WIB National Webinar: "Effective Project Management in the Life Sciences"

Effective project management is critical to the successful execution of life sciences projects. During this September 8, 2016, webinar Gretchen Stup will provide an introduction to the Project Management Life Cycle, and present an overview of proven project management tools and methodologies that can be implemented in your organization. You will walk away with real life examples from a biologic development program and an understanding of many tools that can be used to help ensure successful project execution. This course will result in up to one hour of PMI-approvable Professional Development Units (PDUs) for the project management field. Learn more!

Stephanie Mixson Byrd and Elise Hartley Join National YWIB Team

WIB’s National Young Women In Bio Chair, Ashley Bowman, announced that Stephanie Mixson Byrd and Elise Hartley will join the National YWIB team as Co-Vice Chairs. The team is very excited to have these two outstanding additions!

Stephanie received her Ph.D. in Plant Biology with a minor in Biotechnology in the summer of 2013 from N.C. State University. She began working at Medicago in the fall of 2013 as that company’s first full time hire in Analytical Development. Medicago is a mid-sized start-up company currently in clinical trials for seasonal flu using virus-like particle technology. As an Analytical Development Specialist, Stephanie works on developing and optimizing assays as well as completing tech transfers to Quality Control. Stephanie is moving into a national role from WIB-RTP’s Young Women In Bio program. Over the first three years of WIB-RTP’s Young Women In Bio program, six events were hosted totaling nearly 200 girls in attendance. Since Stephanie became the chapter’s YWIB chair in 2014, it has hosted 15 events with over 550 girls attending, and she has arranged for the chapter to host as many as eight more YWIB events this year! In spite of all the time Stephanie puts into YWIB, she still has time to train weekly with her award winning agility dog (true story), hold a board position with a local rotary group, maintain a social life, and advance in her role at Medicago! Stephanie will be an exceptional asset to the National YWIB team!

Elise is in her third year of GlaxoSmithKline’s (GSK’s) Future Leaders Program, a graduate development program in US Pharmaceuticals. She began her new role as Executive in R&D Policy and Scientific...
Affairs this July. Prior to her move back to RTP, Elise lived in Arlington, VA, where she chaired the WIB-DC/Baltimore Young Women In Bio committee. While in that role, the accomplishment of which she was most proud was leading her team of adult and student volunteers through a three-day exhibition at the USA Science and Engineering Festival, the nation’s largest science festival. Elise obtained her B.A. in psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), where she also focused on Global Food Studies. Before joining GSK, Elise conducted clinical psychology research with UNC Hospitals on eating disorders, and served as a principal investigator with Duke University for a study to investigate the reach and efficacy of obesity treatment through interpersonal relationships. She has also worked as a part-time project manager for a biotechnology consulting group. Elise is thrilled to return to her hometown of Durham, North Carolina, and to continue fostering STEM education and engagement in young women across the country. We are very excited to add Elise to the National YWIB team and utilize her exceptional leadership skills!

**Women In Bio Announces Its Boardroom Ready Program**

Women In Bio is pleased to launch our Boardroom Ready Program, aimed to help executive women achieve their goal of corporate board service. Inspired by Biogen’s successful Raising the Bar Program, WIB’s Boardroom Ready Program seeks to prepare exceptionally qualified WIB members for board service by providing board certification training, and assistance seeking public and private corporate board opportunities. You have different opportunities to engage in this program: You could become a Boardroom Ready Candidate, a Financial Sponsor, or a Boardroom Coach. Learn more.

**RESOURCES**

**WIB Video Spotlight Series:**

Navigating Diverse Career Possibilities and Transitions

Hear advice about navigating diverse career possibilities and transitions from WIB-Washington DC/Baltimore’s past panel discussion in our member-exclusive video library!

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**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 newsletter!

**Check Out WIB’s Job Board!**

Women In Bio has a job board! Visit [http://wibcareercenter.com](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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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](https://smile.amazon.com). By doing so, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to WIB. Thanks for your support!
Upcoming Events

- WIB-Austin Area "Bio-Industry in Central Texas" event, August 19, 2016
- WIB-DC/Baltimore and AWIS-Bethesda Summer Networking Happy Hour, August 25, 2016

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WIB-Atlanta Presents "Current Developments in Women's Cognitive Health - Why Doesn't Mom Remember?"

Alzheimer's and Dementia awareness month is September, and with that in mind WIB-Atlanta is excited about raising awareness of these neurological diseases by hosting an informative panel discussion and networking session on September 12, 2016. Alzheimer's disease is estimated to affect 1 in 10 people over the age of 65 and 2 out of 3 individuals suffering from this disease are women. Not only are women more likely to develop Alzheimer's, they are also more likely to be the primary caregiver of a family member with dementia. Join us on September 12, 2016, to learn more about work being done to battle this devastating disease.

