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NATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Women In Bio at the 2017 BIO International Convention

Join Women In Bio and the entire biotechnology industry at the 2017 BIO International Convention in San Diego, California this coming June 19-22. BIO 2017 provides unparalleled networking opportunities with BIO One-on-One Partnering, two networking parties on Monday and Wednesday, and countless other events including a Women In Bio meetup in San Diego. Don’t miss out on four days of networking, education, and business opportunities - register today!

The Women In Bio annual event and meetups during the BIO International Convention attract hundreds of WIB members as well as community and business leaders (women and men) from across the United States and beyond. Find out more below and join us there!

BIO and BioSpace to Host BIO Talent Connect at BIO 2017

BIO and BioSpace are proud to announce BIO Talent Connect, a career-focused networking event, alongside the BIO International Convention in San Diego on June 22, 2017. BIO Talent Connect takes event recruitment to a new level. Nothing like a traditional career fair, Talent Connect is refreshingly modern, engaging and results-oriented. What makes Talent Connect different?

- Roundtables instead of booths = no barriers to great conversations
- Branding opportunities = positive company perception
- Networking atmosphere = draw passive + active candidates
- BIO + BioSpace members = highest quality audience

Company roundtables, branding opportunities, and resume database access are available now at a limited quantity. Contact us to learn more.
“My Path to the Board Room”

Ever considered sitting on a board one day?

On June 22, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., Women In BIO will present a panel of Board Room Ready program graduates for a discussion of the career and personal paths each followed to achieve her goal of sitting on a corporate board.

Among the questions our panelists will discuss are: When did you consider being on a board? What advice would you give women in the early to middle stages of their careers who want to sit on a board? What do you know now that you wish you had known earlier in your career? How did you become a leader in your field?

Please join us at the BPI Theatre, on the BIO convention Exhibit Floor, as WIB President and Panel Moderator, Dawn Hocevar, leads a panel of distinguished women including Theresa Matkovits, Senior Vice President, Head of Drug Development at ContraVir Pharmaceuticals; Jennifer Carver, Chief Operating Officer at La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company; and Susan Dexter, Managing Partner at the Latham BioPharm Group for a discussion of the paths each took to the board room.

We will then move into our Pitch Challenge where women leaders in the life sciences will deliver pitches and receive valuable feedback from top female investors on presentation and delivery. The Pitch Challenge will be moderated by Simone Fishburn, BioCentury Innovations, and our prestigious panel of judges includes:

- Nina Kjellson, Canaan Partners
- Margarita Chavez, AbbVie Ventures
- Kristina Burow, ARCH Venture Partners
- Heather Behanna, Sofinnova Ventures
- Marianne De Backer, Johnson & Johnson
- Carol Gallagher, New Enterprise Associates

As with all Women In Bio events, our Plenary Event encompasses an inviting and fun environment for networking as it brings together people from all corners of the life sciences industry, and spawns new career and business opportunities.

This event is not to be missed so register today!

**BIO 2017 Speed Networking Session for Existing and Prospective Women In Bio Members**

Join current and prospective Women In Bio members at BIO on June 21, 2017, to have the opportunity to speed network with industry peers and discuss professional interests. This Meet-Up is open to all BIO attendees.
WIB Video Spotlight Series:
Navigating Your Career Transitions

Learn with WIB-DC/Baltimore how to navigate the possibilities in your career transitions by watching this event video! You can find it 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
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CHAPTER NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming Events
- WIB-Seattle "Personal Branding for Life Science Professionals" event, May 16, 2017
- WIB-Southern California "The Transformation of R&D in the Orphan Disease Space" event, May 18, 2017
- Women In Bio-RTP's 3rd Annual Family Picnic, May 21, 2017
- WIB-Greater Boston YWIB "How Do Scientists DO Science?" event, May 23, 2017
- WIB-Pittsburgh "Entrepreneurship Workshop #2: Business Model Canvas" event, May 23, 2017
- WIB-DC/Baltimore "Planning the Next Steps in Your Career" event, May 23, 2017

Atlanta
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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
- **Jennifer Sterler, M.S.**, Program Co-Vice Chair and Young Women In Bio Chair
- **Mengmeng Anne Fahmi, 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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**Austin Area**

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**WIB-Central Texas Reboot Webinar**

Women In Bio is excited to announce a re-launch of the Austin Area Chapter; expanding to Central Texas to include Austin, Houston, and Dallas. With this new effort WIB looks for a few talented and passionate women interested in helping lead the WIB-Central Texas Chapter. Join us on May 31, 2017, for this informational webinar about how YOU can help expand WIB in Central Texas and help women in the life sciences achieve the highest levels of leadership, influence, and decision-making that they desire.

