2017 Biotech Showcase (TM) Comes to San Francisco on January 9th

Biotech Showcase 2017 is where innovation meets money. San Francisco’s exclusive investor and networking event takes place during healthcare’s busiest week of the year, January 9–11, 2017. It is considered to be a critical strategic benchmark for the industry’s most innovative biotech companies to connect with global life science decision makers and investors from across the drug development landscape. Register now.

Women In Bio 2016 Founders Scholarship Recipients Announced

The Women In Bio Founders Scholarship was established to advance the educational development of women by encouraging and supporting education on all aspects of life science. The scholarship honors WIB co-founders, Robbie Melton, Anne Mathias, Cynthia Wong, and Elizabeth Grey, who wanted to provide a forum for women to come together, celebrate, and support each other's success; and in so doing created a dynamic and invaluable forum for the local community.

This year we are pleased to announce WIB has offered $1,000 professional scholarships to five deserving women who work within the life sciences and are WIB members. The recipients can apply the scholarship money towards workshops, conferences, courses, seminars, and other educational programs.

The 2016 WIB Founders Scholarship recipients are:

- Hien Anh Nguyen, WIB-Chicago: Hien plans to attend the BIO 2017 Entrepreneurship Boot Camp.
- Leslie Gailloud, WIB-Metro New York: Leslie plans to attend the MGM Resorts Women’s Leadership Conference.
- Chelsea Zhou, WIB-DC/Baltimore: Chelsea plans to attend an Effective Communications and Human Relations skills workshop.
- Susan Farabaugh, WIB-Pittsburgh: Susan plans to attend a week-long course focused on “Managing Science in the Biotech Industry.”
- Daniela Grabs, WIB-Seattle Metro: Daniela plans to attend an Executive Seminar, “Strategic Communications and Negotiations.”
Individuals and organizations can donate money towards the WIB Scholarship Fund. We encourage companies to sponsor a full scholarship, and invite individuals to donate any amount. Donations can be made in honor or in memory of someone special to you.

WIB-National Webinar: JP Morgan Conference Wrap Up

On January 18, 2017, Women In Bio will host a National webinar to discuss outcomes from the JP Morgan conference’s events. The webinar will be led by Ms. Caroline Chen, Health Reporter at Bloomberg News. Whether you attended the conference or not, please join us for this informative recap. Learn more!

WIB Executive Director Interviewed for EisnerAmper Catalyst Article

Jamie Strachota, WIB Executive Director, was recently interviewed for the current issue of EisnerAmper’s Catalyst life science newsletter. Her comments appear in the issue’s feature article, “Women in Biotech,” alongside those of other women leaders representing the life sciences. Read the article.

RESOURCES

WIB Video Spotlight Series:

Negotiating Your Next Offer

View this WIB-Chicago event, listen in on a discussion of things to keep in mind when negotiating your next offer, and hear from event panelists, 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 newsletter!

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 **Members Breakfast at JP Morgan**, January 12, 2017
- WIB-San Francisco Bay Area "**Changing Tides...**" **Panel Discussion at JP Morgan**, January 12, 2017
- WIB-Pittsburgh **Winter Wine and Cheese Book Swap**, January 19, 2017

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About Our Chapter

The Women In Bio-Atlanta chapter was founded in 2012 to cater to the women in the burgeoning life sciences sector here. WIB-Atlanta 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, and educators. Additionally, we are actively involved in community outreach. Our chapter's Young Women In Bio committee has established relationships with local schools, and organizes programs that encourage girls to pursue careers in STEM fields. Through WIB-Atlanta, women can find opportunities to connect, learn, achieve, and give back to the community. To learn more about us, please see the gallery of our past events, video library (member benefit), and media coverage of our chapter.