Supper Club Dinner with Darnisha Harrison, CEO, Ennaid Therapeutics

On July 14, 2016, eight members of the Women In Bio-Atlanta chapter shared the privilege of dining with Darnisha Harrison, Founder, President, and CEO of Ennaid Therapeutics, at the home of WIB member, Jamie Graham. During the evening, Darnisha explained her vision to create a company that focused on curing third world diseases, starting with the mosquito-transmitted dengue virus. Read more!
WIB-Austin Area Presents: "Bio-Industry in Central Texas: JLABS Showcase and Tour"

Join WIB-Austin Area on August 19, 2016, as we explore the brand new Johnson & Johnson Innovation JLABS space at the Texas Medical Center. JLABS is an emerging innovation center that is partnering the local entrepreneurial ecosystem with researchers at Texas Medical Center to drive development of transformative solutions in the medical space. This is a remarkable opportunity to tour the facilities at JLABS and meet with the leaders whose technologies are impacting the biotechnology and medical fields. Hear from Danguole Altman who is the founder, President and CEO of Vapogenix a clinical development company that focuses on non-narcotic analgesics for localized pain management. We have set aside time for lightning pitches, during which attendees can showcase their innovations and thoughts and get a chance to practice elevator pitches.

WIB-Chicago Presents "Start-up Challenge 2.0"

Join WIB-Chicago on September 27, 2016, for our Start-up 2.0 Challenge as finalists from women-led Illinois biotech companies give short pitches about their companies' technology and products. Local experts from the investment and start-up communities will provide feedback and select the winning pitch. The winner receives a cash award of $2500! The event will also feature a structured networking session with local entrepreneurs. The Start-up 2.0 Challenge application period is now open to all female entrepreneurs in the Life Sciences. Learn more!

Symphony in the Park

On July 20, 2016, WIB-Chicago held its summer “Symphony in the Park” - an annual networking event at Millennium Park. The event was an engaging networking session with a symphony performance as well as projected images from National Geographic photographers. During the event women from various backgrounds shared their views on their experiences in the life sciences industry, and held interesting discussions on work-life balance. Attendees had a wonderful time listening to music while enjoying food and refreshing drinks. Symphony in the Park was a truly delightful Chicago evening full of fun, music, and great company! - Aparna Yellapa, WIB-Chicago Communications Co-Chair
WIB-Greater Boston is Pleased to Report a Number of Exciting Developments

New Leadership: Michelle Linn and Amy Speak have taken over responsibilities as Chapter Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. Both Michelle and Amy have dedicated their careers to our industry, holding senior positions within small to large life sciences companies. We are confident that under their leadership our chapter will quickly grow to its next level of success. In addition to Michelle and Amy, the chapter has rounded out its team to include talented folks who will lead its Membership, Fundraising, Young Women In Bio, Communications, and Programming committees. We invite you to check out our chapter page to learn more about us - our leadership, upcoming events, and how to become a member and volunteer!

WIB-Greater Boston Chapter is Active on Social Media

WIB Greater Boston is active on social media! To stay abreast of our chapter developments and upcoming events, join our LinkedIn group, follow our new Twitter account (@WIB_Boston), and see our chapter page (http://www.womeninbio.org/wib-chapters/greater-boston).

WIB Members Receive a $100 Registration Discount for BioPharm America

BioPharm America 2016 (September 13-15, 2016) brings together hundreds of the world's most innovative leaders across biotech, finance, and pharma for high-level networking, pre-scheduled partnering meetings, strategic panel discussions, and more. This three-day conference provides a proven and highly productive format for establishing new business relationships, bringing dealmakers from the life science ecosystem together to engage and de-risk the enormous task of drug development. Meet face-to-face with biotech and pharma executives from around the world to identify and enter strategic relationships. Since Women In Bio is a BioPharm America sponsor, WIB members are eligible for a $100 registration discount. For information on the discount, or to volunteer at the event's WIB table, please contact us at Boston@womeninbio.org. Register at https://ebdgroup.knect365.com/biopharm-america/registration-information. Enter “WOMENINBIO100” as the registration code for the discount. We'll also be holding a meetup on the evening of September 14, 2016, in conjunction with the BioPharm America event. Details will follow in the next newsletter and on our Twitter page.


