NATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WIB Seeks Sponsorship Vice-Chair (Submissions Requested By August 5)

Women In Bio (WIB) is seeking an engaging woman volunteer to serve as Vice-Chair of the national committee, supporting the sustainability of our organization.

WIB supports diversity and inclusion for women employed in the field of life sciences from the classroom to the boardroom. Our organization supports women every step of the way with our Young Women In Bio, Executive Women In Bio, and Boardroom Ready Programs, as well as our growing Mentorship opportunities.

This woman must be able to build relationships between chapters to create an open dialogue on fundraising best practices for engaging and retaining sponsors. Please view the Sponsorship Vice-Chair profile, as well as information on how to apply, located here.

Executive Women In Bio - Board of Directors Appointments

Women In Bio congratulates Jane Gross, Ph.D., for joining the Board of Directors at aTyr Pharma. Jane was a member of the 2017 Boardroom Ready class.

Congratulations also to Karah Parschauer, BoardroomReady 2018 alumna, for her two recent appointments to the Board of Directors for Arcturus Therapeutics and Evolus Aesthetic. Click here for more details.


Becoming an executive is no easy task. Becoming a female executive is something else altogether. How can the ambitious woman excel, advance, and thrive in seemingly male-dominated industries with thousands of years of history working against her? Through her own inspiring journey from employee to powerful female executive, Robin Toft couples the wisdom she gleaned at the boardroom table as an executive with over a decade of experience in executive search as Founder and CEO of the award-winning Toft Group. No matter where you are on your executive journey, Robin Toft will move you to action and empower you as a trusted partner through every aspect of your career advancement. Robin will share the confidence, language, and tools to design and realize the career of your dreams and turn inspiration into action. Land the job, make vertical moves, and secure a seat at the boardroom table.

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WIB-National Webinar: The Entrepreneur Journey: From Idea to Reality

Do you have a winning idea? Do you dream of taking that idea and turning it into a solid profitable business venture? Through stories about her own entrepreneur journey, Rose Cook (CEO of FlexPro, a Life Sciences project management consulting firm), shares insights and practical advice about how to start, build, and grow a successful enterprise. Her career started with 20 years in Fortune 100 companies before she left to start FlexPro. The award-winning firm, now in its 12th year, has a growing team of 40 employees, and serves clients ranging from emerging biotechs to Big Pharma.

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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.

RESOURCES

WIB Video Library

This Member-Only benefit allows you to view previously recorded WIB events from any chapter. Simply log into your WIB account to take advantage of this great resource and access the videos in our WIB video library!

SmartBrief

WIB SmartBrief is a weekly e-mail newsletter bringing the most important and timely news stories about women in all areas of the life sciences. Learn more and sign up for this free E-Newsletter!

Whether you are a job seeker or looking to fill a position, this is the resource for you! Visit wibcareercenter.com to get started.

Designate Women In Bio as the recipient organization of AmazonSmile's donations, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to WIB at no cost to you. Thanks for your support!

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- WIB-Atlanta: IP Networking Event, September 5, 2019
- WIB-Chicago: Start-Up Challenge 5.0, September 18, 2019

WIB-Atlanta

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WIB-Atlanta: IP Networking Event
Join WIB-Atlanta and Georgia IP Alliance for an evening of networking. This is an opportunity for scientists, IP professionals, and entrepreneurs to connect, learning about local start-ups and successful tech transfer. This is also your chance to informally meet with featured guests Vipula Tailor (President & CEO of Azure 8) and Erika Tyburski (Inventor, Founder & CEO of Sanguina LLC). Everyone welcome. Food and refreshments will be provided.

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WIB-Capital Region: Building Your Startup Team

Join Women In Bio-Capital Region to discuss one of the most important elements of entrepreneurship - how to determine whether to bring start-up team members in-house (and creatively convince them to work for your startup), or utilize vendors and contractors (and vet and manage them). We are excited to present an excellent panel of strong female professionals with diverse expertise in launching and facilitating successful businesses in the biotech space. Our panel will feature: Emily English, Ph.D. and CEO of Gemstone Biotherapeutics; Anne Balduzzi, Director of Advisory Services at TEDCO; and Maria Granovsky, Ph.D., J.D., and founder of Swimming Otter Communications. Dr. Ethel Rubin, Entrepreneur-in-Residence at BioHealth Innovation, Inc. will be our moderator for the evening, helping to highlight the panelists’ inspirational stories and cautionary tales of how to successfully start your own business (typically with little funding). Come prepared to listen, learn, ask questions, and have the opportunity to meet the leading ladies of our entrepreneurship-focused WIB evening. We can’t wait to see you there!

