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Dear Members, Colleagues, and Friends of the AACR,

We are delighted to invite you to attend the 109th Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR). Please join us on April 14-18, 2018, in Chicago for what promises to be a fantastic meeting. Home to some of the world’s best food, performing arts, museums, cancer centers, and universities, this historic lakefront city will provide an ideal venue for AACR Annual Meeting 2018.

Annual Meeting 2017 in Washington, D.C., was a truly spectacular gathering, drawing nearly 22,000 registrants—the largest ever. It attracted 200 members of the media and presented 143 clinical trials. The program featured the most important scientific and policy issues of our time, and Annual Meeting 2018 will extend that cutting-edge focus with highly innovative content.

Since the last Annual Meeting, we have witnessed another dramatic wave of progress against cancer, from exciting basic science findings, to new drug approvals, expanded use of genomic data for precision medicine, and a greater focus on “big data” to accelerate progress in cancer research and in the clinic. Scientists are harnessing the power of mathematics, engineering, and artificial intelligence to diagnose cancer at an earlier stage. They are also concentrating their efforts on cancer in minorities and the medically underserved, working to eliminate the persistent disparities in cancer outcomes. All of these developments are reflected in the theme for the upcoming Annual Meeting: “Driving Innovative Cancer Science to Patient Care.” As we wind down our 110th Anniversary Year, this theme is a powerful reminder that at the heart of every scientific advance is a patient in urgent need of a cure.

As we shape our Annual Meeting 2018 program, we wish to express our deep gratitude to our Program Committee Cochair and Education Committee for their expert advice, dedication, and enthusiasm for developing and presenting the best meeting ever. They have created a dynamic scientific program that captures the breadth and depth of cancer research and clinical translation, and emphasizes the critical role of integrative research and convergence cancer science in accelerating improvements in clinical care.

Presentations at the Annual Meeting will cover the latest basic, translational, clinical, and prevention-focused research in the field, including important areas such as early detection, cancer interception, and survivorship in all populations. We will feature new sessions on cancer health disparities that have been inspired by one of the important AACR presidential initiatives. We will also be reprising a popular new feature from Annual Meeting 2017, “Unsolved Mysteries,” featuring provocative questions and their in-depth discussion by speakers and members of the audience.

Over the years the AACR has grown into a truly global organization with a membership of over 38,000 individuals working in 108 countries and territories around the world. Clearly, the path to progress against this dread disease, one that knows no borders, requires an interdisciplinary approach and international collaborations. Thus the Annual Meeting program includes an outstanding roster of international speakers and sessions that address the complexities of cancer on a global level.

With more than 6,000 proffered papers presented at the Annual Meeting each year, there are many opportunities for attendees to present their work, forge productive collaborations, and engage in meaningful dialogue with colleagues and thought leaders from around the world. We encourage you to submit your work for consideration as a proffered short talk, poster presentation, or ePoster, or to be featured in one of the newly offered Poster Discussion Sessions.

The regular abstract deadline is December 1, 2017. Clinical trials abstracts will be due on January 23, 2018, with special opportunities to present your trial results orally. The widely attended Clinical Trials Plenary Sessions offer a unique oral presentation format that pairs talks on cutting-edge clinical trials with companion presentations that spotlight the science behind the trials and the implications for delivering improved care to patients.

The AACR is the first and largest professional organization to be formed in the world that is dedicated to conquering cancer, and its Annual Meeting is a must-attend event for laboratory researchers, physician-scientists, clinicians, patient advocates, and the broader cancer community working in all relevant sectors in the field. We feel confident that you will leave the meeting with a renewed sense of energy, inspiration, and focus on your work.

We urge you to attend the spectacular day of Educational Sessions and Methods Workshops on Saturday, April 14, as these provide an amazing overview on all salient topics in the cancer field today. Also, please plan to stay through Wednesday morning, April 18, to hear highlights of the most exciting and compelling basic, translational, clinical, and prevention-related research from the meeting during the Wrap-up Plenary Session. Check the AACR website www.AACR.org/AACR2018 for program updates and announcements.

We look forward to receiving your abstract submissions and to welcoming you to Chicago as an active participant in Annual Meeting 2018.

Sincerely yours,

Michael A. Caligiuri
President, 2017-2018

Elaine R. Mardis
Chair, 2018 Program Committee
WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

The AACR Annual Meeting highlights the work of the best minds in cancer research and medicine from institutions all over the world. This meeting presents the many scientific discoveries across the breadth of cancer research – from population science and prevention, to cancer biology, translational, and clinical studies; to survivorship and advocacy. You will form new collaborations and learn how to apply exciting new concepts, tools, and techniques to your research.

This year’s program, with the theme of “Driving Innovative Cancer Science to Patient Care,” will be a comprehensive, cutting-edge scientific event that you will not want to miss!

The Annual Meeting 2017 Featured:

• A record-setting 21,945 participants
• 6,131 proffered papers presented in 238 poster sessions and 36 podium presentations
• 276 sessions accredited for continuing medical education
• 33 educational sessions and 18 methods workshops for those seeking a foundation of knowledge in rapidly developing areas
• 41 major symposia
• 758 invited speaker presentations
• More than 800 webcasts of the scientific talks available to attendees and subscribers
• Sold out exhibit hall with 497 exhibiting companies and organizations occupying every booth space available
• The meeting was covered globally by outlets in Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Romania, Singapore, and the U.K., among others

The Annual Meeting 2018 Will Feature:

• Clinical Trials – Included in the growing science-based clinical research program at the Annual Meeting, clinical trials will once again be a part of numerous oral presentations, clinical trials sessions, poster presentations, and much more.
• NextGen Stars Program – The NextGen Stars oral presentations will showcase early-career scientists who are AACR Associate Members and early-career Active Members up to the level of assistant professor or equivalent. To apply, submit your abstract and supporting materials by October 18, 2017. Details can be found at AACR.org/AACR2018.
• Wrap-up Plenary Session – The meeting will close with key opinion leaders presenting the most exciting highlights from the meeting and providing visionary remarks about cancer research opportunities in the future. The wrap-up plenary session will be on Wednesday, April 18, 12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
• ePosters and Poster Discussion Sessions – Poster presenters will once again have the option to make their posters available electronically to meeting attendees. Presenters may include audio, video, or other supporting documents with the electronic version of their poster. Presenters of highly rated abstracts will also be selected to participate in special Poster Discussion Sessions. Watch for more information coming soon!
• Recent Advances in Cancer Health Disparities Research – A new category has been added to the popular Recent Advances Sessions. Cancer health disparities research and issues will be highlighted during these special sessions.

Why You Should Submit an Abstract

The AACR Annual Meeting is the premier event for presenting the cutting-edge cancer science that is delivering cures to patients. Every abstract that is accepted for publication in the Proceedings of the AACR is presented at the Annual Meeting as a proffered paper, and all abstracts are considered for oral presentation in minisymposia.

Clinical Trials Abstracts

All clinical trials and placeholder abstracts will be submitted for one deadline—January 23, 2018. Final data for placeholder abstracts are due by February 23, 2018. Take advantage of opportunities to simultaneously present and publish your work in a high-impact AACR journal. Completed manuscripts must be submitted by late January. See page 10 for more details.
About Chicago, IL

One of America's largest, liveliest, and most historic cities, Chicago boasts an exciting downtown, a scenic waterfront, hundreds of vibrant parks, and 77 unique neighborhoods such as Chinatown, Boystown, Hyde Park, and Lincoln Park. Each one is brimming with its own singular history, culture, and personality. Home to some of the world’s best food, performing arts, museums, and universities, Chicago has a truly distinctive mix of global attractions and local charm.

AACR Celebrates 110 Years!

Founded on May 7, 1907, the AACR is the first and largest professional organization in the world dedicated to advancing cancer research and its mission to prevent and cure all cancers. A year-long celebration of AACR scientists and scientific achievements is coming to a close. Be sure to visit the AACR Landmarks Display!

Back by Popular Demand!

The Greatest Minds in Cancer Science Come Together to Inspire and Educate the Public

As part of its commitment to increasing the public’s understanding of cancer and cancer research, the AACR will host a dynamic day of conversation and education for patients, survivors, caregivers, and anyone interested in learning about cancer science. On Saturday, April 14, the AACR will bring together some of the world’s most esteemed cancer physicians and scientists, leaders from cancer organizations, and survivor groups who will share the latest in cancer research, treatment, and prevention, and provide valuable resources for patients, survivors, and their families.

Back by Popular Demand!