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**Chicago**

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**Movie night with WIB-Chicago - The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks**

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* started a national discussion about the importance of women’s contributions in biology and ethics surrounding biomedical research. WIB-Chicago members and friends are invited to gather and watch the movie on May 31, 2017. Following the show’s conclusion, we will discuss Henrietta’s unique case, and how many similar discoveries lead to medical breakthroughs. Don’t miss this great opportunity to network with others in the local life science community and join the conversation. Admission is being charged to help offset the cost of refreshments.

**Save The Date! - WIB-Chicago Joins iBIO for the iBIO Institute Golf Benefit!**

On June 16, 2017, connect with leaders in the local life science community at the iBIO Institute Golf Benefit at the Deerfield Golf Club. WIB-Chicago members enjoy a discount on the registration fee. Don’t miss this great networking opportunity! Learn more.

**YWIB Spring into STEM Abbott Molecular Tour**

The WIB-Chicago Young Women In Bio committee hosted a second Spring into STEM event with a tour of Abbott Molecular on April 13, 2017. The Abbott Molecular tour was a successful event with a diverse representation of 30 attendees from six Chicago public schools, private schools, and Chicagoland area middle schools. The girls were greeted by Abbott Molecular scientists with an
opening presentation of Abbott Molecular’s mission, molecular tests and products, career advice, and women in STEM. The girls then rotated to workstations in four groups: DNA extraction and PCR, fluorescent in-situ hybridization (FISH), Commodities and Packaging Engineering, and tour of the facilities. They learned about molecular technologies, techniques, and even hands on experiments with FISH. Abbott Molecular hosted a lunch for the girls to meet Abbot scientists, and the day closed with a group photo and Abbott Molecular giveaways. The event was sponsored by Abbott Molecular.

Attendees from several Chicagoland schools pose with Abbott Molecular scientists and WIB-Chicago members.

**Membership Discount for MATTER Members**

MATTER members can save 25% on WIB membership costs! If you are a MATTER member, contact Chicago@womeninbio.org to learn more and receive the discount code.

**Greater Boston**

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**WIB-Greater Boston YWIB Presents: "How Do Scientists DO Science? Learning the Scientific Method"**

Are you naturally curious? Do you like to think about and solve problems? Do you like to ask questions? So do scientists! Find out what it takes to be a scientist at our Young Women in Bio event on May 23, 2017. Through a fun, hands-on activity, students will explore the many facets of life in the world of STEM while learning the most fundamental skill every scientist needs to know - the scientific method. M2D2 will lead a laboratory tour and host a panel where we’ll talk about different careers within STEM, the importance of effective communication, and how work in the real world can be not just something you have to do, but something you LOVE doing. Pizza and refreshments will be provided!

**Greater Montréal**

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**About Our Chapter**

The WIB-Greater Montreal Chapter seeks to bring together...
Meet WIB-Greater Montreal’s Chapter Leaders

- **Pamela Shaver-Walker**, Chapter Co-Chair
- **Marie-Eve Clavet**, Chapter Vice Chair
- **Vanessa Libasci**, Communications Chair
- **Deborah Blake**, Program Chair
- **Azadeh Shohoudi**, Program Vice 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

**Metro New York**

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**WIB-Metro New York Presents: "Female Leadership in Science"**

Join us on May 30, 2017, to learn from Dr. Leslie B Vosshall and Shruti Naik, two accomplished women leaders, about what led them to science, the particular areas of research they work in, and an overview of their current work. They will also discuss the specific challenges they have faced as women in science and how they’ve overcome these challenges. Topics discussed will include: obtaining funding, career progression, mentorship, gaining visibility through publications, and their views on the outlook for women in science. Light food and beverages will be served.

