
Dear WIB Friends,

It was fabulous to see so many of you at the BIO2019 International Conference!! The WIB presence was definitely felt -- and heard (at least, that’s what BIO attendees said when walking across the Exhibit Floor during the WIB Speed Networking session Tuesday). We hosted well-attended events Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Basically, it was a week of WIB!

Over 60 executives gathered for breakfast and to hear Terri Matkovits’ amazing career story. Her frank and pointed advice was clear: be open to new experiences but be thoughtful in your choices. Thank you to the EWIB team for organizing another fantastic kick-off for BIO Conference!

The Monday evening plenary wowed over 250 attendees with three amazing panelists. Simone Fishburn led a lively discussion with panelists and smoothly incorporated audience participation. Courage to build, lead, and inspire was a key theme throughout the evening’s conversation. Aoife Brennan, Sheila Gujrathi, and Bethany Edwards forged unique paths yet each CEO engaged their network to advance both their career and their innovations. These remarkable women shared perspectives on what success means and the many ways it can take shape. We are so appreciative of their candor, humor, and positive encouragement.

I am deeply grateful to the Plenary panelists and EWIB keynote speaker for their enthusiastic contribution to Monday’s events. I also cannot thank enough those who made it all possible; WIB is a volunteer-powered organization and we would not be who we are without:

- Generous support from our WIB @ BIO2019 sponsors: LifeSci Advisors, Axiom, ThermoFisher Scientific, Pfenex, Horizon Bio, MaxCyte, and Knopp Biosciences
- The hardworking BIO Planning Committee, led by Michelle Zorrilla
- The Philadelphia Chapter who were our gracious and energetic hosts. Philadelphia is a growing and thriving life sciences region -- definitely one to watch!

What else is happening at WIB, you ask? Too much to mention but here’s a glimpse. The inaugural Spring into STEM Festival was a huge success! Every active WIB chapter hosted events for young women interested in learning more about diverse career paths in life sciences. Congratulations to Lily Wound and the chapter YWIB teams for this tremendous effort.

We continue to uncover ways to support our senior leader members. EWIB is exploring avenues for addressing local executive needs at the chapter level and the Boardroom Ready program has just made the 31st board placement from our roster of 60 BR alumnae. Congratulations! Additionally, our outstanding MAPS volunteers are developing programming to support WIB entrepreneurs. Please stay tuned for more information on The Entrepreneur Center (TEC).

WIB’s SocialLink is up and running. Have you signed into the www.womeninbio.org site to experience this new networking opportunity? Update your profile, make connections, easily tap into QuickLinks for WIB templates, open a dialogue with other WIB members, and, well, just have fun!
Thank you to our sponsors, partners, advocates, and supporters; we sincerely appreciate all that you do for our members and volunteers.

As always, I am proud to be of service to WIB so please reach out at any time.
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Together we build. Together we lead. Together we inspire!!

Warmest regards,
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