AACR Runners for Research Annual Meeting 5K Run/Walk

The AACR Runners for Research Annual Meeting 5K Run/Walk will be held once again. Join our team to enjoy a run through the streets of Chicago while raising funds and awareness for cancer research! Watch for announcements for the 2018 event in the coming months!
On Saturday, April 14, 2018, a full program of Educational Sessions, Methods Workshops, and Special Sessions will be presented beginning at 8:00 a.m. The Opening Ceremony and the Opening Plenary Session will take place on Sunday morning, April 15. The meeting will conclude at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18. The 2018 Program in Progress follows.
Plenary Sessions

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Opening Plenary:
Advancing Cancer Medicine: From Discovery to Patient Care
Chair: Elaine R. Mardis, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus, OH
Klaus Pantel, University Medical Center, Hamburg, Germany
Padmanee Sharma, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
George Coukos, Ludwig Center for Cancer Research, University of Lausanne, Switzerland
Charles Swanton, The Francis Crick Institute and UCL Cancer Institute, London, United Kingdom

Monday, April 16, 2018

Elucidating the Complexities of Cancer
Chair: John D. Carpten, USC Keck School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA
Jason D. Hipp and Martin Stumpe, Google Inc., Mountain View, CA
Samuel Achilefu, Washington University School of Medicine, McDonnell Genome Institute, St. Louis, MO
Melody A. Swartz, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Trey Ideker, University of California, San Diego, San Diego, CA

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Fundamental and Applied Cancer Immunology
Chair: Crystal L. Mackall, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, CA
Mark M. Davis, Stanford School of Medicine, Stanford CA
Johanna A. Joyce, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland
X. Shirley Liu, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA
Antoni Ribas, University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Impact of Cancer Genomics on Cancer Susceptibility and Therapeutic Response
Chair: Karen H. Vousden, The Francis Crick Institute, London, United Kingdom
Michael F. Berger, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY
M. Eileen Dolan, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Cigall Kadoch, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA
Nada Jabado, McGill University, Montréal, QC, Canada

Major Symposia

Access to Health Care in the Era of Biologically Targeted Therapies
Beyond microRNAs: Emerging Roles of Other Noncoding RNAs in Cancer
Breaking Down Silos by Promoting Data Sharing, Standards, and Reproducibility for Cancer Genome Analysis
Cancer Cell Plasticity
CDK Inhibitors: From Bench to Bedside
Combining Epigenomics and Immune Therapies
Convergence of Immunity and Cancer Metabolism
Defining and Addressing the Heterogeneity of Hepatocellular Carcinoma
Digital Pathology: Advances in Cancer Diagnostics
Distinguishing Aggressive from Nonaggressive Lesions: Foundations for Cancer Prevention
Energy Balance at the Nexus of the Host-Tumor Microenvironment Interaction
Epigenetics in Tumor and Tumor Microenvironment Heterogeneity and Drug Resistance
Genomic Approaches in Cancer Immunology
Genomic/Functional Screens to Predict Response/Resistance to Immunotherapy
Hallmarks of Metastasis

ABOUT IMAGE: Matrix metalloproteinase-2 (MMP-2) is highly expressed in the bone metastatic breast cancer environment. Treatment of mice with novel bone seeking MMP inhibitors (BMMPIs) significantly reduced tumor burden and protected against cancer induced bone loss. Molecular Cancer Therapeutics, March 2017 16 (3).
Recent Advances in Diagnostics and Therapeutics Research

Epigenetic Therapy
Extracellular Packages
FGFR Signaling in Cancer
In Vivo Imaging of Immunotherapy Responses
Metabolic Vulnerabilities and Cancer Therapy
Microbiome Interplay with Therapy Response
Modeling Autochthonous Cancer in Mice
Molecular Prostate Imaging with Prostate Specific Membrane Antigen and Targeted Agents
Radiation Susceptibility
Single Cell Genomics in Cancer Research
Spatial Interactions in Cancer
Survivorship
Targeting the Drug-Tolerant State
Using Mass Cytometry and MIBI to Monitor Patient Response

Recent Advances in Cancer Health Disparities Research

Ancestral Genetics and Breast Cancer Risk
Can Cervical Cancer Screening and Prevention Be Implemented in Developing Countries and the Evolution of Treatment in Underresourced Countries
Multiple Myeloma
Prostate Cancer Disparities
“I like the variety of the offerings: keynote lectures, educational sessions, major and minor symposia, posters, etc. The meeting has enormous breadth and depth. It is by far the most representative cancer meeting worldwide.”
Recent Advances in Organ Site Research

Brain Metastases
Cutting-Edge Head and Neck Cancer Therapy
Epigenetic Basis of Pediatric and Young Adult Brain Tumors
Epigenetic Opportunities in Hematologic Cancers
Latest Advances in Small Cell Lung Cancer
Merkel Cell Virus
Ovarian Cancer Metastasis
Targeting Pancreatic Cancer

Recent Advances in Prevention and Interception Research

Cancer Vaccines and Prevention
Long-Term Impact of “Prevention” in the Context of Childhood Cancer
Precision Prevention and Early Detection of Cancer
RANKL in BRCA1 Breast Cancer Patients
Systemic Metabolism and Cancer
Translational Research in Liver Cancer Prevention
Translational Research in Melanoma Prevention

Forums

BMI Paradox in Cancer: Does One Size Fit All?
Chasing Mutations vs. Immunotherapy
CTCs and ctDNA: Complementary Biomarkers for Precision Medicine
Current Status of Cellular Therapy (CAR T Cells vs. BiTes)
Disparities in Prostate Cancer
Immunotherapy Biomarkers: Ready for Prime Time?
Is Genome-Informed Cancer Medicine Generating Patient Benefit?
Mono- vs. Polyclonal Origins of Metastasis
Precision Therapy: When Is Better: Up Front or at Relapse?
Progesterone Targeting in Breast Cancer: Activate or Inhibit?
To Monitor or Not to Monitor: Surveillance in Hereditary Cancer
Translational Value of Preclinical Cancer Models: PDXs vs. GEMMs vs. Organoids

Unsolved Mysteries

Basic Mechanisms of Cancer Cachexia
Failure to Translate: The IGF-IR and PI3K Inhibitors
The Molecular Definition of Cancer: Does Age at Diagnosis Matter?
Policy Sessions

Decisions made by policy makers in Washington, DC, have a direct impact on the progress being made against cancer in the United States. Therefore, the AACR sponsors sessions with legislators, administration officials, government leaders, academic researchers, patient advocates, and industry representatives to foster dialogue about emerging topics in science and regulatory policy.

The Science Policy Track is an opportunity for you to learn about the current political environment affecting federal funding for the NIH and NCI, as well as ways for you to get involved in advocating for robust, sustained, and predictable budget increases for them. In addition, past science policy sessions have covered topics such as tobacco control, including the regulation of electronic cigarettes; the Affordable Care Act; and determining value in cancer care.

The Regulatory Science and Policy Track is your opportunity to interact with stakeholders from academia, industry, advocacy, and government. These informative sessions are designed to highlight recent regulatory developments and provide an open forum for the discussion of cutting-edge issues in cancer drug, biologic, and diagnostic regulation. Past regulatory science and policy topics included:

• Case studies of recently approved breakthrough therapies
• Regulatory considerations for utilizing liquid biopsies in drug and diagnostic development
• Reference materials for next-generation sequencing (NGS)–based tests
• Immuno-oncology combination therapies
Submit Your Clinical Trials Abstracts to the AACR Annual Meeting 2018

Become a part of our growing science-based clinical research program at the Annual Meeting and help us showcase how research continues to transform the lives of cancer patients.

Highlights from Annual Meeting 2017

• 22 trials in 4 Clinical Trials Plenary Sessions.
• 25 trials in 3 Clinical Trials Minisymposia.
• 96 trials in 5 Clinical Trials Poster Sessions.
• Potential national media coverage through the extensive AACR press program.
• Opportunities to simultaneously present your work and publish a manuscript in a high-impact AACR journal.
  - If you will have a complete manuscript ready to submit by late January, select the appropriate options during the abstract submission process.
  - If accepted, your abstract and manuscript may be presented and published simultaneously, in addition to being included in the press program.
  - Contact pubs@aacr.org with any questions or to indicate your interest in submitting a manuscript.
• No restrictions on presenters as long as the presentation is CME-compliant.
• Opportunities for national media coverage through AACR’s Press Program.

What to Submit

• Any phase (I, II, III, or any combination) abstract from national or international clinical trials.
• Promising ongoing trials or unique trial designs that have not yet yielded results to the Clinical Trials in Progress category (CT07).
• See page 27 for clinical trials (CT) abstract categories and visit www.AACR.org/AACR2018 for submission guidelines.

When to Submit

• Submit your completed or placeholder abstract(s) by the **January 23, 2018 deadline** for clinical trials and late-breaking abstracts. The clinical trials (CT) abstract categories will not be available for submissions for the December 1, 2017 deadline.
• Final results and conclusions for placeholder abstracts are due by **February 23, 2018**.
Abstract Submission Deadline: **December 1, 2017**

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**SPOTLIGHT ON CLINICAL TRIALS**

- **25 TRIALS IN**
- **3 MINISYMPOSIA**
- **22 TRIALS IN**
- **4 PLENARY SESSIONS**
- **96 TRIALS IN**
- **5 POSTER SESSIONS**

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In support of its mission to promote the education and training of cancer scientists and clinicians and to cultivate a highly skilled and diverse cancer research workforce, the AACR provides Annual Meeting attendees at all career stages—from high school students to senior investigators—with opportunities to enhance and advance their careers. For more information about any of the professional development opportunities that follow, visit www.AACR.org/AACR2018.
**NextGen Stars**

Early-career scientists can apply to give a presentation in a Symposium or Recent Advances Session at the AACR Annual Meeting 2018. Speaking slots are limited and are only available to AACR Associate Members and to AACR Active Members who are not above the level of Assistant Professor or equivalent. Since the debut of this program in 2014, 22 NextGen Stars have given short talks in major sessions. The NextGen Stars program provides an exciting opportunity to increase the visibility of early-career scientists at the AACR Annual Meeting and to support the professional development and advancement of those selected to speak.

