NATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIO 2017 Has Been in Full Swing!

Women In Bio is participating in this year’s BIO International Convention; and once again we are reuniting with friends, meeting new connections, and creating lasting partnerships and strategic alliances. Look for full coverage of BIO 2017 happenings in our next issue of the WIB E-Newsletter!
RESOURCES

WIB Video Spotlight Series:

Mastering Pivotal Career Changes

What are pivotal changes women must master at the early, middle and senior levels of their careers? Learn more in this past event recording from WIB-San Francisco Bay Area 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 enewsletter!

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

- WIB-Atlanta Summer Book Club, June 25, 2017
- WIB-Philadelphia Metro "Childhood ADHD: The Past, Present, and Innovative Future" event, June 27, 2017
- WIB-San Francisco Bay Area "Making a Career Transition from Academia to Industry" event, June 29, 2017

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WIB-Atlanta’s Summer Book Club is Back!

On June 25, 2017, enjoy a cup of JavaVino’s herbal tea or a glass of wine, meet new friends, or reconnect with your favorite WIB colleagues while discussing Arianna Huffington’s new book *The Sleep Revolution – Transforming Your Life, One Night at a Time*. According to Huffington’s book, women need more sleep than men so a lack of sleep has even more negative mental and physical effects on them. Huffington explains that researchers have found that for women poor sleep is strongly associated with high levels of psychological distress and greater feelings of hostility, depression, and anger. Now that women are entering the workforce in droves, the demands on their time have become greater, especially for those also managing a family. Women continue to work hard, both at home and at the office or lab, but they are accomplishing less because they are just plain tuckered out. Learn more!

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About Our Chapter

The Women In Bio–Central Texas 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 who support the health, pharmaceutical, and science industries. These and other qualities have nurtured the creation of a burgeoning biotech industry in the state, Texas having recently been dubbed the “Third Coast” of Biotechnology. Learn more about our chapter.

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WIB-Chicago Invites You To Become A PITCH NINJA!

There is much more to a good business presentation than a slick PowerPoint deck. On July 19, 2017, join our speakers, Sara Myers and Mike Moyer, as they introduce the Super-Awesome Presentation Zone Program, which teaches how to properly “choreograph” your presentation for incredible impact. Attendees will learn a simple yet powerful framework that consists of three distinct “zones” for turning any presentation into a compelling, persuasive event. Even experienced presenters will leave with a new way of thinking about how they address an audience to make more meaningful connections. Post-seminar coaching will be available to interested WIB members and
Movie Night with WIB-Chicago

WIB-Chicago invited scientists and non-scientists to discuss ethics in biomedical research on May 31, 2017. Using the movie *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* as an opportunity to bring up essential questions such as “To whom do cells belong?” and “What activities are appropriate to advance research for the greater good?” we engaged in a lively discussion about Henrietta Lacks’ life, the impact of miscommunication, and the contribution her cells have made to healthcare improvements and on-going discoveries in research labs around the world. During our discussion of the movie and the topics it raised we had fantastic input from scientists, lawyers, and a representative from the American Medical’s Women Association. The discussion highlighted diverse aspects, controversies, and benefits associated not only with Henrietta Lacks’ cells, but also with research involving human cells in general and commercialization of these efforts. It was a great evening with fantastic guests and a unique opportunity to discuss this important topic and network with the local life science community in a casual atmosphere. WIB-Chicago thanks mHUB for hosting this event and our sponsors SHRED POP, RXBAR, and Pie-Eyed Pizzeria for their contributions.

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.
YWIB:

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

Together with WIB-Greater Boston's YWIB group, LivOnyx Inc. and Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center (M2D2) fueled curiosity and scientific thinking for a group of 22 girls on May 23, 2017, at M2D2’s Canal Street location in Lowell. The event, “How Do Scientists Do Science?” encouraged the girls to nurture their natural curiosity, learn about the many facets of life in the world of STEM, think about and solve problems while learning the most fundamental skill every scientist needs to know - the scientific method. Read the entire article.

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WIB-Greater Montreal Presents: “A Cool Taste of Summer,” July 12, 2017

Join WIB-Greater Montreal as we usher in the summer season with a fun cocktail party. Escape the blistering heat and enjoy the cool, relaxing atmosphere of the downtown offices of Bereskin & Parr. Sample great wine and delectable fare while mingling with men and women from all areas of Greater Montreal’s Life Sciences sector. Discover the new innovations and recent trends, meet the decision makers, and become more visible.