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About Our Chapter

The Women In Bio-Austin Area chapter provides easy reach to the home of some of the most prominent academic research centers in the country, including the University of Texas at Austin, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, The Texas Heart Institute, the Texas Biomedical Research Institute, the Texas A&M System, and the Baylor, Scott & White System of institutions. The many internationally recognized hospitals and medical research centers in Texas attract a highly skilled network of trained hospital staffers, nurses, and doctors, as well as clinical trial organizations. Our membership base includes academic and clinical researchers, sales professionals, venture capitalists, legal advisors, intellectual property advisors, technology transfer specialists, policy experts, clinical trials professionals, doctors, medical/science communicators, educators, students, and many other experts that support the health, pharmaceutical, and science industry. These and other characteristics have nurtured the creation of a burgeoning biotech industry in the state, Texas having recently being dubbed the "Third Coast" of Biotechnology. Learn more about our chapter!

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WIB-Chicago Presents: "**Repeal, Replace, Revise? What Healthcare Could Look Like Under the New White House Administration?**"

The upcoming change in our federal government’s administration will likely bring drastic policy changes to the Affordable Care
Act. Hospitals are concerned about the potential loss of patients, and payers are exploring operating models that improve quality and lower costs. Pharmaceutical companies are navigating the implications of regulatory changes that impact how they bring life-saving products to market. What will the future of health care hold? Join us on January 24, 2017, for a panel discussion with industry experts who will discuss possible near-term policy adjustments and implications for patients.

Our panel discussion will be moderated by Sonal Shah, Life Sciences Research Leader, Deloitte Center for Health Solutions, and feature panelists: Barbara Otto, Chief Executive Officer, Health and Disability Advocates; Marilyn Vetter, Vice President, Government and Public Affairs, Horizon Pharma; and Jill Wolowitz, Vice President, Government Relations and Community Affairs, BCBS of Illinois.

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WIB-Greater Boston Holds Two Great Events in December!

Young Women In Bio Takes a Look into Biotech Careers: Cancer Research at Agenus

On December 12, 2016, a group of middle school girls attended a fun and educational event at Agenus, Inc. The group gathered and listened to a presentation by Michelle Linn, Vice President, Corporate Communications, who quizzed the girls on their Agenus knowledge and provided an overview of the Company. Sandra Craig, Director of Manufacturing and Logistics, then led the girls on lab tours, followed by a hands-on science experiment with Liana Goodwin, Science Writer, where they extracted DNA from strawberries. The evening concluded with a pizza dinner, Q&A, and panel discussion by Agenus employees Liana Goodwin, Mary Hoffee, Program Director, Michelle Limaj, Corporate Counsel; and Ainsley Ross, Senior Clinical Data Analyst. The event was so successful that we have already lined up a number sponsor companies for 2017!

Liana Goodwin helps the girls extract strawberry DNA out of solution.
Wine and Chocolate Holiday Networking Event

WIB-Greater Boston closed out the year with one of our most successful events of 2016! On December 13, 2016, we enjoyed a robust gathering of Boston-area life sciences folks who enjoyed the company of old friends and made new ones while noshing on delicious food, wine and chocolate. Three lucky attendees brought home a free annual WIB membership and a delightful basket of chocolate themed goodies. As the event drew to a close, people were still lingering, not wanting the night to end!
Alisha Sternenberger poses with her raffle prize: a basket full of chocolate treats!

Attendees mingle and enjoy some wine at the Venture Café.

A Year of Growth and Accomplishment

Over the past year, WIB-Greater Boston has grown to more than 175 members, and have many guests who regularly attend our events. We have successfully built a new Leadership Team, re-launched our YWIB program, proactively initiated a fundraising
campaign, and hosted a steady stream of high quality, well-attended programs. We look forward to building on this momentum in 2017!

Please Give Us Your Feedback

If you attended one WIB-Greater Boston’s events we’d love your feedback. Please take a few minutes to provide input and suggestions through our online event survey. Help us shape the future of our chapter. We are always looking to improve our events and the value of membership. If you would like to provide your suggestions, please take our chapter survey. We appreciate your input.

