montreal Young Women In Bio presents the “Today’s Students, Tomorrow’s Scientists” Workshop designed to encourage young women to explore career opportunities and fields of study in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

This event offers lab tours, and discussions in the field of science, at the Rosalind and Morris Goodman Cancer Research Center at McGill University. McGill graduates will introduce girls, aged 14-15 years, to the wonders of science at the bench. This is a closed event.

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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 our chapter!

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.

YWIB Seeks Volunteers for PRSEF Judging!

Young Women In Bio seeks volunteer judges for the Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair, on Friday, April 1, 2016, at Heinz Field. Judges will evaluate science projects conducted by 6th-8th graders. Additionally, YWIB judges will select two projects they feel are particularly outstanding, and the winning students will be given a YWIB award and invited to a luncheon that is part of the Women In Bio P.O.W.E.R. event later in the year. If you have questions and/or are interested in volunteering as a judge for this event, please contact Christi Kolarcik or Erika Fanselow through our email: pittsburgh@womeninbio.org.

Call for Mentors: Join our Pittsburgh MAPS Mentoring Team

Our Pittsburgh MAPS (Mentors, Advisors, and Peers) 1:1 Mentoring Program is in full swing and we need more mentors! Each mentor will meet with a mentee about once a month for six months. Please share with anyone you think may be interested in giving back to the next generation of women in the sciences. Interested in our Pittsburgh mentoring team? Email:
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s New Initiatives for Biotech Entrepreneurs

The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh has exciting news for Pittsburgh biotech and entrepreneur professionals in the form of two types of resources! The library has a subscription to Science Direct by Elsevier as well as SciFinder, which provides access to published articles within these databases. The intent of these resources is to assist those without access through other avenues (university or corporate subscription), and the articles must be accessed through the library’s physical location (Oakland!), but turnaround on article requests is very fast. In addition, the library has subscriptions to ACS and IEEE which do not require a specific location to access and the library’s Workforce and Economic Development Depart and Non-profit Resource Center work closely together to provide other resources and information. To explore these resources, start here: http://www.carnegielibrary.org/research/databases/#science. For more information or assistance, please contact Richard Kaplan at kaplanr@carnegielibrary.org. In addition to this, through a collaboration with Christian Manders and BioMedical Breakfast, The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh is exploring the potential of a small, dedicated collection of reading and research materials in the areas of biotechnology and entrepreneurship. At this time, Christian and Richard are collecting suggestions for books to include in the collection, ranging from patent law to entrepreneurship to start-up guides. BioBreakfast plans to host a special breakfast at the library later this spring as well! Contact Richard or Christian (chris@pl-s.com) if you have suggestions for books or other questions regarding the idea.

WIB-RTP YWIB Presents: “Spring into STEM - The Spirit of Innovation and Entrepreneurship”

The WIB-RTP Young Women In Bio presents our first annual “Spring into STEM: The Spirit of Innovation and Entrepreneurship” event. On Saturday, March 12, 2016, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., young women in 6th-12th grade will meet an amazing group of leaders in the biotech and bioscience industry. This event will begin with an informative speaker session where attendees can hear from female executives and entrepreneurs who are leaders in their field. These short talks will be followed by breaking up into smaller groups to complete hands-on STEM related activities. We will finish up with lunch and informal networking. For anyone who has never learned about networking before, do not worry! We will guide you through the process while you meet professionals from all areas of STEM.

WIB-San Francisco Bay Area YWIB Presents a Womens History Month Event, Hosted by the Joint BioEnergy Institute

The Joint BioEnergy Institute (JBEI) invites San Francisco Bay Area middle school girls to celebrate International Women’s Day on March 8, 2016, and learn about converting plants into renewable transportation fuels. JBEI is a U.S. Department of Energy Bioenergy Research Center dedicated to developing advanced biofuels - liquid fuels derived from the solar energy stored in plant biomass that can replace gasoline, diesel and jet fuels. The main program includes lab tours, a presentation, a panel discussion with scientists at JBEI, and a pizza dinner. Learn more!

