



August 8, 2013

Women In Bio *Welcome*

NEW! Women In Bio Purchasing Program

We are delighted to announce we are launching a [WIB Purchasing Program](#), a new benefit for WIB members. We have arranged various partnerships with vendors and hope you will enjoy these discounts and that they will help you in your businesses and professional careers.

Companies that we have partnered with to offer discounts to WIB members include:

- **Macy's** – professional attire
- **Lenovo** – computer products
- **Office Max** – office products
- **Enterprise Rent-A-Car and National Car Rental** – car rental
- **Global Conferencing Solutions** – conference calls

We will be rolling out more partnerships during the year so check back often to see what additional discounts your WIB membership can do for you! Not a member? [Join now!](#)

WIB would like to give huge thanks to our Member Benefits Committee Chair, Shobha Kothapalli, for driving this effort.

Letter From The President: Thank You WIB!"

The following is an excerpt from Phyllis Dillinger's farewell letter to Women In Bio.

As we update on the first half of 2013, I think it is only fitting to describe WIB 2013 as the perfect storm, at least to me, as I step down at the end of my 18 month term as President.

A "Perfect Storm" is an exciting event that includes thunder, electricity, activity and then the calm. I have been privileged to feel the excitement time and time again, not only as President, but over the past five years that I served in a leadership role within the organization. And now it is time for my calm.

WIB has been an enormous part of my life for the past 11 years and I will never be able to express my gratitude to all the women that have shaped my professional and personal life as much as the

women I have met through WIB. My first introduction to WIB was back in 2002 when I attended a networking event in Washington, DC. After that event, I knew I had to become involved and volunteer my time to give back to the up-and-coming women professionals entering the life sciences industry.

In the last couple of years, the footprint of the WIB leaders has illustrated what an organization is capable of when the right leader and talent come together to create an unstoppable force fueled by passion and enthusiasm. And the incredible trend continues with the current WIB leadership of powerful and dynamic women from across North America who are dedicated to helping other women achieve their full potential in their careers and ignite an interest in our younger generation to embrace what a career in science could give them as they choose a path in life. Because of our phenomenal leadership we have grown to 10 chapters, capturing the interest of more and more women who want to be a part of the WIB movement.

[Click here](#) to read Phyl's entire farewell letter.

Volunteer with WIB!

Do you have negotiation skills and experience securing contracts? If so, we are in need of a Vice Chair of the National Member Benefits committee. This newly formed committee identifies, negotiates and secures partnerships with companies that offer discounts on their products to our WIB members. Our current list of partnerships can be found by [clicking here](#). If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Jamie Strachota at info@womeninbio.org.



Are You a Social (Media) Butterfly? WIB Needs You to Help Spread the Word!

For well over a year now, Women In Bio has been working to grow our social media footprint. We have our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#) up and running, but now need **YOUR** help. Even though different chapters have their own social media channels to post information about events and news, we would appreciate it if members would also post through our national outlets. This would double your exposure and allow other chapters to see

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what you have going on. Please take a minute and bookmark the links above and make sure you're spreading the word about WIB and your chapter.

To connect with us nationally or at the chapter level, please use the links to the right. If your chapter isn't listed below, please let us know!

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CHAPTER EVENTS

San Francisco Bay Area Events

Join WIB- San Francisco Bay Area for a Peninsula/South Bay Speed Networking Event

On August 14, 2013, grab your business cards and polish up your 30-second introduction! Join us for an evening of Speed Networking in the Bay Area - a fun, fast-paced way to meet other women in the Biotech Industry. In two hours you'll mingle, learn fast facts and make new connections.

Location: Fenwick & West LLP in Mountain View. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Meet the Experts: Beyond Financing - From Incorporation to Exit

Please join us for WIB-San Francisco Bay Area's "Beyond Financing: From Incorporation to Exit" --- our second "Meet the Experts" event in our Entrepreneur Series. Six speakers will address operational and human capital challenges faced by early- to mid-stage companies, including assessing company formation, managing intellectual property, choosing a board, advisors and supporting teams, dealing with equity and compensation, early stage partnering, and exit strategies. The event will take place at QB3 on Wednesday September 18, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. PDT. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign up.