**“Monetization Funding: Alternative Sources of Capital for Life Sciences Initiatives”**

On April 20, 2017, Royalty Pharma hosted, "Monetization Funding: Alternative Sources of Capital for Life Sciences Initiatives." Molly Chiaramonte, Royalty Pharma’s Vice President of Research & Investments, discussed the evolution of royalty monetization. Her discussion covered different types of royalty transactions, explaining the unique interests and concerns of different stakeholders, from universities, to small biotechs, to big pharma. Lina Gugucheva, Vice President of Investments & Counsel, then clarified the important legal issues for consideration when negotiating a monetizable license.
Molly Chiaramonte presents the history of royalty monetization to WIB-Metro New York attendees. This event was graciously hosted by Royalty Pharma at their New York headquarters.

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WIB-Philadelphia Metro Exhibits at Life Sciences Pennsylvania

On May 4, 2017, WIB-Philadelphia Metro exhibited at the Life Science Pennsylvania’s Annual Spring Social. Chapter leadership at the event had much fun wearing derby hats and enjoying the festivities. Our chapter received a ton of interest (and not just because we were well situated between the bar and food)! Both men and women were excited to learn more about us, and expressed interest in financially supporting our chapter and getting involved in it. We are thankful to Karen Delone, our Membership Vice-Chair, and LSPA for allowing us this opportunity to showcase WIB at this fantastic event!
WIB-Philadelphia Metro leaders (left to right) Karen Delone, Shari Hulitt, Kamala Maddali, Sima Kulkarni, Lisa Fry, Susan Behrens, Dunni Odumosu, and Melissa Dowd show off their derby hats.

Congratulations to our raffle winner, Christine Obercian (on the right) of Beacon Hill Staffing, with Michelle Veronica of PRA Health Sciences.
Leadership Spotlight: Jennifer Wampler – Chapter Membership Chair

Jennifer Wampler is a Project Architect at EwingCole, a national architecture and engineering firm in Philadelphia. She has over 10 years of experience in designing sustainable facilities, specializing in laboratories and office environments for Life Science clients. Jennifer is enthusiastic about Women In Bio and looks forward to growing our chapter!

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WIB-Pittsburgh’s Entrepreneurship Workshop #2: Business Model Canvas

At this May 23, 2017, workshop, Joanna Sutton, our VIP speaker, will introduce you to an essential tool for establishing a successful startup - The 9 Building Blocks of the Business Model Canvas. A Business Model Canvas is a strategic management and entrepreneurial tool designed to clearly define problems, find solutions, map out key actions, and identify opportunities to compel customers to buy your product, over and over again. If you have a life sciences idea or a business model hypothesis, but need a clear course of action, or simply want to understand the startup business - this workshop is right for you! Discover the building blocks that work cohesively together to create a scalable, sustainable, and profitable business. Participants will also be challenged to sleuth out the building blocks of one of the world’s most iconic brands. Learn more!

WIB-Pittsburgh’s 2nd Annual Welcome-to-Summer Potluck Picnic

Women In Bio-Pittsburgh welcomes all as we kick off summer with our 2nd annual potluck picnic at Anderson Shelter in Schenley Park on June 4, 2017. Family, friends, and non-members welcome! There will be activities and a delicious summertime barbecue. Kids can also enjoy the adjacent “Dinosaur” playground. Our WIB t-shirts will be available at this event. Main dishes and beverages will be provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share as well as a blanket or chairs, if families wish to sit in the grass around the pavilion. If you would like to see what others are bringing and sign-up your own dish, please visit our pot-luck sign up. The on-line registration deadline for this event is June 1. Walk-ins will be accepted.

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WIB-RTP’s 3rd Annual Family Picnic

Join Women In Bio-RTP on May 21, 2017, for our 3rd annual family picnic! There will be delicious barbeque, outdoor games for kids and adults, and the perfect atmosphere for relaxed networking. Bring your dog, family, or a friend – there’s a playground and dog park nearby. Drinks, barbeque, and vegetarian options will be provided, and we ask that you bring a side or dessert to share. Piney Wood Park has a covered shelter, so this event will happen rain or shine. We hope to see you there!