The deadline to submit applications is **11:59 p.m. U.S. ET., October 18, 2017.** Applications consist of an extended abstract (limit 8,000 characters), a C.V., and a letter of recommendation from a P.I., department head, or another mentor who is familiar with the applicant’s work. Applicants selected as NextGen Stars for 2018 will receive travel support and complimentary registration for the meeting. Details can be found at www.AACR.org/AACR2018.

**Professional Advancement Sessions**

**Exclusive Member Benefit**

The Professional Advancement Sessions have long been an integral part of the AACR Annual Meeting experience, representing our dedication to the education, training, and career advancement of early-career investigators and the next generation of cancer researchers. Several interactive and engaging professional development and advancement opportunities have been organized to provide important skills to investigators at all levels, from students to senior faculty.

All Professional Advancement Sessions are free and exclusive to members. Advance registration is only available for the Personalized Career Conversations session and Undergraduate Student Caucus and Poster Competition. Participation in all other sessions is on a first-come, first-served basis, and space is limited, so be sure you are a current member to attend. If you are not an AACR member, we strongly encourage you to join and take advantage of the many benefits of membership.

As an additional member benefit, webcasts of selected Professional Advancement Session presentations are now available free to AACR members in good standing. Members can create a login and view presentations from the Annual Meeting at http://webcast.aacr.org/access/newmember. (Note: Participation in the Annual Meeting Webcast is left to the discretion of each speaker. As a result, some presentations may not be available for webcast, and some webcast presentations may not include all slides.)

Professional Advancement Sessions at the Annual Meeting 2018 will include the following events. More sessions will be added to the program soon; visit www.AACR.org/AACR2018 for session updates.

**13th Annual Undergraduate Student Caucus and Poster Competition**

**Saturday, April 14 • 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Organized by the AACR Career Development Committee**

With over 200 undergraduate student participants every year, the Undergraduate Student Caucus Poster Competition continues to be the premier event for undergraduate students attending the AACR Annual Meeting. Now in its thirteenth year, this session gives undergraduates the opportunity to learn more about current research in the cancer field, hear from investigators about educational pathways and career development, explore career options in the cancer field, and compete for monetary prizes while presenting research. Undergraduates at all levels as well as post-baccalaureate students are welcome to participate without cost. AACR members are encouraged to volunteer as judges; visit www.AACR.org/scienceeducation for more information.

**WICR Professional Advancement Session**

**Saturday, April 14 • 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**Organized by the Women in Cancer Research (WICR) Council**

The WICR Professional Advancement Session provides a forum for investigators to acquire skills and techniques to enhance their careers. Participants are led by role models and through guided exercises that enable them to learn key concepts. Past topics have included: Intentional Yes and Graceful No: How to Take Charge of Your Career, Thriving in an Extroverted World, The Power of Assertiveness, The Art of Engaging in a Successful Interview, and Building Presence and Leadership through Empowered Communication.
10th Annual Careers in Clinical and Translational Cancer Research Roundtable
Saturday, April 14 • 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

This annual session will include a series of presentations by recognized leaders in clinical and translational cancer research, followed by informal roundtable discussions. Participating senior investigators will provide attendees with personal perspectives with regards to their own career paths in an effort to help direct aspiring clinical and translational cancer researchers on successful career paths.

Personalized Career Conversations
Date and time to be determined
Sponsored by the Associate Member Council, Minorities in Cancer Research Council, and the Women in Cancer Research Council

This session provides a unique opportunity for early-career AACR Associate Members to be paired with distinguished cancer researchers for one-on-one conversations. There is no cost to participate in this session, but preregistration is required. Preregistration information and a list of this year’s participating senior scientists will be available online in January 2018.

WICR Career Mentoring Session
Monday, April 16 • 8:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
Organized by the Women in Cancer Research (WICR) Council

Following a keynote address, attendees will have the opportunity to meet, network, and learn from many of the leading senior scientists in cancer research during roundtable discussions. Topics of discussion will include work-life integration, careers in industry, choosing a postdoctoral position, oral presentations, and more.

Navigating the Road to a Successful Career in Cancer Research
Monday, April 16 • 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Organized by the Minorities in Cancer Research (MICR) Council

This session provides a forum in which students, postdoctoral candidates, and junior faculty can discuss career development issues with established senior scientists. This session includes a networking reception and mentored roundtable discussions facilitated by senior researchers representing all sectors of the cancer community, including academia, government, and industry.

Related Career Advancement Sessions

Meet the Research Icon
Dates and times to be determined
Organized by the Associate Member Council (AMC)

These sessions are intended for early-career scientists and provide a special opportunity for young investigators to meet esteemed researchers in a small group setting to discuss their specific career paths and visions for the future of cancer research. Sessions take place in the Associate Member Resource and Career Center in AACRcentral.

Career Discussions
Dates and times to be determined
Organized by the Associate Member Council (AMC)

These informal networking and discussion sessions are designed for early-career scientists to interact with junior faculty and physician-scientists. Sessions take place in the Associate Member Resource and Career Center in AACRcentral.

Meet the Mentor: Undergraduate Focus I and II
Sunday, April 15 • 3:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17 • 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Organized by the AACR Career Development Committee

These sessions feature esteemed senior scientists who will engage undergraduate students in informal discussions about cancer research. Sessions are intended to help guide students in their educational pursuit of establishing a career in cancer research. All undergraduate student attendees at the Annual Meeting are encouraged to participate.

Special Program for High School Students: The Conquest of Cancer and the Next Generation of Cancer Researchers
Tuesday, April 17 • 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Organized by the AACR Career Development Committee

This interactive program is designed to inspire students to pursue careers in cancer research and biomedical sciences by providing an opportunity for Students to learn about cancer from cancer research experts while interacting with their peers. The program includes lectures, tours of the exhibits and poster areas, student presentations, and a networking lunch. AACR members are encouraged to volunteer as judges.
Continuing Medical Education (CME)

The AACR’s Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program brings the latest cancer research from “bench to bedside and back.” We have been awarded Full Accreditation status by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). Our CME Program consists of educational interventions designed to encourage the analysis and discussion of the latest findings in all areas of basic, translational, and clinical cancer research not only among researchers, but also by engaging clinicians in this scientific discourse. The AACR is committed to advance the ability of clinicians to apply critical aspects of cancer research to the clinical practice of oncology to aid in the detection, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of cancer. The AACR Annual Meeting 2018 will be a Continuing Medical Educational Activity and AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ will be available. This is a great opportunity to complete your required credit hours.

Networking Hubs

AACR Networking Hubs will once again be offered as a “can’t miss” opportunity for young investigators attending the Annual Meeting. The Hubs will target several rapidly advancing areas of research. There will be no formal program, but your participation in one of the Hubs will be a fun opportunity to socialize and network with colleagues and potential collaborators working in your area, as well as some of the most respected investigators in the cancer research community. Look for more information about this opportunity in the coming months.

AACR’s Focus on Survivor and Patient Advocacy

The cancer patient’s voice has never been more important than in today’s environment, especially as patients are increasingly giving selflessly with tissues and their personal data to advance progress. Additionally, cancer patient advocates are playing a crucial role in educating patients about their options, serving on committees and thereby contributing to cancer research and regulatory policy, increasing awareness among legislators and the general public, and raising precious funds for cancer research.

Therefore, the AACR strongly welcomes cancer patient advocates to both attend and participate in the AACR Annual Meeting each year. Discounted registration rates are also available for patient advocates.

AACR Scientist↔Survivor Program

A particularly special advocacy program that the AACR hosts each year is the AACR Scientist↔Survivor Program (SSP), which is now in its 20th year, led admirably by Anna D. Barker of Arizona State University. SSP is designed to build enduring partnerships among the leaders of the scientific, cancer survivor, and patient advocacy communities worldwide. The program has a competitive application process and occurs twice each year, with the largest program being held at the AACR Annual Meeting.

This unique program provides an opportunity for patient advocates to learn about cancer research and to interact with scientists, doctors, health professionals, and other advocates. Specifically, these groups come together to discuss the latest findings in cancer research, foster collaborative interdisciplinary partnerships, and promote progress in new research areas in the cancer field. Advocates benefit from special scientific lectures in lay terms, stimulating small group discussions, and other opportunities to exchange information on key aspects of cancer research, survivorship, advocacy, and public policy.

If you are interested in applying for this year’s SSP, which is taking place in Chicago from April 14 to April 18, 2018, please visit www.AACR.org/2018_SSP_AACRAnnualMeeting. Additionally, please contact us at advocacy@aacr.org to request additional information about the AACR Scientist↔Survivor Program.

