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JULY CHAPTER MEETING**WORK AND FAMILY: ACHIEVING BALANCE****Thursday, July 24, 2008, 6:30-8:30 pm**

Light supper* and networking 6:30pm – 7:00pm

Location: **Novartis** (Building 4, Room 104)

5300 Chiron Way, Emeryville, CA

RSVP: <http://www.suretomeet.com/exec/gt/event.h.event=3b5bcb7722d3>

Join ebAWIS for a panel discussion covering new UC-wide family friendly policies, taking a break from work to raise children and how to successfully re-enter the work force

Mary Ann Mason is Professor of the Graduate School and the Co-Director of the Berkeley Law Center for Health and Economic Security for Families (CHEF) at the University of California, Berkeley. Her research findings and advocacy have been central to ground-breaking policy initiatives, including the ten-campus "UC Faculty Family Friendly Edge" and the nationwide "Nine Presidents" summits on gender equity at major research universities. Her most recent book (co-authored with her daughter Eve Mason Ekman) is *Mothers on the Fast Track: How a New Generation Can Balance Family and Careers*.

Pia Abola has Ph.D. in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry. After staying home for four years because her second pregnancy resulted in twins, Pia took advantage of an NIH supplemental grant program designed to promote reentry into biomedical research careers, and returned to her science career at the Molecular Sciences Institute in Berkeley. She is now a consultant for a biofuels company in San Diego and Prosetta Bioconformatics, a company developing antiviral therapeutics in San Francisco. She is contributing author to [*Motherhood, The Elephant in the Laboratory: women scientists speak out*](#), a collection of essays about science and motherhood, written by 34 women scientists. This project began with an excerpt and link to a New York Times article about the [illusion of combining motherhood and career](#) posting in a Listserve for scientists. The response to that email was immediate, enthusiastic, and emotional. It was clear that there needed to be a forum for discussion where no one would be judged and where no one would put their career in jeopardy because they were discussing the difficulties of juggling job and family.

Pauline Lee has recently taken time off from work to care for her two beautiful girls - one is three years old and the other ten months old - and is now returning to the workforce. Pauline is a ten year veteran in the biotechnology industry. She spent many years at Chiron Corporation discovering new drug targets for cancer therapeutics before moving on to Eureka Therapeutics to manage preclinical research projects. She is currently embarking on a new journey as a member of the Regulatory Affairs Operations team at BioMarin Pharmaceuticals.

SCIENTISTS, NON-SCIENTISTS, MEN, WOMEN ARE ALL WELCOME!

** NOVARTIS security procedures require check-in at the guard station on 53rd St. at Chiron Way prior to parking. We meet in Building 4 (5300 Chiron Way), Room 104. Enter at the doors nearest the big yellow stucco ball.

Sign in with security at front desk.

* **A contribution of \$5 (members) - \$10 (non-members) to cover cost of food is encouraged.**

For additional information and maps please see <http://www.suretomeet.com/exec/gt/event.h.event=3b5bcb7722d3>