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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 in Breast Cancer, Progress is Good, More to Come,” Says Guest Speaker

Linda Vahdat, MD, of Weill Cornell

Even as researchers have made remarkable progress in discovering new ways to treat breast cancer over the past two decades, their work continues to progress with more promise to come. With the introduction of targeted therapies, and a better understanding of how to use existing treatments, care has progressed significantly over the past 20 years; but breast cancer still kills 41,000 women a year, largely because of metastasis so “we still have a long way to go,” WIB Metro NY guest speaker Linda Vahdat, MD, Director of breast cancer research at Weill Cornell Medical College - New York Presbyterian Hospital, told a rapt audience at a WIB-Metro New York member’s evening on November 30, 2016. Dr. Vahdat gave a perspective of the current state of treatment in 2016, highlighting a “less is more” approach, precision medicine initiatives that target treatment to individual patients based on genomic make up of their tumors, and the enormous promise of immunotherapy. Read the entire article.
Reviewing the current state of breast cancer research and treatment.

Dr. Vahdat describes her current research to a rapt audience.

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About Our Chapter

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 tri-state area. WIB-Philadelphia Metro aims 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. We are dedicated to providing education, mentoring, and professional development assistance to women who work in all disciplines including: life sciences, research, operations, legal, marketing, and beyond. Philadelphia is the birthplace of American medicine and home to many of the nations “firsts”: medical school, children’s hospital, college of pharmacy, medical library, and hospital. The area is home to a host of medical, biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and higher education, research, engineering, and venture capital entities which provide access to a deep pool of experience and talent. Learn more about our chapter!

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WIB-Pittsburgh Hosts Winter Wine and Cheese Book Swap

Wind down after the holidays with your favorite books, wine, snacks, and company! Join us on January 19, 2017, in Squirrel Hill for a cozy book swap to see what other Women In Bio members are reading! As we kick-off a new year, we encourage you to share what books inspired you in 2016, and what’s on your must-read list for 2017. Bring a book to share and pick up a new one that someone else loved. Any and all selections around science, business, motivation, and balancing career and family are welcome. While we strongly encourage you to bring books that have been collecting dust on your shelves, it is not required! The event will include appetizers, wine, networking, and informal book discussions. Registration for this event is required.

Interesting in Getting More Involved?

Join the P.O.W.E.Rful women of WIB-Pittsburgh! Volunteers are needed for the Communications, Programming, Membership, and Sponsorship committees. There are also opportunities to volunteer with the Pittsburgh MAPs (Mentors, Advisors, Peers) and YWIB (Young Women In Bio) groups. Volunteering is a tangible way to support the WIB mission. Please send an email to pittsburgh@womeninbio.org for more information.

Interested in Getting More Involved and Joining a Group of Amazing Board Members at WIB-RTP?

Join our group of amazing women on the WIB-RTP Chapter Board! Volunteers are needed for the Programming and Sponsorship committees. The Programming Committee helps plan and run various chapter programs. The Sponsorship Committee identifies and builds relationships with potential sponsors, and seeks out local grant opportunities. It tailors the benefits of sponsorship to the wishes and needs of each sponsor. Women In Bio is a growing organization with many opportunities for a diverse range of sponsors from all sectors of the industry. There are also opportunities to volunteer with the RTP MAPs (Mentors, Advisors, and Peers) group and help with our always-growing mentoring program. Volunteering is a tangible way to support the WIB mission. Learn more by contacting us at RTP@WomenInBio.org.

Support Women In Bio-RTP with Your Sponsorship!

Women In Bio (WIB)-RTP offers a multitude of sponsorship options, including event and chapter sponsorship. We are an organization of professionals committed to promoting the careers, leadership, and entrepreneurship of women in the life sciences. In fact, we represent a network of over 1,000 participating women professionals in the RTP area alone, and are growing. Through its WIB chapter sponsorship, your company will have great opportunities to interact with hundreds of life science professionals during our educational and networking events. Additionally, sponsorship enables you to take advantage of corporate-rate WIB annual memberships for your employees, and enhance your company’s exposure to the WIB community via our monthly events. Your company’s brand and commitment will reach within and beyond our community to extended networks throughout the RTP area. Most importantly, by sponsoring our monthly educational and networking events, you will bring true value and influence through your support of our mission to enhance women’s professional growth in career development, leadership, and entrepreneurship. Please let us know if you are interested in supporting the Women In Bio-RTP Chapter! If your organization thrives to impact and facilitate professional growth for women in the life sciences, please consider becoming a WIB chapter sponsor. For more details, feel free to contact our sponsorship committee chair, Cerdi Beltre, at RTP@WomenInBio.org.