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WIB-Capital Region: Women In Bio-Frederick Planning Session

Share ideas with other like-minded individuals about the professional and social events you would like to see in the Frederick area. What does a Frederick region Women In Bio network mean to you? What kinds of topics and events interest you? This will be a deeper dive into the calendar of events for Frederick WIB activity – and of course, networking. Come to the Women In Bio Roundtable to be a part of this exciting event, contribute, and find out more.

This is the second Frederick Roundtable event, check out a recap of the first event here.

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WIB-Capital Region: Summer Networking Picnic Brunch

Join Women In Bio-Capital Region for our annual summer networking picnic on Sunday, August 11th, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Our chapter is providing the food and it will be brunch-style, under a lovely pavilion.
This is an open event, so please feel free to bring your family and friends for an opportunity to network and eat good food with your fellow WIB community. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming annual summer networking picnic.

Click here for more information or to register

**WIB-Seattle: Building Strategic Partnerships, June 26, 2019, Event Recap**

WIB-Seattle was honored to host speakers Dr. Teresa Foy, Ph.D., and Dr. Ajoke Sobanjo-Ter Meulen, MD for our June event, “Building Strategic Partnerships”.

Dr. Foy led us through her career journey from post-doctoral bench research to small start-up, to being one of the founders of the Seattle site of Celgene. She earned her doctorate in immunology when the field was still new and developing and is now Corporate Vice President of Immuno-Oncology and Cellular Therapy Research and Early Development at Celgene. Dr. Foy explained that Celgene’s success comes from strong partnerships with external research groups. Over 50 collaborations are managed and Celgene is proud of being a "partner of choice" to these partners. Dr. Foy selects external teams and partnerships by how well they match Celgene’s goals and strategies as well as how strong their team and science are. Once selected, Celgene provides support to these external groups, to build their investment and strengthen the relationship. When asked about the differences between being a scientist and a business development strategist, she replied, “It’s still about data,” but the difference at the bench is focusing intensely on the task in front of you, while strategy means always looking ahead into what’s next, and how current work fits into the overall picture.

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**WIB-Capital Region: Financial Strategies for Professional Transitions and Career Elevation, June 25, 2019**

On Tuesday, June 25th, Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP (DBR) hosted WIB - Capital Region's information-packed June program on the topic of Financial Strategies and Negotiations for Professional Transitions and Career Elevation. The event was well attended by chapter leadership and chapter members, as well as several attendees from DBR who were interested in both the topic and in learning more about Women In Bio. After some networking, Ann Marie Stanley, Science Advisor at DBR, opened the session by introducing the firm and welcoming all attendees to the event. She was followed by WIB - Capital Region chapter president, Lindsay Ryan, who provided background on the chapter and introduced the speaker, Erin Lawless Miller.

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**WIB-Capital Region Facebook Group**

Stay up-to-date with all the events at WIB-Capital Region. Please join our [Capital Region Facebook group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/wibcapitalregion/).
WIB-Chicago: Special Event: Concert in the Park Networking Event

Back by popular demand, we are happy to invite you to our special concert in the park networking event at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion. Bring your casual picnic wear to catch up with WIB members, learn more about us or simply build your network in the life sciences as we enjoy a Chicago summer night and listen to The Flight of the Bumblebee and other pieces.

Learn more about the Grant Park Music Festival here.

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WIB-Chicago: Start-Up Challenge 5.0

Join WIB for its fifth annual Start-Up Challenge as finalists from women-led Illinois biotech companies give a short pitch about their company’s technology and products.

Local experts from the investment and start-up communities will provide feedback and select the winning pitch, with the winner receiving a $2500 award sponsored by Horizon Pharma. The event will also feature a structured networking session with local entrepreneurs.