Patient advocates can also engage with the AACR in many ways throughout the year, including through AACR’s magazine Cancer Today, the AACR Foundation, the annual AACR Cancer Progress Report, and by participating in advocacy days on Capitol Hill.

AACR CancerCareers.org Center

The CancerCareers.org Center at the AACR Annual Meeting 2018 is a resource for scientists at all levels to explore career options in academia, industry, and government. The CancerCareers.org Center is available to employers and job seekers throughout the Annual Meeting 2018. Visit CancerCareers.org to upload your C.V.

AACR 2018 Cancer and Biomedical Research Career Fair

Saturday, April 14 • 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

AACR extends an invitation to all scientists to attend its 2018 Cancer and Biomedical Research Career Fair in Chicago, IL, on April 14, 2018. A special invitation is extended to mid-career scientists to join AACR at this premier recruiting event. Recruiters from academia, government, and the pharmaceutical industry will be available to meet with individual scientists throughout the fair. Please visit CancerCareers.org to learn more about the 2018 Career Fair, search for scientific positions, and upload your C.V./resume to be viewed by recruiters from various organizations.
At the crossroads of the Exhibit Hall, AACRcentral is your one-stop source for information on and assistance with all AACR programs. Whether you need to ask a question, check your membership status, learn more about the Associate Member Council, pick up a copy of one of our eight journals, attend a Professional Advancement session, or meet up with a colleague, make AACRcentral the starting point when you tour the exhibits.

**AACR Membership Center**

The AACR Membership Center provides a place where members can obtain information regarding their membership, join Association groups within the AACR, update contact information, pay annual dues, transfer categories of membership, and become familiar with new membership services. Nonmembers are encouraged to visit the Membership Center to submit an application for membership. The AACR is also eager to support the exchange of knowledge and research with investigators who are located in countries with emerging economies. (Significantly reduced membership dues are available for these investigators.) Visit the Membership Center to learn more about these and other opportunities available through the AACR.

**MICR Networking and Resource Center**

The Minorities in Cancer Research (MICR) Networking and Resource Center hosts exciting meet-and-greet opportunities with prominent investigators and provides meeting attendees with a comfortable and social environment for networking one-on-one and in small groups. All MICR members and Annual Meeting registrants are encouraged to visit the MICR Networking and Resource Center to learn about AACR and MICR programs, awards, funding, and more.

**WICR Networking and Resource Center**

The Women in Cancer Research (WICR) Networking and Resource Center is the location for networking with members of the WICR Council, WICR Scholars, and members of WICR. All Annual Meeting attendees and WICR members are invited to use the Center during exhibit hours for networking and to learn more about professional advancement opportunities and other programs of interest.

**Associate Member Resource and Career Center**

The Associate Member Resource and Career Center, organized by the Associate Member Council (AMC), is open to all graduate students, medical students and residents, and clinical and postdoctoral fellows, regardless of membership status. The Center provides an informal place for early-career scientists to connect with colleagues, plan their time at the meeting, and learn about programs and other professional advancement opportunities. The AMC Meet and Greet is also held in this location. Visit www.AACR.org/AACR2018 for session updates.

**AACR Amphitheater**

The AACR Amphitheater hosts a variety of sessions, including AMC-organized sessions for early-career scientists, “Meet the AACR CEO,” and “Meet the AACR President.” All sessions provide a special opportunity for interactive discussion in a small group setting to discuss career paths and vision for the future of the field. All sessions are free, but seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.
Great networking opportunity.
Making National Headlines


Submit your abstract for consideration for presentation at the official AACR Annual Meeting 2018 press program. For more information on the AACR Annual Meeting press program, please contact Julia Gunther at julia.gunther@aacr.org or Rick Buck at rick.buck@aacr.org.

Trending on Social Media

The AACR Annual Meeting 2017 also generated significant social media activity in the cancer research world. Social media highlights included:

- 7,928 people joining the conversation on Twitter
- 34,212 tweets sent
- A total of 139.8 million impressions

In addition, AACR President Michael A. Caligiuri, MD, hosted a Facebook Live broadcast on “Important Science from the AACR Annual Meeting 2017,” in which he interviewed experts about advances presented at the meeting.

MEDIA COVERAGE HIGHLIGHTS:
17 NEWS RELEASES
3 PRESS CONFERENCES
200 REGISTERED REPORTERS
2,165 MEDIA MENTIONS
7,928 PEOPLE JOINING THE CONVERSATION ON TWITTER
34,212 TWEETS SENT
139+ MILLION IMPRESSIONS
Michael A. Caligiuri, then AACR President-Elect, surfs the AACR Annual Meeting 2017 App with meeting attendees.
Annual Meeting Program/Navigation

Annual Meeting attendees can use the following electronic and print resources to plan their itineraries and navigate the meeting:

- **Online Proceedings/Itinerary Planner (available March 14, 2018).** Search all Annual Meeting presentations (including all proffered abstracts) by author/speaker, title word, and keyword and create a personal itinerary for the meeting. Personal itineraries created in the Itinerary Planner can be exported as an iCalendar file into attendees’ personal Outlook, Google Calendar, or Apple iCal applications. Itineraries can also be imported into the Annual Meeting App (see below).

- **Annual Meeting App (available late March 2018).** Attendees can carry the Annual Meeting wherever they go—with or without a network connection. The Annual Meeting App is available in native versions to serve users of iPhone, iPad, and Android devices and also in a browser-based version for use on most web-enabled smartphones and tablets. The App offers the following features:
  - Native Storage. Once downloaded, all App content and functionality is stored natively on the user’s Apple or Android device and can be accessed without an Internet connection.
  - Meeting Abstracts. The full text of more than 6,000 abstracts is stored natively and is available without a network connection.
  - Personal Itinerary. Users can save sessions to create a personal itinerary for the meeting. They can also import their itineraries from the Online Itinerary Planner (see above).
  - Maps. Detailed floor plans of all Annual Meeting venues—including the complete exhibit hall and poster area map as well as the hotel map—are stored natively for easy browsing.

- **Print Program Guide.** All attendees receive a portable Program Guide containing the dates, times, locations, and titles of all Annual Meeting sessions. The Program Guide also contains the names of the chairs and invited speakers in each session. The titles of all presentations (including the Minisymposium and Poster Session presentations) are available in the electronic versions of the program (see above).

- **Print Guide to Poster Sessions and Exhibits.** Detailed information on the Poster Sessions (including the complete titles and authors of the posters presented) and the Exhibit Show is available in this print guide. A limited number of copies of the guide are made available in the Registration Area and in the Exhibit Hall for attendees to pick up.

Complete poster session information is also available in the electronic versions of the program (see above).

Annual Meeting Abstracts

The following electronic and print resources are available to attendees who wish to access the proffered abstracts accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting:

- **Online Proceedings/Itinerary Planner (available March 14, 2018).** The Online Proceedings/Itinerary Planner provides fully searchable access to the full text of all proffered abstracts (see above).

- **Online Supplement to Cancer Research (available June 2018).** Approximately eight weeks after the Annual Meeting, all presented abstracts are published as an online-only supplement to the AACR journal *Cancer Research*.

- **Annual Meeting App (available late March 2018).** The full text of all proffered abstracts is stored natively in the Annual Meeting App (see above).

- **Mobile Proceedings (available late March 2018).** The mobile edition of the *Proceedings* of the AACR contains full texts of all regular proffered abstracts as well as the extended abstracts submitted by invited speakers (clinical trial and late-breaking abstracts are not included). The mobile edition is available in mobi and e-pub file formats for download to devices such as the Amazon Kindle, iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch, Sony Reader, and the Barnes & Noble Nook.

- **Abstracts on Flash Drive (available for purchase).** The Annual Meeting Flash Drive contains all proffered regular abstracts as well as the extended abstracts submitted by invited speakers (clinical trial and late-breaking abstracts are not included). Users can search and browse all Annual Meeting abstract presentations by author/speaker, title word, keyword, and session type. To obtain a copy of the Flash Drive at the meeting, attendees must order by February 2, 2018, and check the appropriate box when registering. The cost of the Flash Drive is $15.

- **Print Proceedings (available for purchase).** The print *Proceedings* contains all proffered regular abstracts as well as the extended abstracts submitted by invited speakers (clinical trial and late-breaking abstracts are not included). To obtain a copy of the print *Proceedings* before or during the meeting, attendees must order by February 2, 2018, and check the appropriate box when registering. The cost is $85 for a copy of the *Proceedings* to be mailed to attendees (approximately two weeks before the meeting) or $70 for a copy to be picked up at the meeting. After the Annual Meeting, remaining copies are available to everyone for $85 plus shipping (while supplies last).
Annual Meeting Presentations

The following resources are available to attendees who wish to access the oral and poster presentations from the Annual Meeting:

• **Free to Paid Registrants: Annual Meeting 2018 Webcast.** All paid registrants receive exclusive online streaming access to the audio and slides of all scientific sessions presented at the AACR Annual Meeting 2018. Webcast presentations will be made available on May 9, 2018; access is granted via individual username and password. Paid registrants receive their login information via email after the meeting. Beginning May 9, nonregistrants may purchase access to the webcast. The cost is $299 for AACR members and $399 for nonmembers. Webcast access includes:
  - Presentation slides synchronized with recorded audio presentations
  - Speakers’ mouse movements captured and included in playback
  - Available on compatible mobile devices and smartphones such as iPad, iPod Touch, iPhone, and Android devices
  - Presentations searchable by session title, presentation title, and speaker name
  - Exclusive access to online content for 15 months after the Annual Meeting

• **ePosters.** Posters presented at the Annual Meeting** are available through an online, interactive, fully searchable database. These ePosters will be available free to all users through March 2019.