“Women in Leadership: Seizing Opportunities”

On March 17, 2016, Women In Bio-San Francisco Bay Area and UCSF Women in Life Sciences (WiLS) will celebrate Womens History Month by hosting a special event at Nektar Therapeutics focused on leadership and opportunities in the life sciences. Join us for a stellar panel moderated by Jennifer Riggs (Nektar Therapeutics) featuring panelists Chris Meda (InCellDx), Gail Maderis (Antiva Biosciences), and Barbara McClung (Caribou Biosciences). Come get inspired by leaders who are at the forefront of cutting edge biotech companies and network with a wonderful group of women!

Speed Networking at Invitae!
WIB-San Francisco Bay Area’s first event of 2016 was an exciting speed networking event held in San Francisco. On February 17, 2016, twenty-five professionals gathered for an evening of wine, appetizers, and discussion at Invitae’s beautiful offices in SOMA. The event started off with a half-hour of greeting and mingling, followed by an introduction to WIB and its upcoming events, and then moved into high gear with a series of five minute-long one-on-one interactions. Participants from academia and industry discussed their current positions, long-term career goals, and the biotech landscape in the Bay Area, among many other topics. The attendees enjoyed getting to meet many other fantastic women and forging new connections. As one participant commented, “This was a great event and I was glad to meet so many different people!”

**Seattle Metro**
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**Sign-Up for Our Mentoring Program!**

Are you interested in meeting and mentoring/being mentored by wonderful women in your community? **Mentors, Advisors, and Peers (MAPs)** groups are looking for new members in your area. Please visit this [link](#) for more information about the MAPs program. Don’t want to miss this wonderful opportunity to make new connections? Just fill out this [questionnaire](#) by March 10, 2016, and then check your email for your group assignment and materials to help you get started. Contact seattle@womeninbio.org with any questions or to learn more about our MAPs program.

**Looking to volunteer?**

Looking for opportunities to improve your leadership and communication skills through WIB? Consider volunteering with our **Communications, Membership, Program, Young Women In Bio (YWIB), or Sponsorship committees**! These diverse committees are seeking amazing WIB volunteers to help with exciting projects such as social media marketing, membership driving, or events planning for the upcoming year. If you are looking for a great leadership experience, consider joining the WIB–Seattle Metro Board as a Vice Chair for YWIB or Sponsorship. Contact seattle@womeninbio.org for more information.

**Be More Innovative in Your Career - Learn how to use the Lean Canvas**

On February 22, 2016, WIB-Seattle Metro held “Be More Innovative in Your Career - Learn how to use the Lean Canvas Tool,” the final event in our three-part career development series. During a presentation by Jeanette Ennis, we learned about the fundamentals of the Lean Canvas and how to use the Canvas to communicate ideas quick and effectively: We learned to begin with the customer and their unique problems/opportunities, ask “why” five times to drill down to the root problem, and to create a unique value proposition that differentiates you from your competitors and adds value to your product, creating a high-level pitch. Following the presentation, the audience split into small groups and worked with Jeanette Ennis, Lisa Norton, Christina Jordan, and Elizabeth Scallon from CoMotion to apply the Lean Canvas to our own entrepreneurial ideas and ideas/problems related to work.
The evening opened with a presentation on the fundamentals of Lean Canvas.

Attendees worked in small groups after the event’s opening presentation.

Southern California
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YWIB-Southern California YWIB Presents “International Women's Day- Women in STEM: Media & Communications”

Join the San Diego Festival of Science & Engineering, in partnership with Young Women In Bio, on International Women's Day,
March 8, 2016, for an exciting opportunity for high-school and college age women to explore the myriad of exciting careers available at local biotech companies and media organizations! The evening features an inspiring career panel with female industry leaders eager to engage in conversations about creative career pathways in Southern California, followed by a special dessert reception with the panelists. Enjoy music, prizes, and a photo booth, too!

