

Profiles in Leadership

From time to time we like to share the profiles of our WIB leaders with members. This week we meet Shobha Kothapalli, Sylvia Yip, and May Samaan. Over the next few newsletters, we will continue to introduce everybody to the people who work very hard behind the scenes to make WIB what it is today!

Shobha Kothapalli: National Chair, Member Benefits

Shobha is responsible for securing discounts from partner companies to benefit the members of the rapidly growing WIB organization. She is an experienced technology professional serving life sciences and health care industries. Her life science experience includes providing technology to both pharmaceutical and medical device industries to conduct clinical research. She delivered exceptional services to conduct clinical research for over a decade. Shobha is the founder and CEO of XZeal global services. Shobha earned Bachelors in business, Masters in software engineering, and MBA in healthcare.



Sylvia Yip, Ph.D., National Chair, Young Women In Bio

Sylvia leads and coordinates all chapters of Young Women In Bio (YWIB), a special initiative of Women In Bio dedicated to introducing school-age girls to careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Previously, she also chaired YWIB committee of WIB-Atlanta. Sylvia is a patent agent at Alchemy-Partners, PC, a boutique intellectual property law firm in Washington DC metropolitan area. Prior to that, she was a biological/organic chemist for 7 years in Australia and Atlanta; her doctoral as well as postdoctoral work have been published in international, peer-reviewed journals. In addition to WIB, Sylvia also writes for Scientific Malaysian magazine and is involved with National Postdoctoral Association, International Consortium of Research Staff Association, American Association for the Advancement of Science, National Science Foundation



and National Institutes of Health in science policy for early-career scientists.

May Samaan, Ph.D, National Vice-Chair, Young Women In Bio

May joined Young Women in Bio (YWIB) in February 2013 and her role is to assist the national chair in guiding and connecting the chapter YWIB committee chairs and vice-chairs with their program initiatives, including a recent initiative to extend such YWIB programs to high school girls. Her previous involvement with the student association led her to join YWIB in their initiative. May holds a PhD in Pharmacology from University of Montreal. She then completed a postdoctoral training at McGill University and subsequently was recruited to the NIH as a Research Fellow. May has 8 years of experience in academic and governmental basic science research. She currently resides in the Washington DC metro area and searching for a research scientist position.



WIB Webinars Available for Download



Webinar: WIB Annual Celebration featuring keynote speaker Jill Milne, Ph.D. **NEW!**



Webinar "Discussion with the Expert Series" Featuring FDA's Dr. Janet Woodcock



Webinar Series Part I: Business Development Negotiations 101
Merchandise

Did you know that WIB records webinars and makes them available for free to members? From our recent WIB Annual Celebration featuring keynote speaker Jill Milne, Ph.D., to the "Know Your Value" Series, [click here](#) to view what you may have been missing!



Over the past year our WIB Chapters have created their own LinkedIn groups highlighting their unique events and accomplishments. Click on any of the Chapter names (or WIB-National) to check out and join the groups that



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stay on top of the ever-expanding WIB chapter line-up, upcoming activities and job postings.

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to stay on top of chapter news, upcoming events and job postings. If you have a Twitter account, feel free to tweet about WIB

([@WomenInBio](#)).



WIB is proud to unveil our new logo for Young Women In Bio (YWIB). This logo along with the new section in our newsletter is just the start of our ever expanding YWIB program. With the participation and support of so many WIB members, we excited for what the future holds for these young women.

A Call for Volunteers

We're looking for volunteers on the national YWIB committee. If you are interested, please email info@womeninbio.org for more information.

Young Science Explorers Program

MdBio Foundation still has some scholarships available for rising seventh and eighth graders to attend their Young Science Explorers Program (YSEP) in Baltimore at the Inner Harbor the week of July 15, 2013.

YSEP is a 30-hour summer workshop for middle school students to explore STEM in Maryland and the related careers. Over the course of one week, the Young Science Explorers will be engaging in

multiple activities that involve the life sciences and Maryland's booming bioscience industry. These activities include field trips to cutting edge companies and hands-on laboratories in Baltimore.

Participants may also apply online at

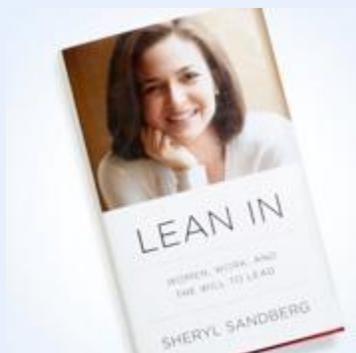
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CHAPTER EVENTS

RTP Chapter Events

WIB-RTP's Book Club Featuring "*Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead*"

Join WIB-RTP's Book Club on "*Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead*" by Sheryl Sandberg on June 11, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. EDT at the Koinonia Coffee House. We will discuss the challenges that women face in the workplace and how we can each create a blueprint for individual growth to change the conversation from what we can't do to what we can. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.