What are you waiting for?! Get connected, and start building valuable, lasting relationships. It’s so easy.
Register on-line now as spots will go fast.

WIB-Grand Montréal présente “Un Rafraîchissant Goût d’Été,” 12 juillet 2017


Qu’attendez-vous?! Soyez connectés, et commencez à construire des relations précieuses et durables. C’est très facile.
Inscrivez-vous en ligne dès maintenant car les places partiront vite.

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Female Leadership in Science

Academia needs more women in science leadership positions, and both genders need to be part of the dialogue and effort to ensure this goal. “Set the bar high for yourself because lofty expectations bridge gender lines” was the message from Rockefeller University scientists Dr. Leslie B. Vosshall and Dr. Shruti Nair during WIB-Metro New York’s May 30, 2017, chapter event. Offering perspectives from their respective tenures, each leader discussed her experiences and shared strategies for women to follow to achieve
success in this largely male-dominated field. Their messages ranged from Support Your Colleagues to Be Resilient, Ask Tough Questions, Take Risks, and Be Your Own Advocate and Brand Ambassador. Their advice was both pragmatic and actionable.

Dr. Leslie B. Vossshall (left) and Dr. Shruti Naik field audience questions.

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WIB-Philadelphia Metro Presents "Childhood ADHD: The Past, Present, and Innovative Future"

On June 27, 2017, come along with us on a journey to explore the evolution of treatment for childhood attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Dr. Nicole Myer and Dr. Sari Goldman will discuss past trends, how the disease is currently treated and managed, and how scientific advances in the field of genetics will soon change the current state of treatment. Dr. Betsy Bove will lead Genomind Laboratory tours throughout the event. Refreshments and appetizers will be served.

WIB-Philadelphia Invites You to Swing & Sip with Navigate Women’s Leadership Network

We are excited to partner with the Women’s Leadership Network of Navigate Corporation to bring you this year’s exclusive golf event! Join us on July 14, 2017, for your choice of a 90 minute clinic or 9 holes followed by an hour of networking with other Philadelphia Area businesswomen!

Pricing includes 90 minutes of instruction or 9 holes of friendly play, one drink ticket, and light appetizers. Please register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/swing-sip-event-series-2017-tickets-34368800024?aff=erelexpmlt. Click “Tickets” and select the July 14th
**Get Social at Wigle Whiskey: A Speed Networking Event**

Brush up on your networking skills this summer with Women In Bio! On July 24, 2017, we'll turn up the heat and break the ice with speed networking - learn some tips and tricks from the crowd, practice, and have fun. Afterwards, socialize at the Wigle Whiskey distillery, named for a Pennsylvanian whiskey distiller who sparked the Whiskey Rebellion in the 1790s. Wigle Whiskey was the first distillery in Pittsburgh after Prohibition. Join us for samples of award winning local craft spirits. Bottles of Wigle Whiskey will be available for purchase at the event. Whiskey samples and light appetizers will be provided.

**WIB-Pittsburgh Presents: "P.O.W.E.R. 4 - Precision Medicine"**

Pittsburgh’s Outstanding Women Entrepreneurs Rally (P.O.W.E.R) is an annual celebration of the contribution local women are making to life sciences and healthcare. As our fourth annual P.O.W.E.R. event, P.O.W.E.R. 2017 showcases an emerging trend in healthcare – precision medicine, diagnosis, and clinical treatment based on the kaleidoscope of genetic, environmental and lifestyle inputs using patient-per-patient analysis.

Conditions summarized by a single word - Diabetes, Depression, Cancer – no longer fit within a "one-size-fits all" classification. On September 26, 2017, P.O.W.E.R. 2017 will take attendees right to the root of an illness and capture the individual variability in genes, environment, and lifestyle. Six successful Pittsburgh scientists and sector leaders will highlight the startling discoveries that fuel the engine of precision medicine, covering clinical perspectives as well as impact on patients, health care, and health insurance in Pittsburgh and across the globe. Learn more!

