

AWIS Newsletter



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AWIS San Diego News

San Diego Chapter Welcomes new Members

AWIS San Diego is happy to welcome the following new members:

Liz Baker	Centocor
Melissa Cunningham	Gen-Probe
Marilyn Ferrari	Vical
Mary Ann Hawke	"In transition"

(Mary Ann comes to us from the AWIS - Seattle board)

Lucia Pappalardo	Scripps Research
Elaine Weidenhammer	Nanogen

New AWIS - San Diego Advisors

Melissa Cunningham of Gen-Probe will be serving as chapter Treasurer replacing Emelyn Eldredge. The AWIS Board would like to express their appreciation to Emelyn for her leadership and dedication to AWIS, and for keeping the financial records and accounts in good order.

Elaine Weidenhammer will be serving as "Membership Liaison" starting in May, taking over for Judith Finlay. The AWIS Board appreciates Judith's work with the membership list, being the contact person for new members, and providing newsletter mailing labels. Thanks to all of you for giving of your time!

Kudos to our Science Fair Awards Coordinator

We would like to thank Jennifer Royce for serving as AWIS' Science Fair Awards coordinator (1995 -1998.) AWIS participates in the annual "Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair" by providing professional awards to junior high and senior high school students for meritorious science fair projects.

The coordinator recruits AWIS members to serve as judges, coordinates with the Fair organizers, contacts the student award winners, organizes a date and location for the awards ceremony, obtains awards for the student winners, and serves as "master of ceremonies" for the awards program.

Thank you Jennifer! We greatly appreciate your dedication to AWIS for taking on this important responsibility for the past four years.

This year, the responsibility for the Science Fair Awards will fall to the Education/Outreach Committee.

Mentoring...Your link to the future!

Lee Fortunato

Think back to your formative teenage years...they were awkward, weren't they? All kinds of questions running around in your head; ones that your friends didn't know the answers to and that you certainly weren't going to ask your parents. Questions about your future: "What am I going to do with my life? Should I go to college? Is it okay that I really like science?" Was there someone older that "came alongside" you in those troubled times? Someone who assured you that

everything was going to be okay; that it was all right for you to like science and want to do well? Someone who helped you with those tough homework assignments when Mom or Dad just couldn't? If the answer is yes, then it's time for you to consider giving back... to consider closing the loop of mentoring. Our organization is beginning a new mentoring outreach program for junior and senior high aged girls that need someone to "come alongside" them. The commitment is small, but I assure you the benefits will be well worth the effort! If you have an interest in this new outreach program, please contact me (Lee Fortunato) preferably by email (at leef@ucsd.edu) or by phone at 619-534-4584. Hope to hear from you soon!

Women in Bioscience IV: Working Together

Saturday, May 8, 1999
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
The Salk Institute, La Jolla, California

Conference includes:

- Plenary session: "Promoting Professional Development and Exploring the Realm of Opportunities"
- Workshop sessions
- Networking opportunities
- An evening reception

All registrants receive a Conference Attendee Contact Directory and an opportunity to place their resume in our resume databank on the Women in Bioscience conference website (accessible by corporate sponsors)

Please visit our website at <http://awis.npaci.edu/WIB>
email us at sdawis@san.rr.com or call (619)525-7715

Space is limited - save \$10 by registering before March 31.



Online Information

Web Sites:

<<http://www.recap.com>> - Recombinant Capital web site link to the Signals Magazine publication, which includes industry news, mergers and alliances, investor information and clinical trials.

<<http://www.biospace.com>> - Synergistic Media Network website which includes career center, industry news and events, investor information, biotechnology hubs, and other resources.

<<http://www.biocom.org>> - the regional association for the life sciences industry. The directory section links to many biotech, medical device and other service providers to the industry.

Please let us know about some of the great web pages you've found and think might be of interest to other AWISers. Send WEB addresses to barbara_armstrong@axyspharm.com.

Got an E-mail Address?

Sharon Cherf

If you have an e-mail address and would like to receive other AWIS information in between newsletters, please send your e-mail address to scherf@qualcomm.com. Include in the Subject: line "Subscribe to AWIS Email". In the body, include your full name.

Other Local Events

March

BIOCOM/san diego March 10

Harvesting the Oceans for New Drugs, Cosmetics, Food

Speaker: William H. Fenical, Ph.D., Director, Center for Marine Biotechnology & Biomedicine, Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Co-hosted by the Birch Aquarium at Scripps. Members \$30, non members \$50. For more information call 619-455-0300 or see www.biocom.org.