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WIB-San Francisco Bay Area Hosts WIB Members Breakfast at JP Morgan

On January 12, 2017, come join fellow WIB members from across the nation! We will host a WIB members-only breakfast at the JP Morgan conference in San Francisco and anticipate attendance by members from across the country. Don’t miss this opportunity to mingle with WIB members from other chapters!

WIB-San Francisco Bay Area Presents: “Changing Tides: Forecasting the Outlook for Biotech in 2017”

Join Women In Bio and Bloomberg on the morning of January 12, 2017, for a half-day event following the conclusion of the JP Morgan conference: Our panel discussion will feature leaders in the biotech and investment industries, who will detail how federal policy changes in 2017 will shape biotech funding over the next few years. This event will be a great chance to reflect on the 2017 JP Morgan conference, mingle with leaders in the biotech funding space, and interact with WIB members from across the country. Learn more about this event and our panelists.

We also invite you to register for and take part in a national WIB member breakfast (see above), which will be held prior to this event. A second registration is required to attend the breakfast as well as the panel discussion.

“Navigating the Intellectual Property Process for Future Entrepreneurs”

For life sciences companies, intellectual property (IP) is the lifeblood of a strong business model. Having a solid patent portfolio at the outset can ultimately make or break a company as it faces future bidding, trading, or litigation. Join us on January 26, 2017, for a panel discussion on patents and entrepreneurship, and how they come together to shape the life sciences industry. What are the opportunities and challenges for the unwary in IP? What is the difference between a patent and a trade secret? How is IP shaping entrepreneurship and research? Moderated by Janet Xiao, Partner, Morrison & Foerster LLP, our panel includes the following industry, academia, and legal experts: Mei Hong, IP Manager, Eureka Therapeutics; Shannon Reaney, Partner, Morrison & Foerster LLP; Shirley Recipon, Principal Consultant, Patent Agent, Recipon Consulting; and Mona Wan, Associate Director, Technology Licensing, Stanford University. This event will provide a great opportunity to connect with speakers and frontrunners in the field of IP.

Make It Your New Year’s Resolution to Come Volunteer with Women In Bio!

Build a network without even trying - come volunteer with Women In Bio! Our committees are run and staffed by amazing women who you should get to know! Plus, make connections at local companies as part of the Sponsorship Committee, meet amazing speakers with the Programming Committee, hone your speaking and writing skills with the Communications team, and more. Email SanFrancisco@womeninbio.org for more information!

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WIB-Seattle Metro Presents: "Be Bold. Make Your Message Memorable"

A top communication challenge for women is the lack of confidence to speak up. Women must take ownership of their message and create value - whether they deliver an elevator pitch, find the right words for an entrepreneurial endeavor, or ask for
On January 24, 2017, bring an elevator pitch, idea, or other message to this workshop. We will practice our messages in peer groups led by discussion facilitators. You will receive constructive feedback, and leave our event with a well-crafted message and confidence in your delivery. We welcome Nancy Jensen, Seattle Program Director, ReBoot Accelerator, who will discuss the elements of a memorable message, finding champions for your ideas, and building rapport with your audience. Learn more about our speaker and facilitators.

WIB-Seattle Metro Book Club Reviews Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance

On February 22, 2017, join us for our first book club of 2017. This event will be a free-form discussion of Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance, by Angela Duckworth, over beer and happy hour bites at Queen Anne Beerhall. WIB-Seattle Metro members are welcome to attend! This discussion will focus on our takeaways, likes, and dislikes of the book. We will be limiting this event to 20 attendees - reserve your spot now! Check out this TED talk by the author.

