Anna Maria Casazza, Ph.D.

Anna Maria Casazza, Ph.D., emeritus member of the AACR, died Nov. 17, 2013, at the age of 77. Casazza had been a member of the AACR since 1978 and had been involved in the Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics and Women in Cancer Research committees.

Born May 3, 1936, Casazza graduated from the State University of Milan, Italy, where she specialized in virology. She began her career as a research scientist at the Farmitalia Research Institute, working with colleagues from Farmitalia and the Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori di Milano. Their work involved the study and characterization of antitumor molecules that were first isolated and identified at Farmitalia.

Casazza left Italy in 1984 to become director of preclinical oncology research at Bristol-Myers Squibb in the United States, where she worked until her retirement. During her time at Bristol-Myers Squibb, Casazza’s work was focused on the preclinical profiles of paclitaxel, carboplatin, and derivatives.