

LSF Event Recaps

Changing the Face of Biotech Leadership

The Life Sciences Foundation hosted two events this fall that addressed the circumstances of women in the higher circles of the biotech industry. Changing the Face of Biotech Leadership, was held at the Genzyme Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts on October 20, and at Genentech Hall on the Mission Bay campus of the University of California, San Francisco on November 17.

In Cambridge, Genzyme CEO **David Meeker** welcomed attendees and introduced panel moderator **Caren Arnstein**, Genzyme's senior vice president for corporate affairs. The panel featured **Deborah Dunsire**, CEO of FORUM Pharmaceuticals, **Becky Levin**, founder and chairman of the executive search firm Levin & Company, **Vicki Sato**, a professor of management practice at the Harvard Business School and an associate faculty member in the Harvard Department of Molecular and Cell Biology, and **Alison Taunton-Rigby**, director and trustee of several healthcare, life sciences and financial services organizations.

In San Francisco, Science Futures founder **Nola Masterson** greeted the audience and introduced panel moderator **Simone Fishburn**, executive editor of *SciBX* for BioCentury Publications. The panelists were **Gail Maderis**, president and CEO of BayBio, **Susan Molineaux**, president and CEO of Calithera Biosciences, and **Kathy Stafford**, senior vice president of human resources and organizational development at Solazyme.

In lively discussions, the speakers shared their personal experiences as women moving through the industry ranks into positions



Nola Masterson of Science Futures (second from right) in San Francisco

of leadership. They dispensed advice on professional development and considered opportunities for women currently entering the field. MassBio was the presenting partner on the East Coast; BayBio was the presenting partner in the West. BioMed Realty Trust, LSF's national event sponsor, provided generous support for both events. Science Futures was the event sponsor in San Francisco.

A third Changing the Face of Biotech Leadership event will take place in San Diego, in February 2015.



The Cambridge panelists: Vicki Sato, Becky Levin, Alison Taunton-Rigby, Caren Arnstein, and Deborah Dunsire