NATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executives Selected for First Boardroom Ready Program Class

Twenty accomplished female life sciences executives will comprise the first ever cohort of Women In Bio’s Boardroom Ready program. The women will spend five days this fall at George Washington University completing a new executive-level board certification training program to prepare them to join corporate Boards of Directors. WIB announced the new program in June, and received over 70 applications for 20 available seats in the initial class. WIB’s Boardroom Ready selection committee comprised of six men and women with extensive board experience in the biotech/pharma industry conducted an in-depth review of the applications to choose the top 20 candidates who would benefit most from the Boardroom Ready program. Read more.

WIB Offers a Back to School Discount!

If you have considered joining Women In Bio, there is no better time than this September to do so!

Our “Back To School” promotion for new memberships is in full swing! Get 25% off of our normal membership rates. Take advantage of this discount and join us for only $71.25 (for a 1-year general membership) or $37.50 (for a student/post-doc membership). Discounted multi-year membership options and organizational membership options are also available. Interested? This is a limited-time offer so take advantage of it today!

To become a WIB member, visit www.womeninbio.org and use promo code BTS201625%.

RESOURCES

WIB Video Spotlight Series:

Dr. ShaAvhrée Buckman-Garner Talks about Her Career, the FDA, and New Medicine Development

Hear Dr. ShaAvhrée Buckman-Garner, Director of CDER’s Office of Translational Sciences, at the U.S. Food & Drug Administration, give a career success story, describe the FDA’s growth and its role in the biotech industry, and review the process by which new medicines are developed. You can listen to her presentation in our member-exclusive video library!
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.

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!

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CHAPTER NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming Events

- **Tonight!** - WIB-San Francisco "Leveraging Diversity in Your Workplace" event
- WIB-RTP "Making the Transition from Academia to Industry" event, September 20, 2016
- WIB-RTP Young Women In Bio attends Biogen’s "Back to School" event, September 22, 2016
- WIB-Austin Area "Get to know WIB-Austin Area!" event, September 23, 2016
- WIB-Chicago "Start-up Challenge 2.0" event, September 27, 2016
- WIB-Seattle Metro "Communication and the 3 Hows" event, September 28, 2016
- WIB-San Francisco Bay Area YWIB Biotechnology Career Leadership Event at Amgen, September 29, 2016

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About Our Chapter

WIB-Atlanta was founded in 2012 to cater to women in the burgeoning life sciences sector here. Our chapter provides women a space to interact and exchange information and ideas through a wide range of social gatherings and educational workshops. Our membership base includes women researchers, sales, law professionals, business, technology transfer specialists, supportive staff, policy experts, doctors, medical/science communicators, educators, and other experts. Learn more about our chapter!

Austin Area
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WIB-Austin Area Presents "Get to know WIB-Austin Area!"

We invite you to join us on September 23, 2016, for a networking happy hour at BlackFinn AmeriPub in Austin. This will be a great opportunity to meet and network with industry professionals and researchers. Come meet the Women In Bio-Austin Area board and active members to learn more about the benefits of the organization. Men are also welcome to attend! Complimentary snacks will be provided. This event is open to members and non-members.

Professional Development Series: "How Can a Mentor or Sponsor Maximize Professional Success?"

At any stage in a career, personal ambition and professional achievements can position an individual for success. However, career progression often hinges not only upon these factors but also on insights from a seasoned professional. On October 17, 2016, join WIB-Austin Area to learn about the differences between a sponsor and a career mentor, and also meet individuals who have served in company leadership, sponsor, and mentor roles. The panel discussion will be lead by Hilary Graham from Luminex Corporation. Our panelists include Laura Bosworth-Bucher, CEO and Co-Founder of TeVido BioDevices, and Nancy Fairchild, SPHR, Sr. Vice President, Human Resources of Luminex Corporation. Please join us for an evening of insights and networking! Snacks and beverages will be served.

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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. Learn more!

WIB-Chicago Presents “Humanize Your Data through Storytelling”

On October 24, 2016, join the Chicago Chapter of Women In Bio for a workshop with Executive Coach and Communications Trainer, Jennie Moreau. Discover ways to bring your data to life and connect with your audience through storytelling. This interactive workshop will teach participants how to build crucial relationships with their audiences, structure a compelling journey, and bring the best version of yourself to every presentation and conversation.

Greater Boston
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WIB-Greater Boston Rounds Out Leadership Team

The Greater-Boston Chapter is pleased to announce that it has enhanced its Leadership Team with the following additions:

- Communications Chair – Francesca Nolan
- Fundraising Chair – Carina Clingman
- Young Women In Bio Chair – Suzanne Grillo
- Programming Chair – Nil Vanli
- Membership Vice Chair – Melissa Gebhardt

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! We also have a LinkedIn page. We invite you to join the group!

WIB-Greater Boston Team Participates in Three Important Events!