**WIB-Pittsburgh Welcomes Summer with Potluck Picnic**

WIB-Pittsburgh members and their families attended the 2nd Annual "Welcome-to-Summer" potluck picnic on Sunday, June 4, 2017. The sun was present, which made it a wonderful way to kick off summer while enjoying grilled burgers and hotdogs, and tasting the delicious side dishes and desserts brought by everyone. In a friendly and convivial environment, members and guests met under the Anderson Shelter in Schenley Park. Members took advantage of this relaxed atmosphere to get to know more about each other. It was also an opportunity for new members to find out about Women In Bio and upcoming chapter events. Several WIB-Pittsburgh spouses also connected with each other while their children enjoyed the playground and the delicious chocolate cookies and brownies! We look forward to seeing everyone again soon!
About Our Chapter

Research Triangle Park (RTP) is one of the oldest and largest high-tech research and development centers in North America. It is part of North Carolina's overall biotechnology initiative, and a primary economic driver for the region. Its 7,000 acres house more than 170 companies employing over 52,000 employees. RTP businesses range from Fortune 100 multinational research and development companies, to U.S. federal agencies, to university spin-outs and start-ups.

RTP is home to numerous winners of the Nobel Prize, Pulitzer Prize, Presidential Awards, and it is where the National Science Foundation Awards carry out their efforts. It has served as a model for innovation, education, and economic development worldwide. Many women's careers in life science have been launched in RTP. The Women In Bio-RTP chapter benefits from, and contributes to the rich life sciences industry here. Learn more about our chapter.

Meet WIB-RTP’s Chapter Leaders

- Agnieszka Truax, Ph.D., Chapter Chair
- Alicia Koblansky, Ph.D., Communications Chair
- Tara Ann Cartwright, Communications Co-Vice Chair
- Ambalika S. Khadria, Ph.D., Communications Co-Vice Chair
- Meredith Earl, Ph.D., Program Chair
- Louise Giffin, Program Committee Vice Chair
- Cerdi Beltre, Funding Chair
- Kimberley Parker, Ph.D., Membership Chair
- Ludmila Francescatto, Membership Vice Chair
- Michelle Richer, Young Women In Bio Chair
- Lauren Lilley Lohmer, Young Women In Bio Co-Vice Chair
- Jhuma Das, Mentors, Advisors, Peers (MAPs) Co-Chair
- Elizabeth Turpin, Mentors, Advisors, Peers (MAPs) Co-Chair
More postdoctoral and Ph.D. candidates are considering a career transition to the Pharma/Biotech industry, rather than staying in academia. Although the choice may seem obvious and easy to make, the actual process of making this transition is very challenging, and different from finding an academic postdoctoral or research position. Join us for an interactive panel discussion, during which our panelists will answer key questions to assist you in understanding the process of finding employment in industry. We will discuss various roles Ph.D.s and postdoctoral scholars can consider, in addition to research positions. We will also discuss what managers and recruiters look for in a compelling resume, and how to interview well. Our panel will include Moderator Toby Freedman (Synapsis Search and author of Career Opportunities in Biotechnology and Drug Development); Johanna Lucas (Senior Director, Talent Acquisition, BioMarin); Rong Wang (Vice President, Finance, MID Labs); and Matt Valentino (Calico Labs).

Breakthrough Discoveries in Aging Research

On May 2, 2017, WIB-San Francisco Bay Area hosted a panel discussion at Calico that featured three panelists and a moderator representing academia and industry - all leaders in the field of aging and age-related diseases research. The evening started with mingling and food. Presentations began with an introduction to the field from the panel moderator, Dr. Danica Chen (UC Berkeley). Dr. Rochelle Buffenstein (Calico), Dr. Dena Dubal (UCSF), and Dr. Rachel Brem (Buck Institute for Research on Aging) presented their exciting research. Read more!

Join One of Our Growing MAPs Programs!

The WIB-San Francisco Bay Area’s MAPs program is growing, and new opportunities to join peer groups or become a mentor for students, postdoctoral fellows, and career professionals are now available. Contribute positively towards someone’s future! Please
contact sanfranciscomaps@womeninbio.org for more information on the programs described below.

MAPs peer groups are getting a facelift! Join our peer groups to meet and build meaningful relationships with professional women in monthly meetings that will be structured around a specific theme. We offer small group sizes, focused networking opportunities, and so much more! Sign up for MAPs peer groups.

