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NATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women In Bio Announces 2018 Founders Scholarship Recipients

This year we are pleased to announce WIB has offered $1,000 professional scholarships to three 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 2018 WIB Founders Scholarship recipients are:

- **Julie Huang**, WIB-San Francisco: Plans to complete the Biotech Primer course: Drug Development Immersion
- **Kristin Sellers**, WIB-San Francisco: Plans to attend the International Neuromodulation Society 14th World Congress
- **Jaira Ferreira de Vasconcellos**, WIB-Capital Region: Plans to attend the conference, “From Stem Cell Biology to New Therapies”
- An honorable mention to **Eva Zimmerman**, WIB-Texas: will receive $495 to attend a course of her choice.
WIB Members May Access Recordings of Previous Webinars

Did you miss a webinar you wanted to attend? Don't worry! Members can access recordings of previous webinars located in the video library here.

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RESOURCES

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WIB SmartBrief

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CHAPTER NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming Events

- Tonight WIB-Capital Region Presents: "HERstory Gala 2018: Honoring Outstanding Women in Biotech," December 13, 2018
- Tonight WIB-Chicago: Annual Meeting and Wine Tasting, December 13, 2018
- WIB-Greater Boston: Young Women In Bio Event at Sarepta Therapeutics, January 28, 2019

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WIB-Atlanta Presents: “It is an Art to Stay Feminine, Yet Powerful” with Adele Wang

WIB-Atlanta organized “It is an Art to Stay Feminine, Yet Powerful” with Adele Wang on November 12, 2018. The event was held at Thompson Hine - Two Alliance Center on Lenox Road in Atlanta. This was a Career/Personal Development Joint Event with the Women’s Series of the Belgian, French, Netherlands, and German American Chambers of Commerce, the British American Business Council, and the Japan-American Society of Georgia. It was the first time Women In Bio participated in this partnership. Adele talked about “How to get noticed” and “Attract more of what you want” for professional and personal success. She addressed how women in business often feel pressure to fit in with their male counterparts. In turn, they suppress female traits that are an integral part of any businessperson's arsenal for success. The art of negotiation, team building, and leadership are natural traits women should place at the forefront of their tools for success. Expressing natural feminine traits gets the attention one really wants for successful business and personal relationships. She also talked about methods for de-stressing and avoiding being overwhelmed in the process. It was very well attended event. Join us for more information and photos from this wonderful event.
Volunteer for Young Women In Bio Today!!
Our chapter’s Young Women In Bio (YWIB) committee is looking for volunteers! YWIB encourages young girls to explore opportunities, education, and careers in STEM. YWIB partners with local leading companies, universities, hospitals and organizations to develop engaging, educational and motivational programs. Be a part of this exciting committee that ignites the curiosity and fuels the passion in girls, supporting them as they shape and change the world! Interested in volunteering? Contact CapitalRegion@womeninbio.org

Tonight! WIB-Capital Region Presents: "HERstory Gala 2018: Honoring Outstanding Women in Biotech"
The HERstory Gala, December 13, 2018, is the premier event for our chapter and supporters. This elegant event attracts men and women from industry, government, non-profits, and academia from across the Capital Region Metro Area and provides unique opportunities to meet with some of the region’s most successful women. This event is focused on highlighting women trailblazers in the life sciences who have made a significant impact in the region during the year. Ticket price includes open bar, cocktail reception, seated 3-course dinner, and access to biotech industry leaders in the Capital Region.

WIB-Capital Region: Mentors, Advisors, and Peers (MAPs) Group Meets in Silver Spring, MD
Mentors, advisors, and peers, known as MAPs, groups exist throughout many Women In Bio (WIB) chapters. WIB Capital-Region chapter hosts several MAPs groups scattered across different parts of DMV area. They are made up of senior professionals as well as junior WIB members, such as graduate students and post-doctoral researchers. The groups are meant to facilitate discussion, mentoring, and networking between local life science professionals. The MAPs group in Silver Spring, MD is led by Erin Lawless Miller, Chief Operating Officer, Orphan Drug Unit, IQVIA. The group meets once a month and brings together approximately six to twelve local women working in the life sciences. There is a large range of expertise represented between senior executives, students and post-doctoral researchers, academics, consultants, and employees of various government agencies and local biotechnology companies. In the upcoming months, the Silver Spring MAPs group will also cover the topics of Negotiation Tactics, and Skill Building, 2019 Goal Setting and Year in Review, Non-Academic Careers, LinkedIn, the Article "Women are Over Mentored and Under Sponsored," Succession Planning in Organizations (why it’s crucial, how to do it), and Navigating Office Politics. The leader Erin Lawless Miller compiled a great list of topics that will be of interest to the different levels of expertise within the MAPs group and continues to inspire the group to come out to new skills and network. Overall, joining a MAPs group can be of great value for one's professional development, in a more casual atmosphere than typical networking events. Please join us for more information.