WIB-Seattle Metro Holds Its 2016 Holiday Party

On December 16, 2016, WIB-Seattle Metro welcomed over 80 guests to our annual holiday mixer. The event was hosted at the Institute for Systems Biology in South Lake Union, Seattle. Party goers enjoyed drinks sponsored by Seattle Cider Company and 2 Beers Brewing. Delicious chocolate confections were generously donated by Fran's Chocolate. Chapter Chair Andrea Knapp and Vice Chair Shannon Dennis presented chapter member Daniela Grabs, with one of five WIB 2016 Founders Scholarships. This award was established to further the education goals of women and honors five founding members of WIB. Daniela plans to use her award to attend a two-day executive seminar at the University of Washington Foster School of Business entitled, “Strategic Communications and Negotiations.” Congratulations Daniela! Here's to a successful year of programs, networking nights, and social mixers. This has been a fantastic year for our chapter. We thank all of our sponsors, speakers, event organizers, volunteers, and WIB Seattle Metro members for another great year.
Holiday cheer with (left to right) Katie Smolnycki, Sue Kraemer, Stephanie Tatem Murphy, and Lisann Zentner.

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WIB-Southern California Presents a Film Screening of She Started It

96% of venture capitalists are men. Women still account for less than 10% of founders for high growth firms, and earn only 12.9% of computer science degrees. She Started It gives a new face to the image of the tech entrepreneur - a female face. Join Johnson & Johnson Innovation JLABS, Women In Bio, and Hera Hub on Thursday, January 26, 2017, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (PST) for a film screening of She Started It, a new documentary film that follows five trailblazing young female entrepreneurs through their journeys of entrepreneurship. View the film trailer.

WIB-Southern California 2016 Holiday Party

Another successful year for Women In Bio-Southern California was celebrated on December 1, 2016! Once again the SoCal team threw a Holiday bash worthy of a particular type of praise, bringing an end to 2016. Over 80 attendees, ranging from scientists and lawyers to business development and quality professionals, men and women, mingled and networked. The party was held at the very hip and modern Farmer & The Seahorse Restaurant in the Torrey Pines area of north San Diego County. Members and non-members were able to build relationship and grow their networks while learning about how to engage in WIB to build the momentum for 2017. Additionally, our silent auction helped raise funds for the Young Women In Bio initiative! We give a special thanks to the sponsors who support the mission and mobility of our organization: Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Farmer & The Seahorse restaurant, Evaluate Pharma, Chempetitive Group, and Del Mar Pharmaceuticals.
Over 80 attendees mingled and networked.

Celebrating another successful year for WIB-Southern California.

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.

Send Us Your Suggestions for 2017 Chapter Events

We hope that you enjoyed attending the WIB-DC/Baltimore chapter events this year. The Programs Committee is dedicated to providing you with events and opportunities to expand your professional network and help take your career to the next level. As we line up programs for 2017, we would love to hear your suggestions. What topics are important to you? Who would you like to see featured? Would you recommend any new or different formats? Do you have a special idea for an event? Please contact program chairs Lindsey D'Ambrosio and Shruti Rao at DC.Baltimore@WomenInBio.org to discuss how we can take it from idea to reality via the Programs Committee.

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!

OTHER INTERESTS

STEM Career Conference: Discover your SuperHEROINE Roadmap to Success

We are recruiting students and STEM enthusiasts to participate in a one-day event for high school and college level young women on February 4, 2016, at San Diego State University. This conference-style event will inspire, connect, and guide those interested in STEM careers through speed mentoring with local women in STEM fields, workshops on STEM careers, and tips to navigating a successful pathway, as well as a poster session showcasing current research. Learn more and register!

STEM Career Conference: Discover your Superheroine Roadmap to Success
Saturday February 4th, 2017, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
at San Diego State University

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.