Young Women In Bio at Joint BioEnergy Institute

The DOE Joint BioEnergy Institute in Emeryville, CA invites SF Bay area middle and high school girls (6-12th grade) for an exciting afternoon learning how to make biofuels from plant biomass, the future energy source of your cars. The event will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2013 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. PDT. Immediately following check-in, we will have Pizza dinner with students, JBEI scientists and participating members from WIB. The event will include presentations, lab tour and casual discussions with JBEI women scientists and wrap up with your feedback. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

WIB-San Francisco Bay Area Hosts "Summer in the City" Networking Happy Hour

On July 25, 2013, The SF Bay Area chapter of WIB enjoyed a "Summer in the City" networking happy hour at the 9th Floor offices and city-view terrace of UBM, courtesy of PR Newswire. The sell-out crowd of over 50 women, ranging from senior executives to those just entering the life sciences industry, enjoyed a variety of mojitos and Latin-style appetizers from Havana caterers while making new connections and renewing old ones. Nearly half of those in attendance were new to WIB and many indicated that they would return for more. It was yet another fun - and productive - event for our Bay Area group.



Chicago Chapter Events

Join WIB-Chicago for "Metro Meet & Mingle"

WIB-Chicago is pleased to present a summer networking event August 21, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. CDT, concurrently held at 3 different locations across the Chicago Metro area: Downtown, Deerfield, and Oakbrook. Pick the location most convenient for you! All are welcome to meet, mingle, and catch-up with fellow WIB members and friends. We look forward to seeing you! [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

WIB 2012 Scholarship Winner, Maryam Saleh, Ph.D., Attends OneMed Conference

Maryam Saleh, Ph.D., Invention Manager at Northwestern University's Innovation and New Venture Office, attended the OneMed conference, which seeks to connect business development professionals and investors with emerging healthcare startup company executives. Maryam was able to connect directly with CEOs of startups, watch more than 30 companies pitch ideas to potential investors, and attend panels discussing the current startup ecosystem. The programs covered new sources of potential funding, such as crowdfunding, and opportunities to bridge university research to industry through translational grants. The contacts Maryam made at the conference - especially the CEOs of emerging startups - will be valuable potential mentors to the Center for Device Development fellows, the program Maryam runs to teach entrepreneurship and medical device innovation at Northwestern. Maryam would like to thank WIB again for facilitating this opportunity.

Pittsburgh Chapter Events

WIB-Pittsburgh to Host an Art Walk

Please join us for champagne, tapas, and an Art Walk of Pittsburgh on Thursday, August 22, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. EDT starting at Perlé in Market Square, 25 Market Square (next to the

restaurant NOLA). We will start off with champagne and tapas at Perle and then start the Art Walk at Market Square at 6:15 p.m. After the Art Walk, we will head back to Perlé at 7:30 p.m. for networking to close out the event. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

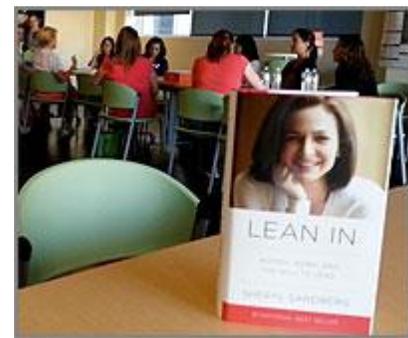


Social Dinner in the South Side

WIB-Pittsburgh's Strategic Networking event was a successful collaboration with University of Pittsburgh's Office of Academic Career Development. A total of 20 WIB members attended and 30 University of Pittsburgh employees attended. WIB attendees were able to network with University of Pittsburgh women academics while enjoying delicious food and drinks. The panel of networking experts discussed tips from a variety of career backgrounds including academia, marketing, communications, and business. Thank you to our sponsors Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC, and the Office of Academic Career Development of the University of Pittsburgh.

