

### **Lily Rin-Laures, M.D. Stepping Down as WIB-Chicago Chapter Chair**

After completing her term as Chair of the WIB-Chicago Chapter, Lily Rin-Laures will pass the reigns to the incoming Chicago Chapter Chair, Dimitra Georganopoulou. During Lily's term, she played a key role in leading the Chicago Chapter itself and contributing to WIB nationally. For new chapters, Lily set the bar and provided important mentoring for our expanding membership. She was a speaker at this year's WIB Annual Dinner and the attendees were able to experience first-hand the exceptional leadership Lily projects with her kind demeanor, forward-thinking approach and dedication to WIB. We hold Lily to the highest regard and thank her for all she has done for WIB.



"What an honor it has been to work with Lily over the past three years! Not only was she instrumental in launching the second chapter of WIB, but she also assembled an incredible power team of chairs and vice chairs for the Chicago Chapter," said WIB President Phyllis Dillinger. "I cannot say enough about her dedication and commitment to WIB and thank her from the bottom of my heart in helping our great organization grow. Cheers to Lily!"

To read Lily's farewell letter, please [click here](#).

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### **Continuing to Introduce Three of Our National Leaders**

Over the next few newsletters, we'll be introducing everybody to the National Leaders of Women In Bio. We hope that with this overview, WIB members will become more familiar with those who work in-front and behind the scenes to help keep this organization running. In this edition, we are spotlighting Valerie Fremont, Katya Vert, and Andrew Eckert.

**Valerie Fremont Ph.D. - Chair, Chapter Development Committee**

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Valerie Fremont, Ph.D. is a Group Leader at Trophogen with over 15 years of experience in R&D and Drug Development in biotechnology. She has been an active member of WIB since 2002, and created in 2003 the Members/Networking Committee which she chaired until 2009. She was the Vice-Chair of the Program Committee from 2009 until 2011. Since January 2012, Valerie is assuming the responsibility of National Chair for Chapter Development in which she is strategically identifying and supporting the development and growth of WIB worldwide and expanding networking opportunities for all members.

**Katya Vert: Vice Chair, Chapter Development Committee**

Katya is extremely motivated to serve as the Vice Chair of the Chapter Development Committee to assist with the successful launch and growth of WIB chapters. International growth is of particular interest to Katya, to the extent of her international experience. Through living, studying and working in different countries, she has developed a deep respect for diverse cultures and holds great passion for supporting women across the globe in pursuit of professional growth, advancement of science and sustainable economic opportunities.

**Andrew Eckert: Communications Coordinator**

After spending the better part of a decade at MedImmune on the commercial team, Andrew has been working as an independent contractor in the Washington/Baltimore area. Joining WIB in the fall of 2011, he works with chapters to create content for the website and newsletter on a regular basis. Andrew is also a committee member with [BioBuzz](#) which has been hosting the Maryland Biotech community at monthly networking events and social gatherings. You can connect with Andrew on LinkedIn by [Clicking Here](#).

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**WIB Is Now on Twitter! Are You Connected with WIB?**

LinkedIn and Facebook and now **Twitter** are easy ways to stay on top of the ever-expanding WIB chapter line-up, upcoming activities and job postings. To visit and join WIB on LinkedIn, [click here](#)! To follow us on Facebook, [click](#)



[here](#) and select the "Like" box at the top of the screen, and [click here](#) and select "follow" on Twitter.

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**CHAPTER EVENTS**

## Washington DC/Baltimore Chapter Events

### WIB and LES Join Forces for an Evening of Fun and Conversation

The Licensing Executives Society (LES) and Women In Bio (WIB) will hold a joint happy hour on August 9, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. EDT at the Elephant and Castle off of Metro Center. Join us as we expand our network and meet professionals from the Washington DC chapter of the LES. This is a cash bar event but please [register early](#) to reserve your place!



### DC/Baltimore Chapter needs sponsorship committee volunteers

Do you have great people skills? Are you interested in sponsorship? As a committee member you will be working with other incredible professionals to plan budgets and serve as an ambassador for WIB to companies that are interested in sponsoring events. If you are interested, please email [DC.Baltimore@womeninbio.org](mailto:DC.Baltimore@womeninbio.org).