**Leadership Traits That Are Always In Style**

Ferring Pharmaceuticals surprised, Katerina Leftheris inspired, Gerard Gourmet’s buffet sated our appetites, what a great first career development event of 2016 it was. Thank you all again for attending in numbers, our speakers, our sponsor Ferring Pharmaceuticals, and steering committee that have made this event possible. The event was videotaped, and I strongly encourage you, current and soon to be WIB members, to sit back, relax, and enjoy it in replay when it will be available on the WIB Video Library site. I’ll just tease you with a little on what happened and a few foods for thoughts shared…

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**American Biomanufacturing Summit Coming to San Diego in May**

The American Biomanufacturing Summit is a senior-level program designed to provide biomanufacturing executives with current trends, strategic insights, and best-practices on internal manufacturing, external manufacturing, operational excellence, quality management, and compliance. During the Summit, held May 10 and 11, 2016, network with over 150 of your peers as we explore strategies to maximize efficiency while remaining compliant in an ever evolving environment. [Learn more.](#)
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 Chapter Membership Breadth

When attending an event hosted by WIB-Southern California, you will have the opportunity to meet with a wide range of women and men of different backgrounds. In terms of education, our members' highest degree earned is well distributed between Bachelors, Masters, Ph.D., and other professional degrees. Learn more about our chapter members!

Meet Stephanie L. Seidman, Ph.D.

Dr. Stephanie Seidman has more than 27 years of experience providing strategic counseling on the development and commercialization of patent portfolios for the bio-pharma industry. She has prosecuted hundreds of pharmaceutical, biotechnical and chemical patents, notably patent portfolios involving complex technologies including therapeutic proteins, small molecules, antibodies and diagnostics. Dr. Seidman is recognized for her representation of emerging and developing companies, including private public companies in the biotech and pharmaceutical industries. Her prior experience includes more than 23 years in private practice in various positions and several years as a patent examiner for US Patent and Trademark Office. She also was a post doctoral staff fellow at the National Institutes of Health. Learn more about Stephanie.

Washington DC/Baltimore

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WIB-DC/Baltimore YWIB Presents An Afternoon of Hands-On Science

The Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) invites Young Women In Bio (YWIB) and area middle school girls to participate in an afternoon of science immersion on March 11, 2016. WRAIR shares YWIB’s passion for engaging the DC/Baltimore community in science, technology, engineering, and math, and supports numerous educational outreach programs. Through their GEMS (Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science) program, adolescents get to experience firsthand scientific method and valuable experimental techniques. Come join WRAIR and YWIB for a taste of this exciting curriculum. Registration is limited to 25 girls so please be sure to sign-up early to reserve your place.

Want Network Online? Join WIB DC/Baltimore on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter!

Tired of too much effort spent traveling and showing up in person for every chapter event? Then join our online social media groups, and start conversation and networking from anywhere! WIB-DC/Baltimore has launched and robustly runs our LinkedIn group (https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4260075), Facebook Page (https://www.facebook.com/WIBDCBaltimore/?fref=ts), and Twitter handle (https://twitter.com/WIBDCBaltimore). Follow us and you'll be informed of upcoming events, recaps of past events, resources, recent articles in Bio-related fields, and job postings!

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!**

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**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!

**OTHER INTERESTS**

**Get your Complimentary Exhibit Hall Pass to Attend BioProcess International West**

BioProcess International West is the industry's leading event to learn about the ideas, strategies, and solutions to improve the speed, cost, and quality of your operations - from basic research to commercial manufacturing. Women In Bio members can receive a complimentary 3-day exhibit hall pass to attend this year's exhibition, held March 15-17 in Oakland, CA. Register for your complimentary 3-day exhibit hall pass today: check the “Exhibit Hall Only” option and enter priority code WOMENBIO to claim your free pass. This offer expires on Friday, March 4, 2016.

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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