WIB-Pittsburgh Holds Summer Book Discussion

The Pittsburgh chapter gathered at the beautifully-equipped UPMC Technology Development Center on July 24, 2013 to discuss *Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead* by Sheryl Sandberg. Our evening began with a delicious dinner that whetted appetites for a healthy discussion. The gathering generated a lively exchange with participants comprised of women at many phases of their careers and with varying levels of experience. After dinner, we broke into small groups and used Sandberg's book as a springboard to share personal stories about our own struggles and achievements



to reach career satisfaction. Throughout the evening, we explored several themes presented by the book including work/life balance, mentorship, ambition and success in male-dominated industry. Without a specific end-time, the discussion could have easily continued well into the evening. Thanks to the WIB-Pittsburgh programming committee for their work in organizing this -and all of our events! The next book discussion is planned for December 2013

RTP Chapter Events

RTP Chapter Events Book Club - Life in the Treetops: Adventures of a Woman in Field Biology, by Margaret Lowman

Join WIB-RTP's final book club for the summer of 2013 to discuss "Life in the Treetops: Adventures of a Woman in Field Biology", by Dr. Margaret Lowman on August 27, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. EDT at the Koinonia Coffee House. We will be joined by our special guest, the author of the book, Dr. Margaret Lowman. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign up.

Great Montreal Chapter Events

La section régionale du Grand Montréal de Femmes en bio série déjeuners-exécutifs/ WIB-Greater Montreal: Executive Breakfast Series

La section régionale du Grand Montréal de Femmes en bio est heureuse de vous inviter à la prochaine présentation de sa série déjeuners-exécutifs. L'évènement se tiendra chez Corealis Pharma (200 boulevard Armand Frappier, Laval H7V 4A6), le mercredi 11 septembre 2013 de 7h30 à 9h00. Joignez vous à Frema Engel, une experte canadienne réputée en matière de harcèlement psychologique (bullying) au travail, conflit organisationnel et milieu de travail sain pour une session engageant, stimulante et interactive sur "Le harcèlement psychologique et sexuel et les conflits: éliminer les obstacles et créer des opportunités de réussite" (en anglais seulement). Les places sont limitées, [cliquer ici pour plus d'information et pour vous inscrire](#).

WIB-Greater Montreal is pleased to invite you to the next presentation in our Executive Breakfast Series on Wednesday September 11, 2013 at Corealis Pharma (200 boulevard Armand Frappier, Laval H7V 4A6) from 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Join Frema Engel, a recognized Canadian expert on workplace bullying, conflict and healthy workplaces for an engaging, stimulating and interactive session on "Bullying, sexual harassment and conflict: Removing the obstacles and creating opportunities for success". (The presentation will be in English.) Space is strictly limited; [please click here](#) for more information and to register.

Atlanta Chapter Events

WIB-Atlanta Leans In to Discuss Sheryl Sandberg's Groundbreaking Book

WIB-Atlanta members met July 17, 2013 to discuss Sheryl Sandberg's book Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead. Ladies shared their personal and professional experiences while enjoying the delicious snacks and beverages provided. Issues brought up in the book sparked a lot of discussion. Some felt the book was a hit, others a miss. Nonetheless, Sheryl Sandberg brought up a lot of topics pertinent to professionals and many WIB-Atlanta members hope she will continue to

advocate for the advancement of women in the workplace.



Right to Left: Lisa Matragrano, Ph.D., Ashley Myers, CPT, Susan Sunay, M.P.H., M.B.A., Dana Fallaize, Jean Xiaojin Xu, Ph.D., Heather Bara, Ph.D.

Washington DC/Baltimore Chapter Chapter Events

WIB-DC/Baltimore and BioBuzz Host Summer Networking Event

Over 150 people attended the latest Women In Bio (WIB) Washington DC/Baltimore summer networking event, hosted in conjunction with BioBuzz. WIB and BioBuzz members enjoyed mingling at Growler's Brew Pub in Gaithersburg, MD. Special thanks to [Social & Scientific Systems](#) for sponsoring this wonderful event and [BioBuzz](#) for helping organize the entire event. We look forward to working with BioBuzz again in the very near future!



Over 150 people showed up to mix with WIB members and local biotech professionals

Other Interests

FierceBiotech opens nominations for the 2013 Top Women in Biotech

FierceBiotech is currently accepting nominations for their 2013 Top Women in Biotech report. If you know an outstanding leader in the biotech field, please consider nominating her! [Submit your nominations here](#) and help us make 2013's list stand out.

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