### DC/Baltimore Chapter needs program committee volunteers

Are you a great organizer? Would you like to be involved in planning events? As a program committee member you will be working with amazing women professionals to plan and execute events in the DC/Baltimore area. You will contribute to ideas for events and be directly involved in all the action. If you are interested, please email [DC.Baltimore@womeninbio.org](mailto:DC.Baltimore@womeninbio.org).

## RTP Chapter Events

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### Join Us on LinkedIn

The Washington, DC/Baltimore chapter is now on LinkedIn! We're excited to continue our growth going forward in 2012 with our new LinkedIn group. [Click here](#) to join.

## Join WIB-RTP for Our Next Beakers and Beers Networking Event

Please join us as we wind down our summer schedule with a WIB-RTP Beakers and Beers networking event at the [Angus Barn Restaurant](#) on August 16, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. EDT.



Shake off the sand from the NC beaches, share ideas, fuel your passion and expand your professional network. We'll be enjoying cocktail hour and networking with fellow and prospective WIB members.

A great way to mingle, learn fast facts and make connections with new peers in the region. If you missed previous Beakers and Beakers events in Durham and Chapel Hill, be sure you make to the final one for 2012 in Raleigh. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

## Join WIB-RTP For Our Next Summer Book Series Event

Please join us as we discuss "Defy Gravity - Propel your business to high velocity growth" at our next book club event on August 30, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. EDT at the [Guglhupf Bakery and Café](#). Author Rebel Brown blends conceptual fundamentals, real-world applications of concepts, case studies, questions and exercises to help entrepreneurs and corporate executives alike power sustainable business growth. [Click here](#) to register and for more details.

## San Francisco Bay Area Events

### Join WIB San Francisco Bay Area For a South Bay Speed Networking Event

Grab your business cards and polish up your 30-second introduction! On September 13, 2012 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. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with speed networking going from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. PDT. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

## Chicago Chapter Events

### **WIB-Chicago Summer Networking Event Coming Soon!**

Stay tuned for more information regarding an area-wide networking event planned for this August! WIB-Chicago is planning an after-work meet-up and happy hour to be simultaneously hosted in Chicago, Oakbrook, and Deerfield. Don't miss this great opportunity to enjoy a summer cocktail and meet other WIB-Chicago members and friends in your area! Details will be available soon.

### **Meet the New President of WIB-Chicago**

WIB-Chicago is proud to announce that Dimitra Georganopoulou, Ph.D., VP of Research and Development, Ohmx Corporation, recently accepted the helm as President of WIB-Chicago. Dimitra has served on the Advisory Board of WIB-Chicago since its inception in 2010, and brings lots of experience, leadership, and enthusiasm to her new role as President. Please extend a warm welcome to Dimitra and thank our previous President, Lily Rin-Laures, M.D., for her leadership and commitment to WIB-Chicago during the past two years!

## **Other Interests**

### **The Power Conference: Women Doing Business**

The Power Conference: Women Doing Business! is designed to promote business development for women in business through networking, education, and marketing opportunities. Workshops will cover three areas: Business Development and Contracting, Technology and Marketing, and Personal Development for Business Growth. The Power Conference provides multiple platforms to develop business through exhibiting, marketing, sampling, networking, sponsorships and advertising.

The Power Conference will be held on Thursday, August 30, 2012 at the North Bethesda Marriott Hotel and Conference Center (near White Flint Metro). To register, or for more information visit: [www.ThePowerConference.com](http://www.ThePowerConference.com).

### **13th International Conference on Alzheimer's Drug Discovery September 10-11, 2012; Hyatt Regency Jersey City, New Jersey**

This annual Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF) global conference brings together leading academic, industry and government scientists' intent on accelerating the development of innovative treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The ADDF's funded investigators and top level scientists in the field will present on their current research progress and

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stimulate discussion. The conference offers ample opportunities for collaboration and partnering.

[www.worldeventsforum.com/addf/addrugdiscovery](http://www.worldeventsforum.com/addf/addrugdiscovery)



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