

November 26, 2013

Women In Bio *Welcome*

## Two WIB Leaders Profiled by Chemical Heritage Foundation

Chemical Heritage Foundation continues to speak with WIB members and leaders about their careers in biotechnology. This time San Francisco chapter chair, Chris Meda and executive manager, Jamie Strachota, were interviewed. To listen to the interview with Chris, [click here](#). To listen to Jamie's interview, [click here](#).

## WIB's Social (Media) Butterflies

WIB wants to grow our social media footprint and need our members' and supporters' help! Be sure to participate on our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) accounts and post about events and news. Thanks for helping spread the word about WIB and your chapter.

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## CHAPTER EVENTS

### San Francisco Bay Area Events

#### Come Celebrate the Holidays and WIB-San Francisco Bay Area's Successful Second Year!

Join us for holiday revelry and to celebrate WIB's second successful year in the Bay Area with two of our favorite things – wine and chocolate! We're having a party in San Francisco at the Dogpatch

WineWorks – a working winery and tasting collective in the heart of the city on December 4, 2013 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. PST. We'll be pairing wine with a sampling of fine chocolates from artisanal chocolatier Poco Dulce as well as a selection of charcuterie, cheeses, grilled veggies and other hors d'oeuvres. This event will also be the finale of our fabulous auction, so come prepared to bid on some great items and support Women In Bio! [Click here](#) to register.

### **Join WIB-San Francisco Bay Area for Speed Networking in the East Bay**

Come meet new friends and colleagues for a productive, supportive and fun, Speed Networking at Children's Hospital and Research Institute on January 7, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. PST. Make new connections and speak about why you do what you do, your aspirations and struggles. Bring your business cards! [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

## **Southern California Chapter Events**

### **Join WIB-Southern California for a Holiday Party**

It's that time of the year! Mingle with industry colleagues and enjoy the breathtaking views atop the exclusive University Club, Symphony Towers on December 4, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. PST. We encourage you to share the spirit of giving back. Attendees will have the opportunity to do donate gently used professional clothing to two Women's Shelters: Laura's House in Ladera Ranch; and Brother Beano's in Oceanside. In addition, there will be a silent auction filled with incredible items for you to share with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you for libations and refreshments. Please [click here](#) to register.

## **Chicago Chapter Events**

### **WIB-Chicago's 3rd Annual Networking on the Northshore**

WIB-Chicago is hosting an evening of networking and cocktails on the Northshore to celebrate the holiday season and WIB-Chicago's third year! Please join us on December 5, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. CST at Wildfish in Deerfield. Registration includes a drink ticket and appetizers will be served. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

### **WIB-Chicago Annual Members Meeting and Wine Tasting**

Calling all WIB-Chicago members! Please join us for our annual members meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. CST. We will review the status of our chapter and discuss our 2014 events and goals. Wine tasting and networking to follow the meeting! Hope to see you there! [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

### **WIB-Chicago and AWIS Gather for "Lean In" Discussion**

On November 7, 2013, women from AWIS and WIB-Chicago met for a fun evening of lively discussion

about Sheryl Sandberg's book "Lean In – Women, Work, and the Will to Lead." Women from the local life science community shared their experiences and insights on balancing a role in leadership and personal life, finding mentors and sponsors, overcoming adversity in the workplace, and pursuing challenging work. Stay tuned for another book club event next July!

### **Help WIB-Chicago Meet Its 2013 Sponsorship Goals!**

WIB-Chicago's valuable programming and networking events are made possible by our wonderful sponsors. As the year comes to a close, help us meet our 2013 sponsorship goals! Stay tuned for information on our "Keep on Supporting," "Charity Starts At Home," and "Opening New Horizons" campaigns. If your organization would like to renew its sponsorship or learn more about the benefits of sponsoring WIB-Chicago, contact [chicagosponsorship@womeninbio.org](mailto:chicagosponsorship@womeninbio.org).

### **Follow WIB-Chicago on Twitter**

Connect to the WIB-Chicago on [Twitter](#) feed for information on National and Chapter events, news around the biotech industry and entrepreneurship.

