NATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women In Bio Rings Closing Bell at NYSE for Second Consecutive Year

For the second consecutive year, WIB leaders had the honor of participating in the closing bell ceremony for the New York Stock Exchange on January 24, 2017. Executive Director, Jamie Griffin, and WIB President, Dawn Hocevar, were the bell ringers. This opportunity was presented to WIB by the NYSE because our organization was recognized for making a powerful impact in helping women succeed and rise in their careers in the life sciences. See a video of the closing bell ceremony.
WIB’s leadership contingent pauses for a photo on the NYSE floor (left to right): Liz Young, Lisa Fry, Elise Hartley, Kamala Madali, Patti Melick, Jamie Griffin, Dawn Hocevar, Krisi Sarno, Lily Rin-Laures, Eka Reider, Jennifer Zimmons, Geeta Shroff, Lindsay D’Ambrosio, Jana Oberman.

2017 Boardroom Ready Program Accepting Applications

WIB is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for its 2017 Boardroom Ready Program, a certification and board placement program aimed to help executive women achieve their goal of corporate board service.

To apply, candidates must submit the Boardroom Ready Application, a current biography, and CV to: boardroomready@womeninbio.org. **Deadline:** Applications will be received through March 15, 2017.

For more information, please visit [http://womeninbio.org/executives/boardroom-ready](http://womeninbio.org/executives/boardroom-ready).

WIB-National Webinar "Class II Medical Device Innovation and IP Strategy: Case Study in Women’s Health Products"

Combining motherhood with a career is a juggling act, and was even more so before the breast pump. Women didn’t always have access to pumps in the workplace; however nowadays many breastfeeding mothers rely on a breast pump when returning to work to help extend breastfeeding and the Work/Life Balance. **Join us on February 9, 2017** as Debra Kurtz, President, Kurtz Consulting Inc, discusses:

- The history of breast pump innovation.
- How these class II medical devices assist with maternal employment.
- Leveraging user insights to drive product requirements and IP strategy.
- Opportunities we have to improve health products, advance employee benefits, and improve work/life balance for future generations of women.

**Scrip Article References WIB Boardroom Ready Program**

Women In Bio’s Boardroom Ready program was mentioned in Mandy Jackson’s two-part Scrip article summarizing an executive roundtable event held during January’s J.P. Morgan Healthcare Conference. During the event an all-female panel discussed the state of women in the biopharmaceutical industry:

- "J.P. Morgan Executive Roundtable, Part 1: How To Help Women Move Into The Biopharma C-Suite"
- "J.P. Morgan Executive Roundtable, Part 2: Women In Biopharma And The Path Forward"
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!

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CHAPTER NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming Events

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- WIB-San Francisco Bay Area 2017 Volunteer Information Session, February 7, 2017
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About Our Chapter

Atlanta is the home of the Centers for Disease Control and a number of prominent academic research centers including Emory
University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Morehouse Medical School, Yerkes National Primate Research Center, and Georgia State University. The nearby University of Georgia and Georgia Regents University contribute to this research climate, along with our highly prized hospitals and the network of trained hospital staffers, nurses and doctors who conduct clinical trials for pharmaceutical companies. Atlanta is the regional hub for hospital technology and medical device industries, and is the home of a burgeoning biotech industry that some have likened to a potential “Silicon Valley” of Biotechnology.

The Atlanta chapter of Women In Bio was founded in 2012 to cater to 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, educators, and other experts. Learn more about our chapter.

Meet WIB-Atlanta’s Chapter Leaders

- Suzanne Shope, J.D., Chapter Chair
- Mithra Bindhu, Chapter Vice Chair
- Sunayana (Nina) Banerjee, Communications Chair
- Jamie Graham, Program Chair
- Ashley Myers, C.P.T., Program Co-Vice Chair
- Jenniffer Stetler, M.S., Program Co-Vice Chair and Young Women In Bio Chair
- Christy Staats, Ph.D., Finance Chair
- Mengmeng Anne Fahrni, Ph.D., Sponsorship Chair
- Kristina Clark, Sponsorship Vice Chair
- Sherry Adesina, Membership Chair
- Han Di, Membership Vice Chair
- Laura Szymanski, Ph.D., MAPs Chair

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WIB-Austin Area Viewing of *Hidden Figures*

Join us on February 8, 2017, as we view *Hidden Figures*, the incredible story of a team of African-American women working at NASA, who helped launch the program’s first successful space mission. Refreshments will be served.