Interested in competing in the Challenge? All women-led companies are invited to apply to participate. This is a great opportunity to showcase your company and gain valuable feedback on your presentation. As a participant, WIB-Chicago is pleased to offer you private, one-on-one personalized coaching for your pitch. The application is available here until September 6, 2019.

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WIB-Chicago: Engage in Chicago’s vibrant life science community – call for volunteers!

Do you…
...want to get more engaged with women and your local life science community?
...want to build your professional network and make friends along the way?
...want to help build and shape Women In Bio-Chicago?
...want to add some rewarding volunteer activity to your CV?

Then come and join us! We are looking for volunteers to help out in various committees. Just to name a few, Special Events and Program are looking for help with organizing events, Membership needs some help at the events itself, Communication wants people that engage in outreach and our MAPS committee is eager to kick-off the second round of our mentorship program and needs a helping hand with that.

If anything of that sounds interesting to you, you have a general interest in volunteering for WIB or even if you have other ideas about how you would like to contribute, reach out to us! Email Rike (our communication chair) for further information.

We can do it alone, but together we can do it better!

WIB-Greater Boston: Golf Clinic

Our popular golf social event is back! Whether you are a beginner or an experienced golfer, you will enjoy golf lessons and networking on the patio with appetizers and...
drinks. Space is limited to 20 attendees, so please sign up early! Open to both WIB members and non-members alike.

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WIB-Greater Montreal

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About Our Chapter

WIB-Greater Montreal, located in a biotech and life sciences hub, brings together professionals from across Quebec with bio-related interests. Members include business professionals, entrepreneurs and scientists from the private and public sectors.

Our chapter provides many resources, including networking, sharing insights and innovations, and learning about the latest developments and opportunities within the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical devices industries.

The Greater Montreal region boasts more than 600 organizations with over 43,000 employees in life science industry. Montreal’s life sciences business cluster benefits from the presence of recognized experts in pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, contractual research, and medical technologies, as well as 150 university and public research organizations.

WIB-Metro New York

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About Our Chapter

WIB-Metro New York is centered among global life sciences leaders in New York City, New Jersey, Hudson Valley, Connecticut, and eastern Pennsylvania. 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. 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.

WIB-Philadelphia Metro

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WIB-Philadelphia: Swing & Sip Golf Event
Join Women In Bio–Philadelphia Metro at the upcoming Navigate Women’s Leadership Network Swing & Sip Golf Event! This event teaches women how to leverage golf for their business success in a comfortable and empathetic environment. Choose a clinic or 9 holes - no matter what your skill level, there is something for everyone. If you are participating in the clinic, no clubs necessary!

Click here for more information

WIB-Pittsburgh: Improve your Improv by WIB Pgh and &Beyond, July 11, 2019, Event Recap

WIB-Pittsburgh had a fun event on July 11th hosting Andrea Flack-Wetherald at a local whiskey distillery, Wigle Whiskey Garden and Barrelhouse. Andrea Flack-Wetherald is originally trained in improv and she started her own company &Beyond in 2016 to provide leadership and management skills through applying her knowledge in improv. WIB members from both industry and academia had a great time learning about how to better communicate during networking events or how to manage difficult conversations and conflict at the workplace using improv. Andrea Flack-Wetherald also gave tips about team building, positive workplace culture, and applied-improv for marketing. After a brief presentation, the attendees were involved in different interactive activities and had the opportunity to use the skills they just learned while they enjoyed their craft cocktails.

Click here for more details and additional photos

WIB-RTP: Young Women In Bio Tour of Duke University’s Regenerative Medicine Labs (Registration Full)

The Regeneration Next Initiative at Duke University focuses on bringing together researchers that work on regeneration research on Duke's campus. From basic science to engineering and the clinic, the collaborations within the initiative look to move regeneration research forward through diverse approaches. During this event, you will be introduced to the different model organisms used within the labs to explore the topic of regeneration. There will be brief walks in between buildings to visit labs that use C.elegans, Drosophila, Zebrafish, Mice, and human cells in their work as model organisms. The labs will show off their work and discuss how model organisms can be used to gain insight into disease and biological functions.