*Participation in the AACR Annual Meeting Webcast is left to the discretion of each speaker. As a result, some presentations may not be available for webcast, and some webcast presentations may not include all slides.

**Participation in the AACR ePosters initiative is left to the discretion of each presenter. Therefore, not all posters will be available for viewing.
FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ATTENDANCE

Through the generosity of its supporters and grants from the National Cancer Institute, the AACR is pleased to provide financial support to meritorious undergraduate students and early-career scientists residing anywhere in the world, and also to members of minority groups residing in the United States or Canada that have been traditionally underrepresented in cancer and biomedical research, to assist them in attending the AACR Annual Meeting. Detailed information about these award programs, including eligibility and selection criteria, can be found by visiting www.AACR.org/AACR2018 and clicking on the Financial Support for Attendance link.

AACR Scholar-in-Training Awards

Scholar-in-Training Awards of $500 to $2,000 are available for Associate Members in good standing who are the presenters of meritorious abstracts at the AACR Annual Meeting. These awards are made possible by the generosity of supporting foundations and corporations. Nonmember graduate students, medical students and residents, clinical fellows or equivalent, and postdoctoral fellows who wish to apply for a Scholar-in-Training Award should submit their AACR Membership applications by November 27, 2017. The AACR Membership Application Form is available on the AACR website at www.AACR.org/membership. To apply for a Scholar-in-Training Award, an applicant must first submit an abstract, and then complete a separate Award Application. For details of the application process and the selection criteria, please visit www.AACR.org/SITA. Application deadline: December 7, 2017.

AACR-Minorities in Cancer Research (MICR)-Sponsored Awards

Minorities in Cancer Research (MICR)—a membership group within the AACR—is working to increase the number, participation, visibility, and recognition of minority scientists in cancer research. The AACR Minority and Minority-Serving Institution Faculty Scholar Awards and Minority Scholar Awards are two of several programs sponsored by MICR in support of its mission. These awards are generously supported by the National Cancer Institute Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities. To learn more, please visit www.AACR.org/MICR or send an email to micr@aacr.org. AACR Minority and Minority-Serving Institution (MMSI) Faculty Scholar in Cancer Research Awards: Full-time minority faculty and faculty of Minority-Serving Institutions (Historically Black Colleges and Universities [HBCUs], Hispanic-Serving Institutions [HSIs], American Indian Tribally-Controlled Colleges and Universities [AITCCUs], and other postsecondary institutions as defined by the U.S. Department of Education) who present a proffered paper at this conference are encouraged to apply for this meritorious scholar award. Supported by a generous grant from the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities of the National Cancer Institute, the purposes of these awards are to increase the scientific knowledge base of minority faculty and faculty at MSIs, to encourage them in their research, and to assist in inspiring their students to pursue careers in cancer research. Only citizens of the United States or Canada or scientists who are permanent residents of these countries may receive one of these awards. For details or to submit an application, visit www.AACR.org/MSI. Application deadline: December 19, 2017.

AACR Minority Scholar in Cancer Research Awards: Presenters of a proffered paper who are full-time predoctoral (graduate or medical) students, residents, and clinical or postdoctoral fellows who are engaged in cancer research or have the training and potential to make contributions to this field are encouraged to apply for this meritorious scholar award. Supported by a generous grant from the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities of the National Cancer Institute, this program applies only to racial/ethnic minority groups that have been identified by the NCI as being traditionally underrepresented in cancer and biomedical research, i.e., African American/Black, Alaskan Native, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, and Native Pacific Islander. Only citizens of the United States or Canada or scientists who are permanent residents of these countries may receive one of these awards. For details or to submit an application, visit www.AACR.org/MSA. Application deadline: December 19, 2017.

AACR-Women in Cancer Research (WICR) Scholar Awards

AACR-WICR Scholar Awards are awarded to members of Women in Cancer Research who are full-time scientists-in-training. Graduate students, medical students, residents, clinical fellows or equivalent, and postdoctoral fellows who are presenters of meritorious scientific papers at the AACR Annual Meeting are eligible. For details or to submit an application, visit www.AACR.org/WSA. Application deadline: December 15, 2017.

AACR Undergraduate Scholar Awards

In keeping with the Association’s efforts to promote the education and training of the next generation of able and dedicated scientists, the AACR is pleased to provide AACR Undergraduate Scholar Awards. These travel awards provide third-year undergraduates with funds to participate in two consecutive AACR Annual Meetings. To learn more about this award program, please visit www.AACR.org/UndergradAwards or send an email to scienceeducation@aacr.org. Application deadline: December 15, 2017.
GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

AACR Abstract Submission System. Authors must submit abstracts for presentation at the Annual Meeting 2018 using the AACR Abstract Submission System, which will be available at www.AACR.org/AACR2018 beginning September 28, 2017. You can create, modify, and submit abstracts until the December 1, 2017, abstract deadline. Complete instructions on the use of the AACR Abstract Submission System will be provided on the website.

The Abstract Submission System has been optimized for the current versions of most browsers:
- Google Chrome: Version 33.0 or higher
- Internet Explorer: Version 8.0 or higher
- Mozilla Firefox: Version 16.0 or higher
- Safari: Version 5.0 or higher

Browsers should be set to enable JavaScript and to accept cookies. Users who need assistance in properly updating and configuring their browsers should contact Abstract Submission Customer Service at 217-398-1792 or support@abstractsonline.com.

Content of Abstracts. Authors who submit abstracts confirm that they have not previously published these data, that they have not previously presented them at a large national annual scientific meeting, and that they are not planning to present or publish them prior to the dates of the AACR Annual Meeting 2018.

Each abstract should contain: (a) an introductory sentence indicating the purposes of the study; (b) a brief description of pertinent experimental procedures; (c) a summary of the new, unpublished data; and (d) a statement of the conclusions.

Authors must accept sole responsibility for the statements in their abstracts. Abstracts should be carefully proofread to avoid errors in the published literature. American spelling should be used throughout; for more information regarding American spelling, please refer to Scientific Style and Format: The CSE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers, Eighth Edition (Council of Science Editors, 2014).

Copyright Transfer/Abstract Presentation/Sponsor Permission. On behalf of all authors, the corresponding author must:
- Transfer copyright of the abstract to the AACR for publication
- Confirm that an author will attend the Annual Meeting to present the abstract
- Attest that the permission of their AACR member sponsor has been secured prior to initiating an abstract submission

Abstract Control Number. An Abstract Control Number (e.g., 18-A-1234-AACR) will be assigned to each abstract submitted online and will be listed on all email correspondence regarding the abstract. Please refer to the Abstract Control Number in any abstract communications.

Financial Relationships of Coauthors. Per ACCME regulations, the AACR must collect information on the financial relationships of all meeting presenters and abstract authors. You will be asked to disclose your financial relationships and the financial relationships of all of your coauthors. For more information on financial relationships, visit www.AACR.org/cme.

Sponsor Permission and Information. Each abstract must be sponsored by an AACR member. You must secure the permission of the sponsor before submitting the abstract. For details, see the “Abstract Sponsorship Regulations” on page 26 of this Call for Abstracts.

Length of Abstracts. The combined length of the abstract body, title, and tables may not exceed 2,600 characters, not including spaces and the author string. Tables count for 800 characters against the limit. Submission cannot be completed for abstracts that exceed this limit.

Abstract Category and Subclassification. You must select a category and subclassification for your abstract. See pages 27-29 for details.

Disclosure of Chemical Structures. At the time of abstract submission, the submitting author is required to state whether chemical compounds were used in the scientific work to generate the data in the proffered paper. Chemical compounds are defined as low-molecular-weight (generally <1000 g/mol) organic or inorganic molecules, peptides, or proteins/nucleic acids co-crystallized with low-molecular-weight molecules.

If chemical compounds were used, the corresponding author is further required to indicate whether the complete chemical structures of the compounds used will be disclosed at the time of presentation at the meeting. The chemical structures are not required to be included at the time of abstract submission; rather, an indication of the intent to disclose any such structures at the time of presentation is required.

The Program Committee will then evaluate the information provided by the corresponding author and determine the acceptability of the proffered paper for presentation. Those who do not intend to disclose chemical structures may have their abstracts rejected for participation; however, a limited number of these abstracts may be accepted for presentation if deemed to be of sufficient scientific merit.

Payment Information: Submission Fee. Each abstract submitted must be accompanied by a $65 abstract submission fee. The submission fee can be paid by credit card or check. The fee is nonrefundable regardless of the final disposition of the abstract.

