

### "Be fearless; move forward. That's how it works."

WIB member Dimitra Georganopoulou was recently interviewed by the Chemical Heritage Foundation and an audio recording has been posted on their website. Below is an excerpt from that posting and a link for more.

*"Early in her career Dimitra Georganopoulou thought the ratio of men to women in science was pretty level. But then she began to rise up the ladder."*

[Click here](#) for more.



### Have You Taken Advantage of the New WIB Purchasing Program Yet?

WIB has 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:

- **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!](#)

### Purchasing Program Needs A Vice Chair. 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 us at [info@womeninbio.org](mailto:info@womeninbio.org).

## Volunteers Needed for the National Mentors, Advisors, and Peers (MAPs) Committee

Mentorship is a cornerstone of WIB and a valuable part of your membership. To bring mentorship opportunities to all WIB members, the National Mentors, Advisors, and Peers program is expanding and we need volunteers to help on the committee. Roles may include helping to expand [MAPs or MAPs-University](#) to more chapters, establishing a virtual MAPs program, and populating and maintaining a database of topics and articles that could be used during MAPs meetings. Current MAPs group affiliation is not necessary. If you're interested in joining the committee, please send an email to the [National MAPs Program Chair](#).



### Are You a Social (Media) Butterfly? WIB Needs Your 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 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

### Chicago Chapter Events

#### Business Careers in Biotech: Inward and Upward! Moving Into and Up the Ranks of the Business Side of the Biotech Industry

Join WIB-Chicago on September 12, 2013, for the next installment of Women In Bio's "Paths to

Success" series. This panel-based program will focus on breaking into the business side of biotech and successfully moving up its ranks. Through their example, knowledge and experience, our panelists will provide insight into how to thrive on the non-technical side of the biotech industry. Hosted at the offices of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun in the Willis Tower, the networking portion will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by the panel discussion at 6:30 p.m. CDT. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

### **Volunteers Needed for YWIB Event!**

The Young Women In Bio committee of WIB-Chicago Chapter is hosting a Girls 4 Science event on the morning of October 12, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Willis Tower. Girls 4 Science is a nonprofit organization dedicated to exposing girls in Chicago ages 10-18 years old to science, technology, engineering and math. This event will focus on mentorship and will serve to introduce the girls to professionals who can offer guidance regarding careers in biology and provide a friendly ear. We are in need of volunteer mentors for the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the [Chicago chapter](#).

## **Pittsburgh Chapter Events**

### **Join WIB-Pittsburgh for Creating Your Path: Success through Entrepreneurship**

"Creating Your Path: Success through Entrepreneurship." The event is scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. EDT on September 26, 2013 at Pepper Hamilton LLP. Experienced entrepreneur panelists will discuss their journeys and answer questions about their paths and lessons learned along the way. This discussion will be followed by a reception and networking. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

### **We Saw, We Learned, We Networked: Pittsburgh Chapter Art Walk**

WIB-Pittsburgh rocked on August 22, 2013 with their art walk event where 30 women involved in healthcare and life sciences met for champagne at Perlé and a walk around the city viewing public art on display. Who knew how much public art there is in downtown Pittsburgh? Some of us drive through there every day but have never taken the opportunity to notice the wonderful array of colors, shapes and formats of our public art. From LEDs over the

Convention Center displaying texts of WHOLE BOOKS, to the trompe l'oeil at the back of the Fulton Theatre, to the new and cool knitted bridge, to the Magnolias for Pittsburgh, reminding us that it is spring somewhere here all the time, we had our eyes opened and refreshed to the City we love. And to a city that has numerous works of art on display all the time. Check out the Cell Phone Disco which lights up based on cell phone usage nearby. The Liberty Avenue Musicians are awesome, as



is the tile mural Pittsburgh Recollections in the Gateway Center T station. Now, we know!

### **Pittsburgh's Social Media Presence**

Did you know that the Pittsburgh chapter has a social media presence? Check out our [Facebook](#) page and be sure to join our [LinkedIn](#) group to make the most of your membership. This is the best way to stay informed of upcoming events, the latest news in the industry and accomplishments of fellow members. It also is a great way to reinforce all of the networking connections you make at each WIB event! Additionally, you can follow the chapter via Twitter. Connect to our feed [@WIBPittsburgh](#) today for interesting tidbits about the industry, our community, and our chapter.

### **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, 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 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.

### **San Francisco Bay Area Events**

#### **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 South Bay Speed Networking**

The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter wrapped up the summer with a fun Speed Networking Event on August 13, 2013 at the offices of Fenwick & West. Everyone attending walked away with new connections and job opportunities. When the attendees were asked what they liked best about the event, one commented, "There was no awkwardness associated with meeting a stranger. Seemed like a place where ladies felt free to talk about their aspirations and struggles. And that the organizers were very warm and encouraging." Another attendee commented, "I enjoyed meeting the attendees and learning more about their backgrounds. I was impressed with the high caliber of attendees--most of the attendees had very impressive backgrounds." Special thanks to all volunteers, guests, and Fenwick & West for its generosity in hosting and supporting WIB!