Join WIB–Greater Montreal for a fun and fascinating discussion on the impact celebrity culture has on science and society as featured in Timothy Caulfield's new book Is Gwyneth Paltrow Wrong About Everything? For Timothy Caulfield, lawyer and health science expert, it wasn't enough to simply chronicle the amazing influence celebrity culture has on people's lifestyle and healthcare decisions. In addition, he spends a year employing a hands-on approach trying every popular celebrity beauty routine and diet. He reads all the celebrity magazines,
Twitter feeds, and gossip blogs. He even signs himself up with a modeling agency! In the end, Caulfield uses science to debunk the many myths and promises espoused by today’s celebrities; separating sense from nonsense…

Bring a copy of the book, and we will ask questions to kick-start the discussion. Drinks and light fare will be provided.

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Learn More about Our Chapter

The Metro New York Area Women In Bio 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. WIB-Metro New York capitalizes on the area’s unique combination of innovation and cultural treasures which make the region a magnet for highly qualified, creative talent. Centered among the region’s global life sciences leaders in New York City, New Jersey, Hudson Valley, Connecticut, and eastern Pennsylvania, the Metro New York region provides fertile ground for scientists, researchers and entrepreneurs to launch and grow their careers. Learn more about our chapter.

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WIB-Philadelphia Metro Serves Professionals in Philadelphia, New Jersey, and Delaware

The WIB-Philadelphia Metro chapter is an organization of professionals actively committed to promoting careers, leadership, and entrepreneurship of women in the life sciences in the Philadelphia, Delaware, NJ area. We aim to foster the community of life science professionals while providing mentorship and professional development opportunities across the career continuum - from those just beginning their careers to industry veterans. The WIB-Philadelphia Metro chapter is seeking volunteers to serve on our leadership team and enhance chapter Programs, Communications, Membership, and Sponsorship. We currently have six chapter chairs who are working on promoting the organization, and setting up a launch event in early October. We would love for you to join us, whether as a member, a sponsor, or to attend our launch event to find out more about us. Learn more by visiting our Chapter Website or emailing us at Philadelphiametro@womeninbio.org. You can also find us on Facebook and LinkedIn. Participate in our survey, and let us know how WIB-Philadelphia Metro can best serve you!

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#TwitterNewbie...#HaventGotAClue…#TwitterProfessional…#HowToMarketMyself…#WantToLearnMore… Want to finally understand the “#” and “@” lingo? Join members @WIBPittsburgh on August 25, 2016, as we learn how to #BeCool. Live Twitter interaction will play a large role in our P.O.W.E.R. 2016 celebration in September. Learn now so you can participate at the event! Our WIB-Pittsburgh social media team (Suean Farabaugh, Mary Florio, and Tara Chowdhury) will lead the program with Knopp Biosciences co-founder and experienced Tweeter, Tom Petzinger (@TomPetz). Twitter newbies will experience hands-on instruction. Twitter professionals will gain experience in strategic tweeting and marketing to increase effectiveness and branding. All will #HaveGreatFun learning how to participate in live question and answer sessions. Bring your favorite device so you can #JoinInTheFun!

P.O.W.E.R. 2016 - Empowering Women to Protect Women
The annual Pittsburgh’s Outstanding Women Entrepreneurs Rally (P.O.W.E.R.) is a celebration of the contribution local women are making to life sciences and healthcare. P.O.W.E.R. 2016 will showcase the use of science and technology in championing new methods for protecting women.

Sexual assault and physical violence against women are as old as time itself. In today’s technological world, sexual assault and female trafficking are more pervasive and organized. On September 20, 2016, P.O.W.E.R. 2016 will link scientific innovation, law, and economic growth in a cross-sectional forum of experts, entrepreneurs, and researchers who have developed key tools for fighting violators. Five successful Pittsburgh innovators will highlight cutting-edge technologies used to combat, prevent and prosecute sexual brutality in Pittsburgh and across the globe:

WIB-Pittsburgh is proud that P.O.W.E.R. 2016 will furnish a platform for these inspiring women – women who live and work in our region – to showcase the science and technology they have developed to protect women and to change the landscape of violence in our world. This year P.O.W.E.R. will again be a part of Thrill Mill's Thrival Festival - an innovation and music festival put on by one of Pittsburgh’s newest accelerators. Seating is limited – Early registration is strongly encouraged.