WIB-Capital Region Member Spotlight: Irene Tennant
Irene Tennant is currently the Director of Clinical Development for American Gene Technologies (AGT). Her primary focus is to bring the company’s lead candidate, a cure for HIV to first human efficacy. She provides long-range clinical development planning, managing, and authorship of clinical research projects. Irene leads the clinical development programs for the company and provides clinical input and expertise to pre-clinical and translational sciences. She is involved in the product lifecycle management from the earliest stages of development, constantly seeking innovations to add value strategically and leads and supports regulatory filings to the FDA. Irene plays an integral role by providing her expertise in implementing clinical initiatives to improve the quality and content of all clinical programs as well as the cross-functional processes designed to effectively deliver the company’s R&D portfolio. She is a mother to six beautiful children and has an amazingly diverse background in Biotech.
Tell us how you got involved with Women In Bio, what you do for the organization, and what being a part of the WIB means for you.

"I am a strong proponent of anything that can help to support women advancing in the workplace, especially in the drug development space. WIB is a well-recognized platform that can help stimulate and encourage more of this excitement in a rapidly growing field where we need more perspectives from women. There are real obstacles to women building their career in any industry, but Biotech is my industry, and it is where I feel like myself and other industry members can have the biggest impact. I recently attended a Women in Biotech event focusing on strategies for developing more female leaders. It was a great panel discussion featuring female leaders in the field. Let us always be inspired by each other and what we can do to help each other get to the top of our potential." For the entire Spotlight click here.

WIB-Capital Region Facebook Group

Stay up-to-date with all the events at WIB-Capital Region. Please join our new Capital Region Facebook group. The link is https://m.facebook.com/groups/1904793249842010?ref=bookmarks

Tonight! WIB-Chicago: Annual Meeting and Wine Tasting

Calling all WIB-Chicago members! Please join us, December 13, 2018, for our annual members-only meeting followed by wine tasting/networking. At the members meeting, we will review the status of our chapter and discuss our 2019 events and goals. Stay after the meeting to enjoy the company of fellow WIB-members and a casual wine (or beer) tasting. In the spirit of holiday sharing, please bring a favorite wine or beer to share with other members in a “potluck of libations” networking event. Light snacks will be served. The event is open to current members and is free; however, registration is required in advance for building security reasons. Register here!

Members unable to attend the meeting in person may participate via teleconference. Contact chicago@womeninbio.org for teleconference information.

For those interested, our sponsor will be accepting unwrapped toy donations for “Toys for Tots.”
WIB-Greater Boston Young Women In Bio Event at Sarepta Therapeutics

Interested in what it's like to work in a lab? WIB-Greater Boston invites girls in middle school to a Young Women In Bio event at Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc. to learn more about biotechnology and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers. Register here!

WIB-Greater Montreal 6th Anniversary Celebration: "Lift While You Climb"

WIB-Greater Montreal celebrated its 6th anniversary with a cocktail dinner at Fasken, high atop the Stock Exchange Tower in downtown Montreal. The topic of discussion was how mentorship can help people through their career and nourish both mentors and mentees. Our top notch keynote speaker Christine Lennon, shared the wonderful story of her non-linear career path. She counted being bold and sharing one’s future plans with their surrounding people, as key elements in her success. Liz Cooper, our MAPs committee chair, moderated a very interactive and engaging series of questions and answers in which our audience actively participated and enjoyed. The discussion finished by a raffle for the book “Inferior: How science got women wrong – and the new research that’s Rewriting the Story” by Angela Saini. This book will be featured in our book club in January! We would like to thank our speaker Christine Lennon - most recently founding President & CEO of Epigene Therapeutics Inc., as well as all the attendees for their participation. We also sincerely thank Fasken for being a generous supporter of WIB-Greater Montreal.
**WIB-Metro New York: Poker Divas Event**

Nearly 30 women – and a few men – attended the WIB-Metro New York Poker Divas Event on November 14, 2018. Participants gathered around several poker tables as Ellen Leikind, CEO and Founder, Poker Divas, taught the group the basics of poker, and how the lessons learned at the poker table can give women a significant edge in business and in life by teaching assertiveness, leadership, and negotiating skills. A dedicated coach also sat at each table to provide more personalized coaching on both game strategy and negotiation tactics. The event concluded with an exciting tournament, and all attendees received a copy of Ms. Leikind’s book, *POKERWOMAN: How to Win at Love, Life, and Business Using the Principles of Poker.*

[Click here for more photos.](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/get_custom_template.asp?guid=E3EE470A-9AAA-4CE9-B917-BF1742F096A4)
WIB-Philadelphia Metro: 2018 Holiday Party Open House

WIB-Philadelphia had a wonderful time networking and celebrating the holiday season together at Pepper Hamilton's downtown office. The event was well attended by old and new faces, setting the tone for a great year for our young chapter!
WIB-Philadelphia Call for Volunteers