Abstract Deadline. The deadline for abstract submissions is 11:59 p.m. U.S. ET, Friday, December 1, 2017. Abstracts submitted after the deadline will not be considered by the Program Committee. No changes may be made to abstracts after the December 1, 2017, deadline.

Note: Submitting an abstract for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting 2018 does not constitute registration for the meeting. Abstract presenters must register to attend the meeting by using the form enclosed in this publication or by registering online at www.AACR.org/AACR2018.
Late-Breaking Abstract Deadline. The deadline for late-breaking abstracts is 11:59 p.m. U.S. ET, Tuesday, January 23, 2018. Abstracts detailing highly significant and timely findings in any area of cancer research that were not available at the time of the regular abstract deadline will be considered for presentation at the Annual Meeting. Only those abstracts that are deemed to be of high scientific priority will be accepted.

A special subcommittee of the Program Committee will evaluate the merit of late-breaking abstracts. Each late-breaking abstract must be sponsored by an AACR member. Abstract submission fees and sponsorship regulations also apply to late-breaking abstracts.

Clinical Trials Abstract Deadline. All abstracts describing clinical trials (including placeholder abstracts) should be submitted as late-breaking abstracts. The deadline for clinical trials abstracts is 11:59 p.m. U.S. ET, Tuesday, January 23, 2018. Final data for placeholder abstracts are due Friday, February 23, 2018 (see page 10).

Deadline for Withdrawal of Abstracts. The AACR cannot comply with any request for withdrawal of an abstract that will delay the publication of the Proceedings. However, requests to withdraw abstracts will be accepted through Friday, February 16, 2018. Requests to withdraw late-breaking abstracts will be accepted through Friday, March 9, 2018. Withdrawal requests must be sent by email to abstract@aacr.org. Withdrawal requests must include the abstract control number and title as well as an explanation of the reason for withdrawal.

Presentation of Proffered Papers at the AACR Annual Meeting. Every proffered abstract that has been accepted for publication in the Proceedings must have a corresponding presentation at the meeting. Specifically, the author listed as the presenter for an accepted proffered paper must attend the corresponding session to discuss in detail the research outlined in the published abstract, according to the specific guidelines of the session. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, the designated presenter is unavailable to attend the session to present the paper, he or she must contact the AACR Program Development Department.
to designate a coauthor to serve as the presenter. If no abstract authors are available to present the data, the presenter must withdraw the abstract immediately by contacting the AACR Program Development Department at 215-440-9300 or abstract@aacr.org.

Failure to comply with these regulations pertaining to abstract presentation may result in actions including, but not limited to:

- The withdrawal of the abstract from the session
- The removal of the abstract from the online Proceedings
- The loss of future sponsorship privileges for the sponsor of the abstract
- The loss of future abstract submission/authorship privileges for the presenter of the abstract

Abstract Sponsorship Regulations

1. Each abstract submitted for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting must be sponsored by an Active, Emeritus, Honorary, Associate, or Affiliate AACR member.

2. An Active, Emeritus, or Honorary member may use his or her sponsorship privilege in one of two ways: (a) to sponsor an abstract for which he or she is listed as an author, or (b) to sponsor a colleague’s abstract on which he or she is not listed as an author.

3. An Associate or Affiliate Member in good standing may sponsor his or her own abstract provided that: (a) he or she is the presenter of the abstract, and (b) an Active, Emeritus, or Honorary Member in good standing endorses the work. By endorsing an abstract, a member does not lose his or her own sponsorship privilege; Active, Emeritus, and Honorary members may endorse an unlimited number of abstracts while still retaining their right to sponsor one abstract.

4. The sponsor must be a member of the AACR in good standing. Membership dues must have been paid through the current year by the time of the submission of the abstract in order for the member to serve as the sponsor of an abstract for the upcoming Annual Meeting. As Honorary and Emeritus members are exempt from the payment of dues, this regulation does not apply to them. Student members are not eligible to sponsor an abstract.

5. Each member of the AACR may sponsor one abstract for the December 1, 2017, regular deadline and one abstract for the January 23, 2018, clinical trial and late-breaking deadline. (Members must have their 2018 dues paid before sponsoring a clinical trial or late-breaking abstract.)

6. Permission to list an AACR member as a sponsor or endorser must be obtained prior to selecting the sponsor/endorser in the Online Abstract Submission System. Individuals listed as sponsors or endorsers of abstracts will receive a confirmation of sponsorship or endorsement via email or fax. Sponsors and endorsers are strongly encouraged to review the confirmation email or fax to ensure that the correct abstract title, author, etc., have been indicated.

7. The sponsor is obligated to ascertain that all authors are aware of and agree to the content of the abstract. Sponsorship of an abstract implies support for the data and the interpretations contained therein.

**COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REGULATIONS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AUTHORS.** Adherence to these rules will be strictly enforced. Violations will result in the rejection of the abstract by the Program Committee.

**Membership Application Deadlines for Abstract Sponsorship**

Nonmember individuals interested in joining the AACR and sponsoring an abstract must submit an application for membership no later than **November 27, 2017**. Individuals interested in joining the AACR and sponsoring a late-breaking abstract must submit an application for membership no later than **January 16, 2018**. Membership questions may be directed to membership@aacr.org.
### ABSTRACT CATEGORIES

The 2018 abstract categories, along with their related subcategories and subclassifications, follow. When you use the Abstract Submission System, these options will be available for your selection. Authors are asked to choose the appropriate category, subcategory, and subclassification that best describe the scientific content of the abstract and the particular scientific audience you wish to reach. This information will be utilized by the members of the Program Committee in their review of abstracts and planning of sessions at the Annual Meeting 2018. Please note that these abstract categories may or may not be used as Annual Meeting session titles. Before making your selection, please scan the entire list for the most appropriate abstract category, subcategory, and subclassification.

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**Abstract Categories List**

- **MCB** Molecular and Cellular Biology, Genetics
  - **MCB01** Cell Growth Signaling Pathways
  - **MCB02** Cell Death
  - **MCB03** Oncogenes and Tumor Suppressor Genes
  - **MCB04** Gene Regulation and Transcription Factors
  - **MCB05** Genomics (See also BSB01: Bioinformatics and Computational Biology)
  - **MCB06** Metabolism and Cancer
  - **MCB07** DNA Damage and Repair
  - **MCB08** Metabolomics
  - **MCB09** Genomics of transcription factors
  - **MCB10** microRNAs and Other Noncoding RNAs

- **MCB11** Cellular Stress Responses
  - Anoikis
  - Hypoxia
  - Oxidative stress
  - Senescence
  - Unfolded protein response

- **TB** Tumor Biology
  - **TB01** Cell Culture and Animal Models of Cancer
  - 3-D and tissue recombinant models
  - Developmental phenotypes of cancer genes
  - Human-in-mouse models of human cancer
  - Model organisms in drug discovery
  - Mouse models of human cancer
  - Noninvasive imaging in animal models
  - Other animal and cell models of cancer
  - Zebrafish models of cancer

- **TB02** Stem Cell Biology
  - Adult stem cells
  - Cancer stem cells
  - Developmental pathways in cancer
  - Embryonic stem cells
  - Stem cell markers

- **TB03** Tumor Adhesion
  - Cell adhesion and extracellular matrix
  - Cell-cell adhesion
  - Drug resistance

- **TB04** Metastasis, Migration, and Invasion
  - Actin cytoskeleton
  - Biomarkers of metastasis
  - Epithelial/mesenchymal transition (EMT and MET)
  - Expression profiling of tumor progression and metastasis
  - Genes that regulate migration and invasion
  - Imaging of tumor progression and metastasis
  - Invasion
  - Metastasis-promoting genes
  - Metastasis suppressor genes
  - Migration
  - Premetastatic niche
  - Therapeutic metastasis prevention

- **TB05** Angiogenesis
  - Angiogenesis inhibitors
  - Antiangiogenic kinase inhibitors
  - Endothelial cell functions in vitro and in vivo
  - Host-tumor interactions
  - Metronomic therapy
  - Molecular mechanisms of angiogenesis
  - Novel pro- and antiangiogenic factors
  - Resistance to angiogenesis inhibitors
  - Tumor microcirculation and the microenvironment
  - VEGF/VEGF receptors

- **TB06** Tumor Microenvironment
  - Chemokines in the microenvironment
  - Drug targets in the microenvironment
  - Extracellular matrix and integrins
  - Gene expression in the microenvironment
  - Immune cells in the tumor microenvironment
  - Immunity and the microenvironment
  - Inflammatory cells as regulators of tumor growth
  - Microbiome
  - Organ-specific microenvironments
  - Proteases and inhibitors in the microenvironment
  - Tumor dormancy
  - Tumor/stromal interactions
  - Tumor-immune system interactions

- **TB07** In Vivo Imaging
  - (See also CL01: Translational Research - Molecular Biology in the Clinic)
  - Advanced nanotechnology and imaging
  - Application of imaging technology to the clinic
  - Imaging in animal models
  - Imaging of cellular and molecular events
  - Imaging of molecular and cellular events in the tumor microenvironment
  - Imaging of molecular and cellular events in tumors and tumor cells
  - Imaging the immune response
  - Imaging tumor metabolism
  - New targets for imaging