BioPharm America 2016 (September 13-15, 2016) has brought 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. Our Chapter leadership volunteered at the WIB table, raising WIB’s profile among the many attendees.

The Board Meeting - Biotech Boardroom Diversity (September 15, 2016) was produced by Liftstream in collaboration with partner Biogen and focused on addressing executive diversity in the life sciences. Our Chapter attended this event and helped produce the video showcased at the event.
MassBio's **Finding Our Next Generation Leaders: Championing a Diverse Leadership Pipeline** (September 16, 2016): Michelle Linn, Chair of the WIB-Greater Boston Chapter, presented an overview of our Chapter and our efforts to move WIB's mission forward. The event marked MassBio's first ever gender diversity summit.

**Greater Montréal**
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**About Our Chapter**

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

A propos de notre chapitre

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

**Metro New York**
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**Ovarian Cancer: Changing the Early Detection Paradigm and Controlling Your Destiny**

Join us on September 26, 2016, as Valerie Barber Palmieri, CEO of Vermillion, describes the Who, What, Why, and How of the United State's most deadly gynecologic malignancy. She will discuss the incidence of the disease, its diffuse symptoms, and the need for women to listen to their bodies and take charge of their care. We will discuss how utilization of modern diagnostics helps to identify this cancer early, when it is still highly treatable. We will also review diary entries of a few survivor journeys to highlight how awareness can "truly" make a difference!

**Philadelphia Metro**
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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!

**Pittsburgh**
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**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:

Janet D. Necessary, J.D.  
Deputy District Attorney  
Allegheny County

Jennifer Elliott  
Sr. Training Specialist  
Thermo Fisher

Rita David, Ph.D.  
President & Co-Founder  
Cybergenetics

Carol Jones  
COO & Co-Founder  
Marinus Analytics

Elizabeth Miller, M.D., Ph.D., F.S.A.H.M.  
Chief/Professor of Pediatrics  
Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh

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 5 of 5: Elizabeth Miller, M.D., Ph.D., F.S.A.H.M

Dr. Elizabeth Miller is a Professor in Pediatrics and Chief of the Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Trained in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, and medical anthropology, she has over a decade of practice and research experience in addressing interpersonal violence in clinical and community settings.

Second P.O.W.E.R. Awardee to be Announced

The P.O.W.E.R. Award recognizes local life sciences women in transformative roles. Recipients of this honor have made significant contributions to our region and have achieved the highest level of professional excellence in life sciences. These leaders are committed to promoting careers and opportunities for women. With the 2016 P.O.W.E.R. Award, WIB-Pittsburgh celebrates a woman who has developed and implemented innovative technologies with the tenacity and determination required to evoke change in the world. Please join us on September 20, 2016, in applauding this P.O.W.E.R.ful member of our community!
WIB-Pittsburgh Invites You to Its 4th Annual Hat-O-Ween Celebration"

On October 18, 2016, celebrate a spook-tacular year with WIB-Pittsburgh. Don your best Halloween-hats and join us for our annual Hat-O-Ween Celebration! Enjoy complimentary cocktails and hor d’oeuvres at Tender Bar + Kitchen in Lawrenceville, one of Pittsburgh's hottest up-and-coming neighborhoods. This social event of the season will include a signature spooky cocktail created just for WIB! Grab your glue gun or dash to your local costume store. A prize will be awarded for the best hat or wig. #WIBHatoween Come witches, come cats, come in spectacular millinery, and bring out the gh'-oul times! Register early – spooks are limited!

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.

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WIB-RTP Presents "Making the Transition from Academia to Industry"

Please join us on September 20, 2016, for an informative panel discussion on the transition from academia to industry! The discussion will be moderated by Meredith Earl, Principal Scientist at Liquidia Technologies, and feature these panelists: Laura McClung, Health Outcomes Liaison and Consultant at Eli Lilly and Company; Ginger Rothrock, Director, Emerging Technologies at RTI International; Sheetal Ghelani, Associate Director, Strategic Site Collaboration at PPD; Leigh Ann Tull, Account Manager at Sigma Aldrich; Sathya Ganesan, Manager, Regulatory Affairs at PPD; and Ben Boytor, Director of Quality at BD Technologies. The panel will focus on different career paths outside of academia, how to evaluate your transferable skills, and how to prepare yourself for the next step in your career. If you are looking to leave academia, or to make a career change, you do not want to miss this event. There will be opportunities for networking before and after the panel event. Light refreshments and drinks will be provided.

WIB-RTP Young Women In Bio Attends Biogen’s "Back to School" Event

Have you ever wondered what goes on at one of North Carolina’s largest independent biotechnology companies? This September 22, 2016, event will get students excited about science through their participation in hands-on experiments and a tour of the facility, all led by female biotech professionals. The work done at Biogen will come to life as students experience the tools and techniques used to discover, develop, manufacture, and commercialize innovative therapies for people living with serious neurological, autoimmune, and rare diseases. The event ends with a pizza party where the students and Biogen professionals can chat in an informal setting. This event is open to girls in 6th and 7th grades.