WIB-Philadelphia Metro is looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- **Membership Committee** – Involved in planning semi-annual membership drives and social media outreach to new members
- **Communications Committee** – Social media posting, email correspondence with chapter partners to generate awareness
- **Sponsorship Committee** – Outreach to existing sponsors to realize full benefits of investment, building relationships with members and network to secure new sponsorships
- **Program Committee** – Involved with identifying, coordinating, and implementing programs and events. Work with presenters, venue coordinators, and caterers
- **Young Women In Bio** – Supporting planning and organization of YWIB events (school reach out, promoting YWIB mission with companies, event prep etc.)
- **Chapter Secretary** – Manage monthly leadership call logistics (distribute agendas, record & distribute meeting minutes), Manage actions from monthly calls, Send calendar invites for chapter events, Manage monthly national committee minutes

Please email Philadelphiametro@WomenInBio.org if you have interest in joining either committee.
WIB Pittsburgh: Hats and Harvest Social

WIB-Pittsburgh members had the opportunity to show off autumn-inspired hats, celebrate the harvest season, and socialize with fellow WIB members at the Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery on November 14, 2018. Attendees mingled while enjoying delicious appetizers, beer, and seasonal cocktails throughout the evening. Many creative hats were on display, with Karen Carney and Andrea Dobbs winning the prizes for best hat and runner-up, respectively. A fun time was had by all! Join us for more photos!

Winners of the best hat awards Karen Carney and Andrea Dobbs show off their creative hats.
WIB-Pittsburgh members pose for a group photo in their autumn inspired hats.

WIB-RTP: Holiday Party

On December 12, 2018, WIB-RTP celebrated an evening full of holiday cheer. A winter storm did not stop us! There were heavy appetizers, drinks, open socializing/networking, and short presentations by chapter board members. We've had an exciting year together and with new leadership, we can't wait to tell you all about our new initiatives for 2019.
Volunteer with YWIB-San Francisco’s New Initiative yCARE

The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of YWIB is partnering with local organizations and schools to launch yCARE, an initiative to introduce girls in underserved communities to careers in STEM. yCARE’s vision is to build Career Awareness, be a Role model, and Energize school girls in these communities to study STEM. Events include mock career fairs, job shadowing, speed networking, inspirational guest lectures, mentoring, and more.

We are now seeking volunteers from the biopharma industry for yCARE! If you are passionate about STEM outreach, we encourage you to fill out this short form to join as a volunteer. Each event is only a one-time commitment, and you may choose any event you’re interested in. If you have any questions, please email us at sanfranciscoYWIB@womeninbio.org.

WIB-San Francisco Bay Area Presents: Networking Happy Hour in the South Bay

WIB-San Francisco hosted a networking happy hour at Stein’s in Mountain View on November 13, 2018 with an open bar and delicious appetizers. Approximately 20 women attended from a range of science disciplines and were able to connect in a quiet and intimate setting allowing for more in depth conversations. Great connections were made or strengthened, and women leaving the event praised the setting and how easy it was to have conversations with women attending!

YWIB-San Francisco and BioMarin Present: "Curious About Careers in Biotechnology? Take a Look Into our Rare story!"

On November 13, 2018, BioMarin in Novato hosted a group of 37 high school girls and took them on a journey to explore what life is like in the cutting-edge biotech industry. The evening started with an introduction by an analytical scientist from Research and Development where she shared her story of how she navigated through an academic career before landing her dream job at BioMarin. The girls then viewed videos of patient stories which helped them appreciate the impact that gene therapies, created by pharmaceutical companies like BioMarin, have on their lives and on the community. Following the introductory session, the students were taken on a tour of the Manufacturing Department. They had the opportunity to demo and act out the complex process of entering a “Clean-Room”- this was both funny and intriguing to them as they learned of the effort that goes into maintaining a sterile environment and what it means to protect a drug product. The evening ended with a panel discussion between the students and a group of eight accomplished women from different departments. For more photos and the entire write-up click here!
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.

WIB-Southern California: 2018 Holiday Party

On December 4, 2018, we closed out another successful year of the Southern California chapter of WIB with a stylish holiday party! Almost 100 members and non-members gathered at CBRE’s La Jolla offices to celebrate with delicious food, desserts, and drinks. In addition to the lead sponsor, ALT, the event was sponsored by CBRE, GenCanna, IQVIA, CG Life, UPS, and MedMarc. The fabulous
networking reception was followed by a talk by Mysty Rusk, the Director of The Brink, an Innovation Center at the University of San Diego. Join us for more information and photos from this amazing event!
About Our Chapter

The Women In Bio – 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 being dubbed the “Third Coast” of Biotechnology. Learn more about our chapter.

OTHER INTERESTS

What is the Women's Series:

The Women's Series are joint events of the Belgian, French, Netherlands, and German American Chambers of Commerce as well as the British American Business Council. Started in January 2014, the Women's Series holds quarterly business events for professional women of the Atlanta international community. The goal of the Women's Series is to bring educational and stimulating content to our attendees, while also facilitating professional opportunities and networking among peers. We are proud to offer topics to help connect and develop the women of our communities.

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