WIB-RTP Hosting a Start to Summer Networking Event

On June 20, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EDT, WIB-RTP will be holding a networking event to celebrate the end of school year. Share ideas, fuel your passion and expand your professional network with other professional women in the Life Sciences. Small group networking will be followed by an open-floor networking. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

RTP hosts industry leaders, all with beginnings in R&D

Five industry veterans with successful careers that began in R&D spoke at the RTP chapter's "Path's to Success: Careers in R&D and Beyond" event May 29, 2013 at the North Carolina Biotechnology Center. With very complementary presentations, the speakers collectively urged attendees to never stop learning, networking or taking risks throughout their careers. More than 90 attendees enjoyed an evening of personal stories about career development. For event information, resources and live-tweets from our future events, find us on Twitter [@RTPWomenInBio](#)

Atlanta Chapter Events

Summer Networking Evening

Join us on June 13, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. EDT at Eclipse di Luna at Park Place for an evening of networking over good tapas and wine, and great company. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Help Build the new WIB-Atlanta Chapter by Volunteering

WIB-Atlanta is looking for volunteers to help us grow and develop our chapter. We have openings on our sponsorship committee along with a need for volunteers in other areas all over. Wherever you would like to help, we have a place for you! Please email us at Atlanta@womeninbio.org and get involved today!

Southern California Chapter Events

WIB-Southern California Holding First Chapter Networking Event

After the successful WIB-Southern California Chapter Launch event on April 30, 2013, it's time to mingle! Please join us on June 13, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. PST, during the CALBIO2013 conference for a "Networking Meet Up". This informal gathering will provide an opportunity to network with industry peers and discuss professional interests. **This meet-up is open to all CALBIO2013 attendees.** [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

San Francisco Bay Area Events

Join WIB-San Francisco Bay Area for a Fireside Chat with Gail Maderis

Please join us in conversation with Gail Maderis, President and CEO of BayBio, Wednesday June 19, 2013, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. PDT at the Stanford Faculty Club, Palo Alto, CA. Hear about her career trajectory and get the inside scoop on strategies that Gail has utilized to engage in an exciting career. Make sure to bring questions. As always, wine, hors d'oeuvres, and time to network before and after the chat. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.



Greater-Montréal Area Events

Soirée estivale de la section régionale du Grand Montréal de Femmes en bio /WIB- Greater Montreal Throwing a Summer Soiree

Célébrez avec la section régionale du Grand Montréal de Femmes en bio pour sa soirée estivale de 18h00 à 20h30, le mercredi 19 juin 2013 à l'hôtel Novotel de l'Aéroport de Montréal, au coeur de Technoparc Montréal. Joignez-vous à nous pour en apprendre davantage sur notre invitée d'honneur, la Dre Meriem Benmelouka, directrice exécutive du Campus des Technologies de la Santé (CTS) et déguster vin et bouchées. [Cliquer ici pour plus d'information et vous inscrire.](#)

Celebrate with the Greater Montreal Chapter of Women In Bio at its summer soiree from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at the Hotel Novotel Montreal Airport in the heart of the Montreal Technoparc. Join us for wine and canapés as we enjoy an evening of networking and learning with our guest speaker, Dr. Meriem Benmelouka, Executive Director at CTS Healthcare. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Washington DC/Baltimore Events

WIB-Washington DC/Baltimore: Bio Boot Camp - a Day of Fun and Discovery for High School Science Teachers

Join us on June 19, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. EDT for a dynamic and fun program to help you update your science knowledge and get ideas of how to share a passion for science with your students. This program will introduce high school science teachers to current advances in the biotechnology industry, including personalized medicine, in a fun atmosphere. Leading researchers will share creative ways teachers can communicate these advances in the classroom. **THIS EVENT IS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHERS ONLY!** [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

Pittsburgh Events

Strategic Networking: Cultivating your Connections

WIB-Pittsburgh's "Strategic Networking: Cultivating your Connections" event is scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EDT on June 25, 2013 at University Club. Expert panelists will discuss tips and

answer questions regarding the best methods for establishing connections through strategic networking followed with a speed networking session in which we will practice what we have learned. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

Chicago Chapter Events

****Save the Date** WIB-Chicago and HBA Chicago's program, "Outside the Corporate Walls - Is Independent Consulting Right for You?"**

Many talented women in healthcare are looking for new ways to use their skills and knowledge to extend their careers in healthcare beyond the corporate structure. Starting an independent consulting business is one way to take your experience to the next level. But how do you know if this path is right for you? Jointly presented by WIB-Chicago and HBA Chicago Chapter, attendees will hear from women in healthcare who have taken this path, and learn about the potential benefits and pitfalls of this approach. Join us on July 31, 2013, for an evening of networking a great panel discussion in the Willis Tower. **Details and registration coming soon!**

Young Women In Bio-Chicago Needs Your Help!

Our Young Women In Bio committee needs your help. Please complete the [survey](#) to provide us with your opinion about future events and volunteer mentoring opportunities. Additionally, YWIB-Chicago is always interested in new ideas. Please feel free to send any ideas or comments to Chicago@womeninbio.org.

Greater Boston Chapter Events

Communications/Marketing Leaders Needed!

We are in need of professional women to lead our Communications/Marketing committee. Help us grow the WIB-Greater Boston chapter by creating buzz around our high value programs and networking events, draft marketing collateral all while building strong relationships within the local biotech industry. Email us at Boston@womeninbio.org if interested.

Seattle Chapter Events

Volunteer with WIB-Seattle Metro

Raise your profile, with impact, by applying for a senior leadership position at WIB-Seattle Metro, or by serving on one of our five high-energy committees: Funding, Membership, Programs, Communications, or Young Women In Bio. We are currently accepting applications for Chair of Funding, Chair of Communications, and Vice-Chair of WIB-Seattle Metro. For more information, and to join in the fun, email us at Seattle@womeninbio.org.

Other Interests

Orgeon Bioscience is hosting "Oregon Bio Women CONNECT" event on June 13, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The event will offer networking opportunities as well as brief presentations from women who have established a reputation of excellence in this highly competitive environment. To register, [click here](#).

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