Call for Girl Day 2017 Volunteers

Women In Bio-Austin Area has joined with the University of Texas at Austin’s Women in Engineering Program to host an event at *Girl Day 2017* on Saturday, February 25th 2017. Girl Day at UT Austin will again have two events this year: “Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day,” supported by lead partner Halliburton; and the “Girl Day STEM Festival,” supported by lead partner Texas Instruments. We anticipate having over 2,000 elementary and middle school girls in STEM attend Girl Day 2017, and seek volunteers to help us coordinate activities. If you are interested in volunteering, please email austin@womeninbio.org.

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WIB-Chicago Presents: “Why the Culture of a Women’s Heart Matters”

Heart disease remains the number one killer of women. On February 6, 2017, learn how gender distinction in heart disease risk factors, genetics, nutrition, and use of advanced and mobile technology have paved the way for physicians to develop and refine personalized care options for patients. Join us for a panel discussion with medical experts who will discuss the latest in clinical and preventive cardiac care for women and how technology has shaped their practices.

WIB-Chicago’s Healthcare Policy Panel Considers “Repeal, Replace, Revise”

Kicking off 2017, our first event of the year on January 24, 2017, drew an enormous, eager, and inquisitive crowd that came out
to hear our expert panel discuss what may be on the horizon for the Affordable Care Act under the Trump administration. Rumblings of “repeal, replace, revise” have been filling the political corridors, and the industry panel weighed in on how that might translate and impact on various stakeholders. Read the entire article.

Policy event panelists pose with WIB-Chicago leaders: (left to right) Jill Wolowitz, VP, Government Relations and Community Affairs, BCBS of Illinois; Sonal Shah (Moderator), Life Sciences Research Leader at Deloitte Center for Health Solutions; Barbara Otto, CEO, Health and Disability Advocates; Marilyn Vetter, VP, Government and Public Affairs, Horizon Pharma; WIB-Chicago Vice Chair Nancy Reid, and WIB-Chicago Chapter Chair Dima Elissa.
The panel discussion and following Q&A session were marked by a lively exchange of ideas.

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Don't Miss Out On These Upcoming Events!

Our popular "Lobster Pot" pitch event makes a repeat appearance this year during Women's History Month! Join us for wine and appetizers and networking, after which women entrepreneurs currently in fundraising mode will make their pitch to a panel of experienced women investors. Stay tuned for the event date/time - we plan to hold this event in late March 2017. Sponsored by JLABS.

We are also planning a panel discussion for early March on building out lab space, as well as a pure networking event for April. Announcements for all of these events will go out soon.

Young Women In Bio Event Coming Soon

We are busy planning the first WIB-Greater Boston YWIB event of 2017, to be held at one of our local biopharma leaders in late winter. This event will be aimed at middle school - age girls. Attendees will tour labs, take part in hands-on science with women scientists who serve as role models, and of course wrap it all up with pizza! Keep an eye out for updates and more details.

Ongoing Chapter Survey

We are always looking for ways to improve our chapter. Please share your thoughts anytime by taking this anonymous survey.

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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!

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!

Meet WIB-Greater Montreal’s Chapter Leaders

- Pamela Shaver-Walker, Chapter Co-Chair
- Mary Perri, Ph.D., Chapter Co-Chair
- Marie-Eve Clavet, Chapter Vice Chair
- Vanessa Libasci, Communications Chair
- Deborah Blake, Program Chair
- Amy Dam, Funding Chair
- Andrea Petschner, B.Sc., Young Women In Bio Chair
- Marie Di Maso, Membership Chair
- Katherine Crewe, Mentors, Advisors, and Peers Chair
- Sarah Gora, Mentors, Advisors, and Peers Vice Chair
- Stephanie Laroche-Pierre, Secretary
- Carmela DeLuca, Treasurer

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About Our Chapter

The Metro New York Area Women In Bio chapter 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.