## **Washington DC/Baltimore Chapter Chapter Events**

### **WIB-Washington DC/Baltimore to Host Rooftop Potluck**

Come celebrate the harvest at the Women In Bio Rooftop Potluck on Thursday September 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. EDT! This will be an opportunity to grab a bite and mingle with talented and wonderful women while enjoying looking over the city. Water and wine will be provided so bring a dish, hors d'oeuvre, or dessert. No one will judge you if it is take-out from a favorite restaurant. We can't wait to see you! [Click here](#) to register today.

### **Dress for Success and Networking with WIB-Washington DC/Baltimore**

Join us on October 18, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EDT in Bethesda as a Macy's stylist will present on dressing for success along with other vendors such as makeup, accessories, etc. The members can learn dress for success, network with other members, and shop for discount.

Refreshments will be provided. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

### **WIB-Washington DC/Baltimore MAPs-University Program Needs Mentors for Graduate Student Groups!**

Mentor, advisor, and peers groups are being formed at local universities (MAPs-University). MAPs-University groups meet on a monthly basis at the University of Maryland- College Park and/or Johns Hopkins-Montgomery County campus. At each meeting, different mentors speak about a topic of their choice and hold a Q&A session. Topics can include career planning, networking, work/life balance, resume building, or another topic of choice. Your experience, expertise, and career advice will be invaluable to women in graduate school as they embark on their careers. If interested, please fill out this [mentor questionnaire](#). For more information, please contact the MAPs committee at [DC.Baltimore@womeninbio.org](mailto:DC.Baltimore@womeninbio.org).

## **Atlanta Chapter Events**

### **Welcome to Atlanta Rooftop Happy Hour!**

We welcome you to join the WIB-Atlanta on September 19, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on the rooftop patio at Shout in Midtown Atlanta. Come enjoy a happy hour, wonderful company, and the chance to learn more about WIB-Atlanta! [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

### **Become Part of the WIB-Atlanta Chapter Team!**

We are looking for volunteers to help with our sponsorship and program committees. If you are interested in helping with our chapter, please contact [Atlanta@womeninbio.org](mailto:Atlanta@womeninbio.org). Not only do you help make WIB-Atlanta a successful chapter, but you also get to work side-by-side with women leaders in the industry who also share a passion of giving back. Contact us today!

## **Greater Boston Chapter Events**

### **WIB-Greater Boston Holding YWIB Event at Biogen, Idec**

Join WIB-Greater Boston on September 24, 2013 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. EDT at Biogen Idec for an exciting Young Women In Bio (YWIB) event. These events include exposure to many different female science professionals, their careers and experiences in and out of the lab; an in-depth look at a bioscience organization; and activities which include a tour of the facility, a hands-on experiment and a pizza party! The events are open to girls in seventh or eighth grade. [Click here](#) to

register and for more information.

## RTP Chapter Events

### **POSTPONED: Fall Networking Mixer With WIB-RTP**

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Women In Bio-RTP networking event scheduled for September 19 will be moved to November. Please accept our sincere apologies for any inconvenience. We look forward to seeing you at our next event October 7, 2013 at the GSK facility in RTP.

### **Young Women In Bio at Biogen Idec**

Calling 5th and 6th grade girls to an exciting Young Women in Bio event hosted by Biogen Idec on October 16th, 2013 from 3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. The workshop will close with a pizza party! [Click here](#) to register your daughter today.

### **WIB-RTP August Book Club Hosts Author Margaret Lowman**

The WIB-RTP summer book club closed its season on August 27, 2013 with a special guest: Margaret "Meg" Lowman, author of "Life in the Treetops: Adventures of a Woman in Field Biology". After a half-hour of coffee and networking at Koinonia Coffee House in RTP, Lowman engaged in conversation with a group of approximately 15 women about her canopy research. This discussion topic evolved into an in-depth conversation about work-life balance, as Lowman's book describes her challenges as a working wife, single parent and field biologist studying forest treetops around the world.

## Other Interests

### **Connections to Contracts and Capacity Building Are Focus of WBDC's Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference**

The Women's Business Development Center is hosting its [27th Annual Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference](#), Women's Business and Buyers Mart on September 26, 2013 at McCormick Place, Lakeside Center, Chicago, IL. This day-long event brings together over 200 government and corporate entities seeking women owned businesses to work with. The event includes networking, dynamic workshops, a one of a kind Women's Forum Breakfast, and the Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon featuring keynote speaker Laurel Bellows, president of the American Bar Association. Visit <http://www.WBDC.org/EWC> to learn more and register!

### **WIB Discount for Chief Medical Officer Summit in SF**

[Chief Medical Officer \(CMO\) Summit](#) for Emerging Life Science Companies is also on the West

Coast! The CMO Summit West will take place in San Francisco on November 4-5, 2013 at the Marines' Memorial Club & Hotel. WIB members receive 50% off when you use the code "WIB" during registration.

### **WIB and the NWBC: Entrepreneur Survey**

The National Women's Business Council is conducting research on entrepreneurs and their approaches to entrepreneurship and they have asked our organization members and contributors to participate. The [survey](#) takes 15-20 minutes, is completely voluntary and your answers will be anonymous. Please contact [Emily Bruno](#) or [Dr. Nicole C. Close](#) with any questions. If you would like to participate, kindly complete the [survey](#) by September 1.

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