Meet P.O.W.E.R. 2016 Speaker 3 of 5: Ria David

Dr. Ria David is president and co-founder of Cybergenetics, a Pittsburgh, PA, biotechnology company that focuses on forensic DNA analysis. More than 20 years ago, Cybergenetics developed the TrueAllele (R) technology to automate STR DNA interpretation by using computers. Since 2000, when TrueAllele was adapted for the forensics market, Cybergenetics has provided forensic interpretation and database products and services to government agencies, academic institutions, and the private sector. The TrueAllele technology is used with extremely complex DNA evidence, and was utilized to help identify victim remains from the World Trade Center terrorism attack. TrueAllele is the most accurate, sophisticated, and scientifically validated commercial computer technology for interpreting complex DNA evidence from crime scenes. It has been used in more than 500 cases in North America and internationally. This technology is used to help resolve DNA crime scene evidence from sexual assaults, rape (including serial and incest), as well as other violent crimes from homicides, violent assault, and burglary. Recently, TrueAllele pro bono interpretation service was used to exonerate a man falsely imprisoned for 24 years on brutal rape charges. Dr. David has a Ph.D. in American History with a focus on business culture, and an Executive MBA.

Volunteer for “STEAM-abration” with Citizen Science Lab & YWIB

Interested in getting our youth excited about science? The Citizen Science Lab is a community science lab involved in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) outreach in the Pittsburgh area. They are hosting a community event to educate kids (and their adults!) about STEAM. Young Women In Bio will provide volunteers to help the event run smoothly. Come join us at STEAM-abration on Sunday, August 20, 2016, at the Energy Innovation Center in downtown Pittsburgh. More information can be found here. We welcome all WIB members to join us! If you are interested in volunteering at this event, or future events, please contact us at Pittsburgh@womeninbio.org.

Empower the Next Generation with Mentors, Advisors, Peers

MAPs is empowering women to help other women through mentoring. If you are interested in becoming a MAPs mentor or mentee, pick up a copy of our program flyer at P.O.W.E.R. 2016 and come introduce yourself to the MAPs leadership team: Beth Shaaban, Kelly Picchione, and Megan Kiedrowski. Join in empowering the next generation of women in the sciences!

Email us at pittsburghmaps@womeninbio.org or visit http://www.womeninbio.org/mentoring for more information.
WIB-Pittsburgh Supports Curable and Treatments for Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis

Saturday, July 30, 2016, was a Game Changer night. Several WIB-Pittsburgh members had the good fortune to attend the Pittsburgh 2016 Game Changer Annual Benefit, a gala to raise money for Curable. Curable (previously known as SAVE JON, Inc.) is an organization working to cure a rare liver and bile duct disease called Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (PSC) in time to save the lives of patients who are currently suffering from this disease. Curable’s goal is to deliver new therapeutic trials to patients - with PSC as well as other rare diseases - within just five years’ time. As part of the event, WIB-Pittsburgh members met Mike Ditka, former professional football player, coach of the Chicago Bears, and Pittsburgh native, who is a large supporter of Curable. Attendees enjoyed an amazing evening, complete with awe-inspiring talks from individuals living with PSL, as well as Dr. Byers Shaw and Dr. Lisa Boyette, physicians working to treat and cure PSC.

Dressed to the nines, WIB-Pittsburgh members pose on the red carpet (left to right): Mary Florio, Katya Orlova, Michelle Zorrilla, Curable Cheerleader, Susan Farabaugh, Emily Bossart, Alison Nagle, and Tara Chowdhury.
WIB-Pittsburgh members Emily Bossart (second from left) and Alison Nagle meet Mike Ditka.

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WIB-RTP Happy Hour Meetup at the Frontier

Come network after work with WIB and other RTP professionals at the Frontier Happy Hour on August 25, 2016! This casual event is open and free to members and non-members, so feel free to bring along some coworkers and enjoy the networking. More information and address can be found at [http://www.rtp.org/program/rtp-happy-hour/](http://www.rtp.org/program/rtp-happy-hour/).

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Hot Trends in Biology: CRISPR, Big Data, and the Microbiome

On July 28, 2016, WIB-San Francisco Bay Area hosted a panel discussion at Siemens Healthcare in Berkeley that featured three panelists and a moderator from companies representing current “Hot Trends” in industry, including CRISPR technology, microbiome research, and next generation sequencing. Rachel Haurwitz (CEO, Caribou Biosciences), Colleen Cutcliffe (Co-founder and CEO, Whole Biome), and Amy Swanson (Associate Director of Medical Education and Communications, Illumina) provided an exciting discussion of current trends in biotechnology, the benefits and challenges of working in new technologies, as well as their personal experiences and career trajectories. Thank you to all participants, and a special thanks to Siemens for hosting the event!
On June 14, 2016, Women In Bio – Seattle Metro hosted a panel discussion at Cambia Grove on workplace diversity for over 30 attendees. The panel was moderated by Ruchika Tulshyan, who was joined by distinguished panelists Juan Cotto, Director of Outreach, Inclusion, and Diversity at Fred Hutch, Princess Ayers, Chief of Workforce Diversity and Inclusion at Seattle Children's Hospital, and Liz Vivian, President and CEO at Women's Fundraising Alliance. Read more!
Learn to Golf Workshop