Our members come from all walks of life sciences - from start-up entrepreneurs to global pharmaceutical officers, researchers to lawyers, editors to marketing and communications professionals. Together we share the passion of science, and ultimately, its role in transforming our daily lives. Learn more about our chapter.

Meet WIB-Metro New York’s Chapter Leaders

- Faith Charles, Chapter Co-Chair
- Patti Melick, Chapter Vice Chair
- Linda Dyson, Communications Chair
- Christine Livoti, Communications Co-Chair
- Leslie Gailloud, Communications Co-Vice Chair and Young Women In Bio Chair
- Jennifer Zimmons, Program Co-Chair
- Dana Gandsman, Program Co-Chair
- Lisa Weiss, Program Vice Chair
- Andrea Nicolas, Funding Chair
- Keiha Thomas, Funding Co-Vice Chair
- Geeta Shroff, Funding Co-Vice Chair
- Wendy Diller, Young Women In Bio Co-Vice Chair
- Jana Oberman, Young Women In Bio Co-Vice Chair
- Janet Vasquez, Membership Vice Chair
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*Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance - a Discussion with Angela Duckworth*

Please join us on February 16, 2017, for drinks and hors d’oeuvres as we discuss the book *Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance* with the author herself, Angela Duckworth. Following the discussion, attendees will enjoy an opportunity to network with fellow readers. Check out this TED talk by Dr. Duckworth.

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WIB-Pittsburgh MAPs 1:1 Program Presents “To Boldly Go”

What are employers looking for when they hire, review resumes, and conduct interviews? How should you deal with moments of uncertainty such as leaving academia for industry or losing a job? What do you need to know when negotiating your salary?

Join us on February 23, 2017, as Alethea Wieland, Managing Director/President, US Office and North American Operations, of SCOPE International, presents tips on how to pursue your career confidently! From both an employee and employer perspective, she has a wealth of experiences to share with us. Alethea is one of the biggest supporters of our MAPs 1:1 program, consistently mentoring the next generation of women working in the life sciences. Please join us for this engaging and informative presentation!

Interested in becoming involved in our 1:1 program? Want to learn more about becoming a mentor or looking to be mentored? Don’t miss this opportunity to check us out!

WIB-Pittsburgh Presents: “Create and Cultivate a Start-up”

Oprah Winfrey once said, “Passion is energy; feel the power that comes from focusing on what excites you.” Science comes in many shapes and sizes and WIB-Pittsburgh is here to help you explore the possibilities. If you are thinking of getting into your first entrepreneurial venture, or just want to hear what it’s like to work for a start-up, seek no more! We are kick-starting the new year with a trailblazing panel event, “Create and Cultivate a Start-up,” on March 28, 2017, at Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse located in South Side. Join us for networking over a light dinner and drinks, and gain inspiration while listening to the stories of exceptional female entrepreneurs. They will share what inspired them to pursue entrepreneurship, the ups-and-downs, and their valuable experiences in leading successful businesses. In the later part of the event you will have the opportunity to ask the panelists questions and network with other like-minded women. Come and learn how to develop your ideas into successful businesses. Registration closes on March 21, 2017, so please ensure you register early!

WIB-Pittsburgh Hosts Winter Wine and Cheese Book Swap

On January 19, 2017, the WIB-Pittsburgh Chapter hosted a Winter Wine and Cheese Book Swap at the home of one of our
members, **Ria David, M.B.A., Ph.D.** It was a great opportunity to meet and discuss books that have inspired us in 2016 and find out what is on the must-read list for 2017. The books discussed ranged in topic from science and business to motivation and personal growth. [Read more!](#)

(Left to right) **Ceren Tuzmen, Beth Dorsey, and Kelly George** explore the pile of books up for grabs.

(Left to right) **Erika Fanselow, Ph.D., Ria David, Ph.D., Hanna Valli, and Farangis Ram, Ph.D.** enjoy appetizers before the official book swap begins.