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**WIB-RTP: Young Women In Bio RTP Visit to the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences, June 12, 2019, Event Recap**

Young Women In Bio RTP visited the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) on the afternoon of June 12, 2019, to learn more about how we can better treat or prevent human disease. Twenty girls and their guardians received a tour of the NIEHS lab areas and listened to a presentation to learn how environmental factors, like pollutants, can affect human health. The highlight of the afternoon was a panel discussion with female scientists that work at NIEHS. The girls asked lots of questions about the scientist's daily work and how they became interested in working in STEM. The scientists' work branched many fields, including immunohistochemistry, environmental epigenomics, toxicology, and clinical research, so the girls learned about many different biology and environmental science fields.

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**WIB-San Francisco Bay Area**

**WIB-San Francisco: Call for Volunteers**

Build a network without even trying - come volunteer with the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Women In Bio!

Our committees are run and staffed by amazing women you should get to know! By volunteering, you can make connections at local companies as part of the Sponsorship committee, meet amazing speakers with the Programming committee, hone your speaking and writing skills on the Communications committee, sharpen your financial acumen as a member of the Finance committee, and more.

Please email SanFrancisco@womeninbio.org for more information!

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**WIB-Seattle**

**WIB-Seattle: Women In Bio Annual Summer Social & Networking Mixer**

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Come and enjoy the lovely Seattle summer with WIB-Seattle for our annual summer social and networking mixer on the rooftop overlooking Lake Union. Reconnect with colleagues, make new connections, learn more about what Women In Bio offers.

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**WIB-Southern California: Summer Unwind 2019**

Now in its ninth year, Unwind 2019 is a life science networking event taking place in San Diego, presented by CG Life and Women in Bio SoCal. Unwind is a free casual happy hour event where hundreds of life science professionals come together to networks and relax with tacos from Taoquizas el Union, craft beer from 32 North Brewing Co., wines and non-alcoholic drinks, and live music from local reggae and rock band The Counterfeits. Unwind will also highlight the great work of Women In Bio, an organization of professionals committed to promoting careers, leadership, and entrepreneurship for women in the life sciences.

**About Our Chapter**

The Texas chapter of WIB was founded in 2015 and provides a supportive community for professional women in all walks of life to interact and exchange information and ideas.

Our membership base includes academic and clinical researchers, sales professionals, venture capitalists, legal advisors, intellectual property advisors, technology transfer specialists, policy experts, clinical trials professionals, doctors, medical/science communicators, educators, students, and many other experts that support the health, pharmaceutical and science industry.

**OTHER INTERESTS**

**First All Woman Panel - BIO - World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology and Agriculture (WCIB), July 10 2019, Event Recap**

Marilyn J. Bruno, CEO, Aequor, Inc. put together BIO’s first all-woman panel on technologies that are improving biomass yields for bioethanol production with Taraka Dale and Amanda Barry of Los Alamos National Lab and Adrienne McKee of Checkerspot. The panel was in the “Ingredients for a Healthier Tomorrow” track, with the title “Advancements in technologies to produce algae, yeast, cellulosic and other feedstocks more efficiently and profitably for the production of food, feed, and nutraceuticals.” Bruno’s presentation was on Aequor’s breakthrough discovery of chemicals that boost the yields of algae and yeast biomass by >40%. The session description:

“Improvements in production and biorefinery systems of algae, yeast and other biomass are critical to increase the profitability of renewable feedstocks to spur employment, investments, and expansion of the bioeconomy. The panel will review the improvements in biomass production that can be achieved in large tracts of unused land, or in space-efficient bioreactors, offering options for rapidly increasing the production of renewable biofuels that will reduce air and water pollution and help all countries achieve their lower carbon emission targets, and developing other sustainable products, including food, nutraceuticals, etc. The panel of experts also highlight the regulatory and legislative support for innovation to advance technology efficiencies to make new “green” fuels and other products affordable and accessible.”

For more on the WCIB, [click here](https://www.womeninbio.org/admin/email/get_custom_template.asp?guid=ABB9F8B6-8ED1-4CC1-BC33-597BD3B9C9CA).

**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.