San Francisco Bay Area
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WIB-San Francisco Bay Area Presents “Hot Trends in Personalized Medicine”

On April 27th 2017, WIB-San Francisco Bay Area hosted a panel discussion at Illumina’s downtown San Francisco office that featured four panelists and a moderator from companies representing “Hot Trends” in personalized medicine. Moderator Amy Swanson (Illumina) led a lively and informative discussion on current trends in personalized medicine, including the generation and management of large genomics data sets, and various ways genomic data can be efficiently interpreted and applied to treat and prevent disease. Jackie Benson (J&J Innovations), Pam Garzone (Pfizer), Tara Maddala (Grail), and Kristin McDonald Gibson (Invitae) provided insightful perspectives that represented different facets of personalized medicine including targeted therapeutics, immunology, liquid biopsy, and genetic testing. The panelists’ insights and shared experiences resulted in a thought-provoking discussion by the attendees afterwards. Thanks to everyone who attended this great event, and special thanks to Illumina for hosting us!
“Personal Branding for Life Science Professionals”

Branding is the complex, ongoing process of establishing an image in the mind of others. Your personal brand is the sum of your talent, skill, and passion multiplied by your community and career engagement. A strong personal brand will help you become regarded as a trusted expert, and a great personal brand is a key ingredient in any successful professional career. Join WIB-Seattle on May 16, 2017, at UW-PCE in Bellevue, to learn from a branding leader in the life sciences industry how to build an impactful and influential personal brand. The keynote speaker is Linda Lander, President of Inside Out Coaching and Consultancy, and Market Access Director at Taro Pharmaceuticals. Linda brings over 20 years of experience as a cross functional marketer, negotiator, and strategist in the pharmaceutical industry. Reserve your spot today for what is sure to be an engaging and actionable workshop.

WIB-Seattle Advisory Board Member Profile: Beth Etscheid, Ph.D.

Beth Etscheid has always been interested in the health sciences, but her path to leadership as the Director of Research Commercialization at the Washington Research Foundation has been far from straightforward. She received her undergraduate degree in chemistry from Smith College. Beth then spent two years working in a lab at Northwestern University studying gene regulation and oncology. Although she initially thought that she would pursue a career in medicine, her lab experience had sparked an interest in research. A serendipitous meeting in an elevator with a member of the department of pharmacology led Beth to apply to Ph.D. programs in pharmacology. Read the entire article.

"When Both Value and Novelty are Required: The Transformation of R&D in the Orphan Disease Space". Join us on May 18, 2017, for a presentation by Dr. deMauri Mackie, Fellow in Clinical Research Methodology, and Michael F. Murphy, M.D., Ph.D., with Worldwide Clinical Trials. During
the presentation our speakers will discuss historical precedents for how orphan disease research is conducted, who the key stakeholders can be in the process, and the need to consider multiple perspectives (patient, family, pharma/biotech company, and payer). They also will discuss how to adjudicate conflicting interests when both value and novelty must be demonstrated, and how to “step outside the box” while remaining pragmatic in the design of clinical trials and post-approval research activities. Learn more about our speakers.

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"Planning the Next Steps in Your Career"

On May 23, 2017, WIB-DC/Baltimore and the Association for Women in Science (AWIS) Bethesda Chapter will co-host this event to help you plan the next steps in your career. We will begin with a talk by executive career coach, Patricia Reich, followed by a one-on-one resume evaluation session with a professional recruiter. Attendees choosing not to have their resumes reviewed can network with other industry professionals, entrepreneurs, and researchers at the event. Learn more!

WIB-DC/Baltimore Hosts Mentors, Advisors, and Peers Group Kickoff Event

On April 25, 2017, WIB-DC/Baltimore hosted a Mentors, Advisors, and Peers (MAPs) group kickoff event titled “Networking and Best Practices Sharing.” The evening started with networking and refreshments, followed by a panel discussion led by former and current group leaders on their experiences in the MAPs program and the benefits of being a part of a peer-mentoring group. Attendees then broke off into small groups and were given different example discussion topics to simulate what occurs during MAPs peer group meetings. WIB-DC/Baltimore would like to thank our event sponsor, Kitchology, as well as the Germantown Innovation Center for providing our venue. We especially wish to thank our panelists, who gave a lot of great insight into how MAPs programs are run. Please join us later this month for our May event, “Planning the Next Steps in Your Career,” which will be co-hosted with the Association for Women in Science (AWIS).

Panelists at the MAPs kick-off event field audience questions.

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.