On July 26, 2016, WIB-Seattle Metro hosted 16 members for their first ever golf workshop at Interbay Golf Center in Seattle, WA. The evening started with some networking over appetizers and refreshments before moving into small group lessons. Our two instructors, Ron and Pete, taught members the basics of putting, chipping, and driving. The goal of the evening was to learn and understand the basics of golf to feel more comfortable when playing golf in a social or professional network setting. To further develop your golf skills, Interbay Golf Center offers a Ladies Night every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., with each week focused on a specific golf topic along with private, semi-private, and group lessons.
Warming up on the driving range.

Putting practice.

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Beyond Rare Disease R&D: Accelerating Therapeutic Access for Patients with Rare Diseases

Join Moderator Dr. Christina Waters, CEO and Founder of RARE Science, and a panel of experts on September 8, 2016, as they discuss the importance of early accurate disease diagnosis, as a misdiagnosis not only leads to progression of disease, but also to unneeded financial costs for the patient and health system. They will also focus on therapeutic access to existing drugs, the cost of drug development and therapeutic pricing, and reimbursement. 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.

BioNetwork West – Partnering Made Easy

BioNetwork West is the essential platform for business development executives across the pharmaceutical and biotechnology space to come together. While there you will develop relationships with true decision makers that lead to strategic partnerships, all done in a beautiful intimate setting. We make it easy for you to make lasting connections…and enjoy yourself while doing so! Pharma/Big Biotechs – register now with code BNW16WIB and receive $600 off your ticket. Book online at http://bit.ly/295No3P or call us at 1-646-200-7530. Discounted rates are also available for Small Biotechs, Academics, and Universities. Join us at The Ritz-Carlton, in beautiful Laguna Niguel, California, October 5-7, 2016.

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Summer Networking Happy Hour!

WIB-DC/Baltimore and the Association for Women in Science (AWIS) Bethesda Chapter invite you to a networking happy hour at La Tasca, Rockville, MD. Don’t miss the opportunity to meet and connect with industry professionals, entrepreneurs, and researchers while enjoying sangrias and tapas at the lounge. This event is open to both members and non-members. All guests will enjoy complimentary appetizers and two drink tickets.

"Dangerous Documents: Avoiding Land Mines in Your FDA Records and e-Mails"

The FDA auditor is coming tomorrow. What can you do to make sure your documents are ready? To answer questions such as this one, WIB-DC/Baltimore and event sponsor Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein and Fox, LLP (SKGF), hosted a July 21, 2016, seminar entitled “Dangerous Documents: Avoiding Land Mines in Your FDA Records and e-Mails.” The event speaker was Nancy Singer, Esq., founder of the Compliance-Alliance, LLC, and she discussed how to establish a culture of compliance to ensure that documents in your purview won’t come back to bite you during an audit or a trial. Event attendees ranged from paralegals to Directors at SKGF, academics, and industry professionals from around the region. Nancy reminded them that drug and device executives are held to a higher legal standard because the consumers using their products are not in a position
to decide complex scientific questions themselves. During the seminar attendees also completed group exercises where Nancy helped us realize how statements and actions that many are guilty of can come back and cause great harm personally and professionally. Read the entire article.

Become a WIB-DC/Baltimore Sponsor! Help Us Meet Our Common Goals!

Support the WIB-DC/Baltimore Chapter! Being a chapter sponsor gives your company great opportunities to interact with more than 2,000 women professionals in life sciences, take advantage of corporate-rated WIB annual memberships for your employees, and enhance the exposure of your company to the WIB community via our monthly events. If your organization thrives to impact and facilitate professional growth for women in the life sciences, please consider becoming a WIB chapter sponsor. We represent a network of more than 230 dues-paying members and over 1,800 participating women professionals. Your company’s brand will reach within and beyond our community to extended networks throughout the DC/Baltimore area. Furthermore, by sponsoring our monthly education and networking events, you will bring true value and influence in promoting 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.

Want to get involved? Volunteer at our Membership, Sponsorship, MAPs and/or YWIB committees!

Looking for opportunities to build your leadership and professional network in our local chapter? Consider volunteering for our Membership, Sponsorship, MAPs, and YWIB committees! All these committees are seeking amazing volunteers to help with
exciting projects such as membership driving and events planning for the upcoming year. Join us, and don’t miss out the opportunity to become the future leaders of the WIB-DC/Baltimore chapter. Contact DC.Baltimore@WomenInBio.org to learn more!

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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