If you have ever considered becoming a mentor, or would like to make a difference in the lives of aspiring scientists by helping them choose their next steps, we encourage you to mentor for MAPs in one of our two programs:

- **1:1 mentoring for high school (YWIB/MAPs) and undergraduate (MAPsU) students:** Very little time commitment needed (~1-2 hours/month). Ideal mentors are postdoctoral fellows or early career professionals. Sign up to mentor a high school or undergraduate student.
- **1:1 mentoring for postdoctoral fellows and all other career professionals:** Usually 1-2 hours/month per mentee. Ideal mentors are mid-senior level professionals. Sign up to mentor a postdoctoral fellow or other career professional.

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**About Our Chapter**

WIB-Seattle is an organization of professionals actively committed to promoting careers, leadership, and entrepreneurship of women in the life sciences throughout Seattle, Bellevue, Bothell and the other cities located in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties. We are dedicated to providing education, mentoring, and professional development assistance to women who work in life sciences or in professions supportive of the life sciences, as well as young women and girls who are interested in science careers.

Our membership consists of professionals at leading pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and device companies, non-profits, academic institutions, and support service companies including law firms, consultants, and financial service firms. Learn more about our chapter.

**Meet WIB-Seattle’s Chapter Leaders**

- Shannon Dennis, Chapter Chair
- Katie Smolnycki, Chapter Vice Chair
- Ingrid Durenberger, Communications Chair
- Sonya Trejo, Communications Vice Chair
- Stephanie Tatem Murphy, Membership Chair
- Janet Jennings, Membership Vice Chair
- Ariana Marcassa, Program Chair
- Dominika Trembecka-Lucas, Program Vice Chair
- Lisann Zentner, Funding Chair
- Sophia Siu, Funding Vice Chair
- Quyen Tran, Young Women In Bio Chair
- Chelsea Mullins, Young Women In Bio Vice Chair
- Yang Wu, MAPs Chair
- Laura Gaydos, MAPs Vice Chair
- Kimberly Decker, MAPs Vice Chair
- Erica Foss, Director-at-Large
- Monica Cuevas, Treasurer
- Andrea Knapp, Chair Emeritus/Director-at-Large

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**Southern California**

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**WIB-Southern California Presents: “Balancing Genetics and Ethics in the Management of Rare Diseases”**
WIB-Southern California hosted one of their monthly educational events on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at the Illumina campus in San Diego, CA. The title of the panel discussion was “Balancing Genetics and Ethics in the Management of Rare Diseases.” The event was sponsored by Illumina and by Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC. After attendees had an opportunity to network over food and wine in Illumina’s beautiful Fitness Room, the evening’s panel discussion started with Moderator Linda Strause, Principal and Founder, Strategic Clinical Consultants, introducing the panel’s interviewer, Christina Waters, CEO and Founder of RARE Science. Panelists were: Barbara Binzak Blumenfeld, Shareholder at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC; Razelle Kurzrock, Director, Center for Personalized Cancer Therapy at University of California, San Diego Moores Cancer Center; Dawn Barry, Vice President of Applied Genomics at Illumina; and Sophia Galdámez, a patient with a rare disease. Sophia is only 16 years old and currently a sophomore at Francis Parker High School. Read the entire article.
When both Value and Novelty are Required: the Transformation of R&D

On May 18, 2017, WIB-Southern California held their monthly educational event at the Lodge at Torrey Pines. Attendees had the opportunity to network and snack on delicious cheeses, hors d’oeuvres, wine, and desserts while enjoying the gorgeous view. Alyssa Master, Chapter Chair, kicked off the event by giving an overview of Women In Bio and our chapter, explaining their goals of helping develop women's careers in the Life Sciences. The event highlight was a presentation by deMauri Mackie, Ph.D., and Michael Murphy, M.D., Ph.D., of Worldwide Clinical Trials. Their talk focused on the development of drugs for orphan diseases, and captured the point of view of various stakeholders: physicians, sponsors, payers, as well as patients and their families. Read more!

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WIB-DC/Baltimore Presents: "Honing Communication Skills for Better Leadership"

What if you could really understand what someone wanted? What if, by asking the right questions and listening to the words another person uses, you could better understand what they wanted – even before they did? What if you could improve all your relationships? Improved communication and a deeper understanding of others’ motivation is possible. By learning a repeatable framework, based on language choices that expose unconscious motivation, you can experience being “heard” and better understand others. On July 27, 2017, Dr. Kristin Backstrom, from the Centers for Motivation, will share insights on how language choices express what drives and motivates individuals, helping you learn how to improve teamwork, reduce conflict, and achieve goals. 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.