- **TB08** Pediatric Cancer - Basic Science
  - (See also CL02: Pediatric Cancer - Clinical Investigations; CT04: Phase I, II, or III Clinical Trials in Pediatric Cancer)
  - Developmental signaling pathways in childhood cancer
  - Epigenomics of childhood cancer
  - Pediatric cancer genomics
  - Preclinical models of childhood cancer
Biomarkers of prognosis
Descriptive epidemiology, covering cancer incidence, mortality, clusters, and trends
Diet, alcohol, tobacco use, and other lifestyle risk factors
Environmental or occupational risk factors
Familial and hereditary cancers
Functional studies of genetic variants
Gene-gene and gene-environment interactions
Genome-wide association studies/post-GWAS
Health disparities research
Health services and comparative effectiveness research
Infection and immune factors
Next-generation sequencing in epidemiology studies (whole genome, exome, targeted, or fine-mapping)
Pathway and candidate gene studies of risk or prognosis
Pharmacoepidemiology
Pneumonia and tumor markers
Primary and secondary intervention studies
Psychosocial and behavioral epidemiology
Risk prediction models for incidence, prognosis, and/or mortality
Screening and early detection
Statistical and epidemiological methodology
Survivorship research

PR Prevention, Interception, and Early Detection Research

PR01 Preclinical Prevention, Interception, and Early Detection
Animal models in prevention
Biological and biochemical mechanisms in prevention
Biomarkers and intervention studies
Cellular models
Chemoprevention studies
Diet and cancer
Microbiome and cancer prevention
Molecular markers in prevention research
Molecular targets for cancer prevention
New agent development
Screening and early detection

PR02 Clinical Prevention, Interception, and Early Detection
Application of molecular pathology in clinical prevention
Biomarkers and intervention studies
Cancer surveillance and screening studies
Chemoprevention clinical trials
Genetic markers as surrogate endpoints in prevention trials
Genomics and proteomics in cancer risk and response assessment
Metastasis prevention as adjuvant therapy
Microbiome and cancer prevention
Prevention and treatment of premalignant lesions (intraepithelial neoplasia)
Prevention of second cancers
Prophylactic surgery in cancer prevention
Recruitment of special populations in clinical prevention trials
Translational models of chemoprevention

CL Clinical Research

CL01 Translational Research – Molecular Biology in the Clinic
(See also TBO7: In Vivo Imaging)
Clinical imaging
Cytogenetics and clinical molecular genetics
Epigenetic therapy
Functional and molecular imaging
Laboratory correlates for targeted agents
Molecular classification of tumors
Molecular diagnostics
Stem cell-based therapy
Tumor staging: Correlation of clinical and molecular markers

CL02 Pediatric Cancer – Clinical Investigations
(See also CT04: Phase I, II, or III Clinical Trials in Pediatric Cancer; TBO8: Pediatric Cancer - Basic Science)
Childhood cancer drug development
Immunotherapeutic approaches to childhood cancer
Survivorship research
Therapeutic advances in pediatric oncology
Translational studies in children

CT Clinical Trials

CT01 Phase I Adult Clinical Trials
(See also ET05: Pharmacology, Pharmacogenetics, and Pharmacogenomics)

CT02 Phase II Adult Clinical Trials

CT03 Phase III Adult Clinical Trials

CT04 Phase I, II, or III Clinical Trials in Pediatric Cancer
(See also CL02: Pediatric Cancer - Clinical Investigations; TBO8: Pediatric Cancer - Basic Science)

CT05 Phase I, II, or III Clinical Trials in the Elderly

CT06 Phase I, II, or III Clinical Trials in Minorities and Medically Underserved Populations

CT07 Clinical Trials in Progress
Phase I clinical trials
Phase II clinical trials
Phase III clinical trials

RSP Regulatory Science and Policy

RSP01 Regulatory Science and Policy
Biomarker validation
Clinical trial accrual
Clinical trial design
Codetermination of investigational agents
Codetermination of therapies and diagnostics
Ethics in clinical trials
Quantitative data modeling
Retrospective analyses
Safety biomarkers and assays

SHP Science and Health Policy

SHP01 Science and Health Policy
Comparative effectiveness research
Cost of health care
Disparities and health equity
Environmental policy
Health policy and outcomes
Patient engagement and advocacy
Real world evidence
Tobacco regulation

Abstract Submission Deadline: December 1, 2017
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AACR Membership: The Essential Association for You

With over 38,000 members in 108 countries and territories around the world, the AACR is a dynamic and vibrant organization that offers its members opportunities to participate more fully in the global search for the conquest of cancer. AACR membership is available to those who conduct cancer research and related biomedical science, as well as to those health care professionals, research administrators, cancer survivors and advocates, students, and others who share the AACR’s commitment and vision, and support our mission to accelerate the prevention and cure of cancer.

AACR membership categories promote the growth of those in training, facilitate collaborations for established scientists, and provide sustenance for all working in support of cancer research. Special rates are available to members located in countries with emerging economies as designated by the World Bank. For a complete list of countries with emerging economies, please visit www.AACR.org/International.

Membership Hub

Annual Meeting attendees are invited to visit the AACR Membership Hub to learn more about membership and the exclusive benefits available to AACR members, get informed about Professional Advancement Sessions and other events taking place during the meeting, join one or more Association groups within the AACR, update contact information, pay membership dues, network and gather with other meeting attendees, and more. AACR Dedicated Member mementos are also available on a first-come, first-served basis at this location.

Membership Application Deadlines for Abstract Sponsorship

Nonmember individuals interested in joining the AACR and sponsoring an abstract must submit an application for membership no later than November 27, 2017. Individuals interested in joining the AACR and sponsoring a late-breaking abstract must submit an application for membership no later than January 16, 2018.

Eligibility for Registration at AACR Member Rates

Nonmember individuals interested in registering at the early registration member rate must submit membership applications no later than December 8, 2017. Individuals who are interested in joining the AACR and registering at the advance registration member rate must submit membership applications no later than January 26, 2018. Only individuals who are listed on the membership rolls as of April 6, 2018, will be accorded the privilege of registering for the AACR Annual Meeting 2018 at the member rates noted on the registration form in this publication. In order to receive the AACR member rate, individuals must be current in their dues at the time of registration. If upon review of membership application a candidate is deemed ineligible for the membership category to which he or she has applied, then the candidate will need to register in advance at the nonmember rate.

Registration at Member Rates

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Contact the AACR Membership Department with any questions at 215-440-9300 or membership@aacr.org.

AACR Membership Categories

Active Membership is open to investigators worldwide who have established a record of scholarly activity resulting in original peer-reviewed articles in publications relevant to cancer research and biomedical science.

Affiliate Membership is open to qualified individuals who are health professionals working in support of cancer research and biomedical science; survivors and advocates who are members of organizations whose mission includes the advancement of cancer research; educators; or other professionals who are interested in and/or make substantial contributions to the cancer field.

Associate Membership is open to graduate students; medical students and residents; and clinical and postdoctoral fellows who are enrolled in education or training programs that could lead to careers in cancer research and the related sciences.

Student Membership is open to persons who have manifested an interest in cancer and the related biomedical sciences and who are enrolled in a program leading to a high school diploma or a bachelor’s degree.
Sustaining Membership is open to organizations in recognition of annual payment of dues and other substantial contributions in support of the mission, purposes, and activities of the Association. Annual dues are determined by the sustaining member level.

Emeritus Membership is open to existing Active members who have reached the age of 70 years, who are disabled, or who are retired.

Honorary Membership is open to distinguished individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the advancement of cancer research either through outstanding personal scientific activity or through exceptional leadership in cancer research. (Candidates for Honorary membership are invited through a special selection process.)

AACR Member-Exclusive Benefit

Early Access to Annual Meeting Housing Reservations

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 (opens at 9:00 a.m. U.S. ET) through Monday, September 25, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. (U.S. ET)

As a new member-exclusive benefit, AACR members in good standing (dues paid through December 31, 2017) are eligible to take advantage of this opportunity to reserve hotel accommodations for the AACR Annual Meeting 2018 before reservations open to all attendees.

Member Eligibility Requirement

Early access to reservations is available exclusively to AACR members in good standing. Dues must be paid through December 31, 2017, in order to enjoy this benefit. Members may log on to myAACR to check dues status and make a payment using the secure AACR site.

Hotel Reservations

One hotel reservation is allowed per member. Additional rooms may be reserved, as necessary, beginning September 26, 2017. Housing reservations open to the general public on September 26, 2017 (see p. 32).

Members will need to provide the following information in order to secure a reservation:
- AACR member ID number
- Last name (as it appears on the AACR Membership records)

Members are encouraged to enjoy one-week early access to housing reservations before reservations are made available to all attendees. Please contact the Membership Department at membership@aacr.org or 215-440-9300 and a membership representative will gladly assist with any questions. Not yet a member? Apply for membership at myAACR and join us in the global conquest of cancer.
Housing for the AACR Annual Meeting 2018 will open at 9:00 a.m. U.S. ET on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, for all AACR Members in good standing. Housing for nonmember attendees will open at 12:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 2017. Please see pages 42-43 of this publication for a listing of the official conference hotels. The deadline for making hotel reservations is Friday, March 2, 2018. After the deadline, registrants may be required to make their own housing arrangements.