**Advocacy Priorities for Pennsylvania Life Sciences**

On Tuesday, January 17, 2017, two of WIB-Pittsburgh's partners, Pittsburgh BioBreakfast and Life Sciences PA, came together...
to discuss ways by which one can become involved in advocacy and the major issues at stake in the coming years for Pennsylvania. With WIB-Pittsburgh members scattered among the audience, Craig Tucker, Vice President of Policy & Public Affairs at Life Sciences PA, outlined the 2016 Pennsylvania life sciences' state advocacy successes and 2017 advocacy priorities. Rare disease was a main priority of 2016 with a rare disease caucus, and 2017 brings rare disease task force legislation to the forefront. 2017 federal priorities include monitoring the repeal and replacement of the affordable care act, drug pricing, tax credits, and NIH funding. The biggest issues for local legislatures this year will be the state budget and research and development tax credits. Craig discussed how Pennsylvania is falling behind in life science funding compared to other states. For example, Massachusetts has found ways to boost research and development with initiatives such as paid internships for startups and job creation tax credits. Pennsylvania is looking for similar ways to boost the life science economy here. Craig illustrated the Pennsylvania research and development outlook by alluding to the Field of Dreams movie: “Build it and they will stay”. Interested in events such as this one? Visit the Pittsburgh Biomedical Breakfast Facebook page 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 our members’ 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 2017 Volunteer Information Session
Want to know more about Women In Bio? Are you already a member but wanting to take your involvement to the next level? Then come volunteer with us! By volunteering you will build meaningful relationships with committee chairs and fellow volunteers, engage with life science companies, and meet inspiring women leaders. On February 7, 2017, learn about our volunteer-based organization and how to get involved in 2017!

"Speed Networking at BD Biosciences"
Interested in meeting other WIB members? Would you like to mingle and chat with other women in the Biotech and Biopharma industries? Join WIB-San Francisco Bay Area on February 16, 2017, for a speed-dating style networking event in the South Bay! This event will be an informal way to practice your elevator pitch and get to know other members of the WIB community.

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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.

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WIB-Southern California Hosts Young Women In Bio Junior Mentoring Event
This February 11, 2017, YWIB event will bring Women In Bio members with careers in many different areas of the biosciences to talk with young women (grades 8 to 12) about what they do. The event will follow the path of how a new medicine is developed from the very basic science, through clinical testing and development, to marketing - showing how a new medicine eventually makes it to patients. The WIB members will share information about their education and careers, in a small group format with lots of time for questions, to help event attendees understand the many ways by which one can become involved in biotech. This event is being held in collaboration with Better Education for Women in Science and Engineering (BE WISE).

"Women in Leadership - Cross-Functional Views on Medical Devices"
Join us February 16, 2017, for an enlightening and inspiring event focused on medical devices. Our panel discussion will include topics such as career development and growth, work life balance, and departmental challenges. Our panel features leaders from all different disciplines in the medical device industry. Moderated by Jeanine Kestler, Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer, DJO, our panelists include Elisa Hebb, Global Head of Clinical Affairs, IGT Devices – Philips Volcano;
Volunteers Needed for Young Women In Bio Event

The WIB-Southern California YWIB group will hold a Junior Mentoring Event on Saturday, February 11, 2017, through the BE WISE program. For this event we invite volunteers from the Women In Bio community who are bench scientist, regulatory professionals, clinicians, IP attorneys, marketing and business development professionals, and others in the bioscience industry to participate in this mentoring opportunity. We need 8 to 10 volunteers, on a first come/first serve basis, who will briefly share their educational background, work experience, current responsibilities, and daily work routine with young women (grades 8 to 12). The event will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Fleet Science Center located at 1875 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101. For further details and to sign up, please e-mail Southerncalifornia@womeninbio.org.

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 Lindsay 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!
Inaugural MSL Society Women’s Summit Comes to San Diego in March

Join us in San Diego on March 9, 2017, for the first ever Medical Science Liaison (MSL) Society Women’s Summit. Over 20 female MSL Leaders will present at the summit, and share how they positioned themselves for management and executive leadership positions. MSL Directors from Astellas Pharma, Fresenius Medical Care, Teva, Alcon, Sanofi-Genzyme, Merck, Bayer, and GSK will also lead soft skill workshops in the afternoon of the summit. These workshops offer an opportunity to sharpen your networking, presentation, and communication skills. They also offer a unique opportunity to discuss key challenges facing female MSLs, such as balancing family and the MSL role.

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.