## **Atlanta Chapter Events**

### **Join WIB-Atlanta's Holiday Party & Cookie Swap**

Don't you love the holidays? It's a time for parties and sharing food, gifts and memories with your colleagues and family. WIB would like to invite everyone out to Alpharetta for a Dessert Holiday Potluck on December 8, 2013, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST. We will provide a spread of international vegetarian dishes. Guests are encouraged to bring a friend and dessert to share. Come meet and mingle with your fellow colleagues. Eat, drink and be merry with WIB-Atlanta! [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

### **WIB-Atlanta Provides Paths to Success**

WIB-Atlanta held their annual event on October 17, 2013 with an entrepreneurship panel featuring four prominent local women. Jennifer Sherer, Cassandra Quave, Emma Hitt and Sherry Knowles each provided advice and information on sources useful for up-and-coming business owners in the medical/biotechnology fields. Several WIB members and guests had the chance to discuss career opportunities and generate new contacts at this event. If missed the panel discussion, you can view it in the [WIB Event Library](#). Stream and watch the event for free when you sign into your account.

### **Atlanta Technical College - Professional Development Workshop**

WIB-Atlanta members partnered with Chemistry instructor, Tolecia Clark, to conduct a Professional Development Workshop for women students at Atlanta Technical College on November 14, 2013. The workshop was moderated by Katie Bowden, Chairperson of YWIB-Atlanta, along with other YWIB Atlanta chapter committee members. The group of girls were taught about career relevant topics –

interview etiquette, resume building techniques, how to network, the importance of volunteering, how to read a scientific paper, and the background of various STEM careers. At the end of the event, the ATC undergraduates felt excited about their future and were eager to get involved with future WIB activities.

### **YWIB-Atlanta Needs Science Fair Judges**

A science fair is a great opportunity for young kids to learn and explore their scientific interests. WIB-Atlanta has partnered with King's Ridge Christian School (KRCS) to promote interests in STEM fields and is providing science fair judges for their middle and high school student science fair. Organizer, Janie Cagle, needs volunteers to grade the final project on January 8, 2014. A number of people can come from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to grade projects; however, we need more volunteers to conduct interviews with the students from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Email [Atlanta@womeninbio.org](mailto:Atlanta@womeninbio.org) to express your interests in volunteering with the KRCS Science Fair.

### **Leadership Opportunities Available with YWIB-Atlanta**

The Young Women In Bio (YWIB) committee plans a diverse set of activities to encourage young girls to pursue their interests in science. Some of these activities include STEM outreach events, mentoring, coordinating science fairs and collaborating with other organizations (e.g., Atlanta Technical College and Career Girls) to put on events. YWIB is looking for enthusiastic leaders who can take the lead in coordinating events. Interested parties should email [Atlanta@womeninbio.org](mailto:Atlanta@womeninbio.org) and state your interests in directing activities for the YWIB team.

### **WIB-Atlanta's Upcoming Events**

Currently, these are the events WIB-Atlanta has in the planning stages for next year:

- January- Book Club Discussion
- February- Happy Hour Networking Event or MedShare Volunteer Opportunity
- March- Partnership with YWIB and Georgia Bio for Women's History Month. We are planning to visit public schools and talk with students about famous women in history.

Stay tuned as we finalize the dates and locations for the upcoming events.

## **RTP Chapter Events**

### **Join WIB-RTP for a Holiday Party**

Two dynamic life science organizations, WIB-RTP and GWIS, will come together for a Holiday Party at North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences on December 9, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It's that time of the year to unwind, have a warm drink and celebrate! [Click here](#) to register and for more

information.

### **WIB-RTP's YWIB Educational Event**

WIB-RTP hosted an YWIB event on October 16, 2013 at Biogen Idec. Once again, Biogen Idec graciously opened its doors to about 30 curious 5th and 6th grade girls for a fun and interesting Young Women In Bio event. In conjunction with WIB-RTP, Biogen Idec provided an afternoon of lab activities that mimic real world jobs and careers.



