Executive Women In Bio (EWIB) Launches New Cohort to Connect Connecticut’s Biotech Talent

Sea Island, GA (September 3, 2020) – Women In Bio (WIB), a premier national organization supporting the growth and advancement of women across all facets of life sciences, proudly announces the launch of an Executive Women In Bio (EWIB) cohort in Connecticut. This group of senior leaders committed to promoting, empowering, and elevating executive women in biopharma and the life sciences was co-founded by Rebecca Velez Frey Pharm.D., COO EvolveImmune Therapeutics and Erika R. Smith, CEO ReNetX Bio. It is led by Jennifer Good, CEO of Trevi Therapeutics; Rachael Alford, Ph.D. and Amanda Hayward, Ph.D. of Rally Bio; Marcia Dougan Moore, MPH, Senior Vice President of Strategic Operations at Arvinas. “Rebecca and I are both very excited about pulling the CT biotech leadership together and further engaging this strong community,” Smith says.

EWIB-Connecticut's inaugural virtual panel, “Trailblazing Women Leading in Connecticut's Life Science Ecosystem,” takes place Wed Sep 23, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. EDT. Featured speakers are Angela Hwang, MBA, group president of Pfizer Biopharmaceuticals Group and board member of UPS; Akiko Iwasaki, Ph.D., Waldemar Von Zedtwitz Professor in the department of immunobiology and a professor in the department of molecular, cellular, and developmental Biology at Yale University; and venture capitalist Ann Lamont, co-founder & managing partner, Oak F/T. Details and registration for this free event here.

With the rapid expansion of the biotech industry in Connecticut, which the state hopes to expand by 25%, including 6,000 additional jobs over the next decade, Smith believes collaboration is key. “There are so many talented people in Connecticut who can fill these positions,” she says. "We want to make sure that we identify them and maintain a steady pipeline of talent."

According to Frey, "There are many women serving in leadership positions across the state and this can provide a dedicated platform to bring them together and discuss current issues facing our leaders today."

While EWIB-Connecticut is designed to create a critical mass of women biotech executives in the state, ultimately, the co-leaders want the group to be inclusive of all women in leadership positions in biotech, including C-suite, presidents and vice presidents, founders, board members, faculty and senior functional and business unit leaders.

ABOUT EXECUTIVE WOMEN IN BIO (EWIB)

Executive Women In Bio (EWIB) is a committee comprised of senior leaders in biopharma and the life sciences operating within the membership-based, national non-profit organization,
Women In Bio (WIB). EWIB champions for greater diversity and is committed to supporting female leadership through professional development programs, including Boardroom Ready. EWIB strives to be a foundational resource for women in executive roles, by fostering achievement and empowering women to be the best leaders and influencers they can be through formal education, training, and structured networking.

ABOUT WOMEN IN BIO (WIB)

Founded in 2002 to support women employed in the field of life sciences from the classroom to the boardroom, Women In Bio (WIB) is a multifaceted organization with 13 chapters across North America and Montreal. It offers an array of professional educational programs, peer to peer learning, mentoring and networking opportunities, and is the only organization for women that integrates all career levels and life sciences fields. WIB is funded by sponsors and partners dedicated to supporting women of all ages in their lifelong journey in the life sciences and beyond. Please visit http://www.womeninbio.org.

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