San Francisco Bay Area
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Tonight! - WIB-San Francisco Presents "Leveraging Diversity in Your Workplace"

Join us tonight for an informative panel discussion on how to leverage diversity in your workplace. Research has shown that including people of different ages, cultures, personal and professional backgrounds, and genders in a group setting can lead to greater innovation. Still, many companies struggle with achieving diversity in their workforce. This discussion will be moderated by McElla Pappas, Senior Sales Manager and Head of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee at Computer Futures, and feature these panelists: Julius Pryor - Head of Innovation, Diversity & Inclusion at Genentech/Roche; Bonita Banducci - Instructor of Gender and Engineering at Santa Clara University, Faculty at Women's Startup Lab; and Asha Collins - VP of Clinical Trial Sourcing at McKesson. There will be opportunities for networking before and after the panel discussion. Light refreshments will be provided by Real Staffing as you enjoy the fabulous view of the city and its bridges from the 39th floor.

YWIB Biotechnology Career Leadership for Girls at Amgen

Have you ever wondered what it takes to invent new medicines? At Amgen, scientists work hard to develop new cures for serious illnesses. Join Young Women In Bio on September 29, 2016, for a special afternoon at Amgen to meet female scientists and hear about their work and career trajectories. You’ll have a chance to ask questions, chat in small groups, and work together completing hands-on science activities. Participants should wear closed-toed shoes. Pizza will be provided!
Mixing and Mingling with Women In Bio

The Seattle Metro Chapter of Women In Bio enjoyed a buzzing summer social on August 9, 2016. Despite the threat of rain, we had a full house in Fluke Hall at the University of Washington. Over 70 attendees enjoyed bites and beverages while they networked and connected with colleagues. One of the highlights of the evening was a raffle, which included several books written by speakers at previous events and a free membership for a future member. We look forward to seeing all of our members, new and old, at the next event in September.

Attendees (left to right) Vaishali Joshi, Quyen Tran, Karen Eaton, and Caroline Roman mingle during the event.

Attendees check their ticket numbers during the raffle.

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WIB-Southern California Presents "Career Strategy: From Job Search to Salary Negotiation"

Looking to take charge of your professional future? Join us on October 13, 2016, as speakers Zelekha Amrizada, Owner of Tigress Negotiating, and Robin Toft, President and CEO of Toft Group Executive Search, provide advice, motivation, and inspiration on
developing successful career strategies. Topics covered will include: career planning, networking strategies, how executive recruiting firms operate and add value, interview preparation and strategies, and how to navigate the interview and negotiation process successfully.

**WIB-Southern California Presents "Be Flexible! How One Woman Successfully Navigated Many Changes in the Life Sciences Industry"**

Please join us on October 26, 2016, for a special program featuring Dr. Amy Butler, recognized biotechnology leader and Vice President at Thermo Fisher Scientific. Dr. Butler will share her early experiences in life sciences, her transition from the research-side to the business-side, and how she dealt with corporate change to allow herself not only to survive but thrive in a constantly changing industry. Dr. Butler will also provide her perspectives on mentoring, balance, and women in leadership.

**Book Club Reviews Let Them Lead: How to Command Less and Accomplish More, by Michaela Hart**

August is a perfect time to catch on good reads… Whether our WIB-Southern California ladies read *Let Them Lead: How to Command Less and Accomplish More*, by Michaela Hart, at the beach or in the quiet of the night we’ll never know, but they were ready to share their thoughts with the author on this August 8, 2016, event. [Read the entire article.](#)

**Save The Date! – WIB-Southern California 2016 Holiday Party, December 1, 2016**

This year's holiday party will be here before we know it! [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](mailto:SouthernCalifornia@womeninbio.org) to learn more and receive the discount code.
BioNetwork West – Partnering Made Easy

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WIB-DC/Baltimore and AWIS-Bethesda Co-Host "Summer Networking Happy Hour!"

Over 70 members of the DC/Baltimore Chapter of WIB and the Association for Women in Science mingled at a Summer Networking Event in Rockville on August 25, 2016. Held at La Trasca Restaurant in Rockville, WIB members discovered many common interests and talents with the members of AWIS. Let's hope this has been the first of many joint events.

The La Trasca Restaurant provided a great venue for networking.
Women In Bio and AWIS members discovered they share many common interests.

**WIB-DC/Baltimore Seeks Mentors, Advisors, and Peers Co-Chairs**

Our chapter is seeking 2-3 volunteers to become the next Mentors, Advisors, and Peers (MAPs) co-chairs. The co-chairs will share the responsibilities of maintaining the MAPs University and Peer Mentoring groups and pilot a new 1:1 mentoring program. If you're interested, please contact **Kayla Valdes** (kvaldes@womeninbio.org).

**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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