



The Association for Women in Science is dedicated to achieving equality and full participation for women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. By joining AWIS, you will receive a portfolio of personal benefits to develop and support your career and you will lend support to the largest multi-disciplinary grassroots movement supporting women in STEM.

*“I congratulate Dr. Radha Narayanan for forming a RI chapter of the Association for Women in Science (AWIS). AWIS-RI offers a connection to a sustainable national network of women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The RI chapter will build on the efforts of the URI Women in Science lunch series, the NSF-funded ADVANCE program, the URI Equity Council, and SWS now headquartered at URI, to enhance support for women in the STEM disciplines. AWIS will help ensure equity, participation, recognition, and pathways to professional success.”*

*--Dr. Winnie Brownell, Dean of Arts and Sciences, University of Rhode Island*

### **Top 10 Reasons to Join the AWIS-RI Chapter**

- Expand your network by attending local events at universities and companies
- Find a mentor, friend, advisor, or a new contact
- Join seminars by leading scientists on a variety of topics
- Participate in forums discussing topics relevant to women in science (e.g., balancing work and family life, maternity leave, harassment and discrimination, and women's perspectives on science and science-related issues)
- Develop leadership skills outside your regular job
- Raise problems and receive suggestions in a non-threatening environment
- Meet women in your local area in influential positions
- Speak on panels about topics relevant to women in science (develop your presentation skills)
- Attend group tours of local museums and gardens
- Be visible as a role model to young girls, through science days, science fairs, and classroom visiting

### **AWIS-RI Chapter Website**

<http://www.awis.affiniscape.com/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=332>

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**Kick-off Meeting**  
**Monday, November 9, 2009, 3-5 PM**  
**Memorial Union, Room 360**  
**University of Rhode Island**

**Light Refreshments will be served.**

**“Introduction to the Association for  
Women in Science:  
What can AWIS do for you and what can you  
do for AWIS?”**

**Dr. Joanne Kamens**  
**Director of Discovery, RXi Pharmaceuticals**  
**Worcester, MA**  
**Founder of the AWIS-Boston Chapter**  
**Member of National AWIS Chapters Committee**



Dr. Kamens received her Ph.D. in Genetics from Harvard Medical School's Division of Medical Sciences. In 2007 she joined RXi Pharmaceuticals and is now serving as Senior Director of Discovery Research. Dr. Kamens founded the current Boston chapter of AWIS and is now serving on the national AWIS chapters committee.

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