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**Mar.18 - May 20 (Thursdays)**  
**4 Full Days: 3/18, 4/8, 4/29, 5/8**

## Leadership Management Training;

**Location: BIOCUM**

Presented by The Leadership Edge. For more information call 619-455-0300 or see [www.biocom.org](http://www.biocom.org).

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### April:

## Writing for Biotech: Preclinical, Clinical, or Freelance

Program: Veteran writers Elizabeth Whalen (Freelance writer), Robin Weaver (Preclinical/Clinical Writer at IDEC Pharmaceuticals), and Anne McClure (Clinical Writer IDEC Pharmaceuticals) will lead off a panel

discussion, moderated by Noelle Demas (Preclinical Writer at Alliance Pharmaceutical), about preclinical, clinical, and freelance writing for biotech firms.

Robin and Anne will share their experience (both preclinical and clinical) as well as the structure of different companies and how writing fits into that structure. Elizabeth will discuss freelance writing in San Diego. Audience participation will be encouraged.

When: April 27, 1999  
5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Where: IDEC Pharmaceuticals  
11011 Torreyana Road  
La Jolla

Meeting cost (includes hors d'oeuvres): \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door

Make checks payable to Pac SW AMWA and send to Sally Jacobs, 825 S. Stanley Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90036 by Tuesday, April 20, 1999.

Questions: Contact Noelle Demas by e-mail, [nhd@allp.com](mailto:nhd@allp.com).

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May 22 - 27;
CENTER FOR RESEARCH & EDUCATION IN BIOLIMUNESCENCE (CREBB) INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM 2ND ANNUAL
Town & Country Resort Hotel, San Diego

Sponsored by Rutgers University. For more information call 732.932.9562 x216 or see <http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~meton/gfp2.html>>

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**IMPORTANT! The AWIS mailing list will be updated to include only current AWIS -SD members. Everyone who is not an AWIS-SD member will be removed from the list. If you are not an AWIS member and want to remain on the mailing list, please contact Sharon Wampler at the AWIS voice mail (619) 687-5580. To receive a**

**membership form, record your name, address, and phone number on the voice-mail.**

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## AWIS - San Diego Calendar 1999

| Month                      | Activity                                                                                                                                        | Date                                                                                                                                                                                 | Coordinator                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| April                      | Science Fair Judging                                                                                                                            | April 14                                                                                                                                                                             | Barbara Armstrong                                                                                                                                                 |
| May                        | Bioconference<br><a href="http://awis.npaci.edu/WIB">http://awis.npaci.edu/WIB</a><br><br>Greater San Diego Science Fair – AWIS Awards Ceremony | May 8<br><br><br>TBD                                                                                                                                                                 | Grai Andreason<br>Ellen Kroninger<br><b>619-525-7715</b><br><br>Barbara Armstrong                                                                                 |
| Important AWIS Information | <b>Call:</b><br>AWIS Voice Mail<br>619-687-5580                                                                                                 | <b>Visit:</b><br>AWIS National Web Site<br><a href="http://www.awis.org">http://www.awis.org</a><br><br>AWIS-San Diego:<br><a href="http://awis.npaci.edu">http://awis.npaci.edu</a> | <b>Write:</b><br>AWIS, San Diego Chapter<br>P.O. Box 178096<br>San Diego, CA 92177-8096<br><br>AWIS National<br>1522 K St., NW, Suite 820<br>Washington, DC 20005 |



San Diego

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| Social                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Open                                                                         |
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| <b>Moving? Address change?</b><br>Please give us your new address so you won't miss our mailings! Please phone or mail changes to the AWIS voicemail or PO Box or better yet email the changes to Sharon Wampler: swampler@preclinical.com. |                                                                              |

- Get involved!
- We have many committees to choose from!
  - Other programs are being developed
- See the May/June Issue of the Newsletter for program updates.

### About the AWIS Newsletter

The AWIS Newsletter is published bimonthly and provides AWIS members and supporters with information on chapter activities, career development, and issues related to women in science. The newsletter is free to AWIS members. Subscription rate for non-members is \$20 a year.

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Send news items and suggestions to *Barbara Armstrong* via email: barbara\_armstrong@axyspharm.com OR AWIS, PO Box 178096, San Diego CA 92177-8096. If you would like your article to be included in the next issue, please send your items in by April 20, 1999.