### **Montréal Chapter Events**

#### **Le groupe régionale Femmes en Bio du Grand Montréal: 5 à 7 des fêtes et réseautage**

Le groupe régionale Femmes en Bio du Grand Montréal vous invite à célébrer la saison des fêtes à notre prochaine soirée de réseautage. L'événement se tiendra lundi le 9 décembre, de 18h00 à 20h00, au Whisky Café (5800, boulevard Saint-Laurent, Montréal (QC) H2T 1T3). Venez savourez de délicieux canapés tout en renouant avec des anciens et nouveaux amis du secteur des biosciences de Montréal. Venez célébrer le temps des fêtes avec Femmes en bio!

Veuillez [cliquer sur le lien](#) ci-dessous pour vous enregistrer

#### **WIB-Greater Montreal Chapter: Holiday Happy Hour and Networking**

The WIB-Greater Montreal Chapter invites you to ring-in the festive season at its Holiday Happy Hour and Networking on Monday December 9 2013, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Whisky Cafe. Enjoy delicious canapés as you mingle with old and new friends from Montréal's bioscience sector. Come share in the holiday cheer as WIB celebrates the spirit of the season! [Please click here](#) for more information and to register.

## Washington DC/Baltimore Chapter Chapter Events

### Join WIB-Washington DC/Baltimore for Our Annual Holiday Gala

Jingle, mingle and mix during the WIB-Washington DC/Baltimore Chapter Holiday Gala on Wednesday, December 18 beginning at 6:00 p.m. EST. We'll be hosting at the Omni Shoreham hotel in Washington, DC with special guest speaker [Rachel King](#). Hors d'oeuvre and cocktails will be served. [Click here](#) to register and for more information.

### DC/Baltimore Chapter of YWIB Participates in Hands-On Expo

YWIB participated for the first time, in a hands-on expo, on Oct. 26, 2013 in Baltimore, MD. "Invent It, Build It" is part of an annual national conference and was organized by Society of Women Engineers, Girl Scouts, WGBH's Design Squad Nation and The ExxonMobil Foundation. Volunteers from YWIB-Washington DC/Baltimore chapter as well as from the National YWIB Committee led over 300 girls and their parents in constructing the double helix DNA model from Gummy Bear candies, and strawberry DNA extraction. The girls took home YWIB bracelets and necklaces where the pendant was an eppendorf tube containing extracted strawberry DNA preserved in ethanol.

### MAPS University program kickstarts fall semester

The WIB MAPs-University Program kicked off their second meeting at Johns Hopkins University in Montgomery County. Priyanka Oberoi, WIB's National Vice Chair of MAPS (Mentors, Advisors and Peers), led an interactive presentation on networking as a graduate student. Dr. Fatemah Tavakkoli, Oncology Clinical Development Fellow at MedImmune, then led a conversation on being a clinical scientist. Both discussions provided insight into the benefits of volunteering and interning. If you are interested in attending, sponsoring or being a mentor for this program please contact [DC.Baltimore@womeninbio.org](mailto:DC.Baltimore@womeninbio.org).

## Pittsburgh Chapter Events

### Happy Thanksgiving from WIB-Pittsburgh

The Pittsburgh Chapter thanks you for participating in our local WIB programs which encourage and recognize emerging women leaders in the biosciences industry. The caliber of members our chapter has attracted and the intriguing conversations which have resulted are testament to the need for an organization like this in the area. We would also like to thank the National organization for their guidance, leadership, and support throughout the year. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

### Help Our Mission and Become Involved!

Become more involved with the Pittsburgh chapter by joining one of our committees. Contact [pittsburgh@womeninbio.org](mailto:pittsburgh@womeninbio.org) to determine where your expertise will be suite our growing chapter. Committees include Communications/Marketing, Programming, Membership, and Sponsorship. Volunteer for one event, two events or events all year long! Whatever your schedule,

we'd love to have you. Get involved, expand your network, and help our mission of encouraging women leadership in the life sciences industry!

### **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.

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