You may reserve your hotel room in one of the following ways:

**Online:** Visit the AACR Annual Meeting website at www.AACR.org/AACR2018 to reserve your hotel room online. Please note that you must supply a credit card in order to reserve a room online. You will find descriptions, amenity information, and photographs for each AACR official hotel. Additionally, a map showing the location of all hotels and McCormick Place Convention Center is available on the AACR Housing website. Visit the AACR Housing website to get up-to-the minute availability and receive immediate confirmation of your hotel reservation.

**Phone:** AACR Housing agents will be available to accept reservations as well as provide information on the AACR official hotels Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. U.S. ET. You will be required to supply a credit card if reserving your hotel room by phone. Once your reservation is complete, you will receive immediate confirmation by email. AACR Housing can be reached toll-free in the U.S. and Canada at 888-381-7166 or for international callers at 415-979-2262. When calling AACR Housing be certain to have the following information:

- Arrival and departure dates
- Hotel preferences
- Credit card number
- Your address, phone number, fax number, and email address
- Any special requests

**Guarantee**

Reservations must be guaranteed with either a major credit card (AMEX, Visa, or MasterCard) or a check in the amount of $300 per guestroom and $700 per suite. Make checks payable to Convention Management Resources, Inc.

**Changes and Cancellations**

Changes and cancellations can be made:

- Online at the AACR Housing website at www.AACR.org/AACR2018
- By emailing your change or cancellation to AACRSupport@cmrus.com
- By calling AACR Housing at 1-888-381-7166 or 1-415-979-2262
- By faxing your change or cancellation to 415-293-4397

Your credit card will be charged one night’s room plus tax or your check deposit will be forfeited if you cancel your reservation less than 72 hours before your confirmed arrival date. If you fail to arrive on the date confirmed by AACR Housing, your credit card will be charged one night’s room plus tax or your check will be forfeited. All subsequent nights of the reservation will be cancelled.

**Hospitality Suites**

Suites are for sleeping purposes only and may not be used for meetings or events without prior written permission from AACR. For these types of events, please complete the AACR Affiliate Event Space Request Form. If you would like a copy of this form, please contact AACR Housing at 1-888-381-7166, 1-415-979-2262, or via email at AACRSupport@cmrus.com.

**Group Reservations**

Organizations wishing to hold a block of rooms must use the Group Housing Form, which can be obtained by visiting www.AACR.org/AACR2018 and clicking on the Housing link. Exhibitors may request rooms in the AACR Room Block and must submit an Exhibitor Room Block Request Form, which can be accessed from www.AACR.org/AACR2018. Please adhere to all rules and regulations to facilitate processing. Confirmation will be emailed.
“As a pediatric cancer researcher, I was very pleased with the scope and quality of the pediatric content.”
Air Transportation

There are two major airports in the Chicago region: O’Hare International Airport (airport code: ORD) and Midway International Airport (airport code: MDW). These airports offer multiple U.S. and international flights daily. Chicago is also served by Amtrak.

Travel Office – Gant Travel

Toll-free: 877-924-2298 | Direct: 812-650-7127
Email: aacr@ganttravel.com
$25 service fee applies.
Business hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. CT

Assistance for International Travelers

An official letter of invitation is available through the online registration system. Contact the American Consulate in your country to review the current regulations for travel to the United States. Please begin the visa application process as early as possible. Information is available on the U.S. Department of State website at www.travel.state.gov.

Ground Transportation

Taxi Service

More than 5,800 city taxis are at your service in Chicago. Chicago O’Hare International Airport is located 17 miles from downtown, and the average taxi fare is approximately $40-50 one way. Midway International Airport is located 10 miles from downtown, and the average taxi fare is $30-40 one way.

Public Transportation

Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) operates the nation’s second-largest public transportation system, serving the City of Chicago and 40 neighboring communities by rail and bus. Pay cash for single-trip rides or purchase a reloadable Ventra Transit Card or Unlimited Ride Pass for added savings. For full fare information, visit the CTA website at www.transitchicago.com. Also refer to their site for the latest updates to train schedules and routes that may affect your travel plans.

Complete information on transportation to Chicago and ground transportation to and from the airports as well as in Chicago will be included in future Annual Meeting publications and posted on the AACR website (www.aacr.org). Beginning Saturday, April 14, through Wednesday, April 18, shuttle buses will be provided between the McCormick Place Convention Center and designated AACR Annual Meeting participating hotels. A list of hotels served by the shuttle service will be available online at a later date. Shuttle bus schedules will be posted in each hotel, at the McCormick Place Convention Center, and at the AACR Information Desks located throughout the Center.
“Looking forward to being in Chicago for the AACR Annual Meeting 2018.”
Three Convenient Ways to Register:

**Online:** Visit www.AACR.org/AACR2018 and click on the Registration link.

**Fax:** Complete the AACR Official Registration Form on pages 37-38 and fax it to 708-344-4444.

**Mail:** Complete the AACR Official Registration Form on pages 37-38 and mail it to:

AACR Annual Meeting 2018
CompuSystems
2651 Warrenville Rd.
Suite 400
Downers Grove, IL 60515

**Payments**

Registration forms submitted without full payment cannot be processed and will be returned. All fees must be paid in U.S. currency drawn on a U.S. bank. Please note that paying the abstract submission fee does not constitute registration for the meeting.

**Cancellation/Refund**

Requests for refunds must be made in writing to the AACR. There will be a $125 processing fee applied to refunds requested by March 5, 2018. No refunds can be made after March 5.

**On-Site Registration**

Registration will open on Friday, April 13, at the McCormick Place Convention Center.

- **Friday, April 13**
  - 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, April 14**
  - 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, April 15**
  - 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- **Monday, April 16**
  - 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, April 17**
  - 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, April 18**
  - 6:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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**Spouse Registration**

Spouse registration is not available in advance and may only be purchased on-site beginning Sunday, April 15. All spouse registrants must be accompanied by a registered attendee at the time of registration. **Spouse registration is not available to individuals working in the cancer research field.** Spouse fee includes only social activities provided during the conference and access to the poster and exhibit hall; it does NOT admit individuals to lecture sessions. The fee for spouse registration is $75.

**Credentials**

All advance registrants will receive an Express Badge Pickup confirmation via email approximately one week before the start of the conference. Please bring this notice with you to the Annual Meeting 2018, and you may proceed to the Advance Registration counters for fast pickup of your registration credentials. Your badge will provide you with access to the scientific sessions as well as the exhibit floor.

**Group Registrations**

Group registrations (15 or more people) will be available online beginning on November 8, 2017. Group registration forms and guidelines can be found at www.AACR.org/AACR2018.
OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM 2018

Registrant Information (*required)
Is this a new address that should be updated in the AACR database?
- Yes  
- No
Are you an AACR Member?
- Yes  
- No
Membership #
Dr.  
Mr.  
Ms.
Highest Degree (check all that apply):
- MD  
- PhD  
- PharmD  
- DSc  
- Other (specify)

Last/Family Name*  
First Name/Middle Initial*
Position/Title*
Department/Division*
Institution/Company*
Street Address*
City*  
State or Province*  
Zip/Postal Code*
Country* (if not U.S.)
Work Phone*  
Cell Phone
Email Address*
Assistant’s Name
Assistant’s Email Address
Emergency Contact*  
Telephone*

Check this box if you require special accommodations to fully participate in the meeting. Describe briefly below:

________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________

Registrant Profile (*required)
Major Focus* (please check only one):
- Basic Science  
- Translational Research  
- Clinical Research  
- Population Science  
- Clinical Practice  
- Advocacy  
- Science Education  
- Business Development  
- Research Administration  
- Other (please specify): __________

Research Areas of Expertise/Interest* (select all that apply):
- Genomics/Proteomics/Other-Omics  
- Geriatrics and Gerontology  
- Hematology  
- Immunology and Immunology  
- Molecular Biology  
- Pathology  
- Oncology  
- Preventive and Interventional Research  
- Radiation Science and Medicine  
- Surgical Oncology  
- Survivorship Research  
- Systems Biology and Convergence  
- Tumor Biology  
- Virology  
- Other (please specify) __________

Work Setting* (please check only one):
- Academia  
- Association/Professional Organization  
- Government  
- Hospital/Clinic  
- Industry/Private Sector
- NCI-Designated Cancer Center  
- Nonprofit Research Institution  
- Other Cancer Center/Institute  
- Private Practice  
- Other (please specify) __________

Information concerning gender and ethnic background is requested only to enable the AACR to ensure that its programs are serving all members of its diverse cancer research community.

Race or Ethnic Background (check only one):
- African American or Black  
- Asian  
- Caucasian  
- Hispanic or Latino  
- Native American  
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  
- Other (please specify) __________

Gender:  
- Male  
- Female

Nonmember Predoctoral Student/Postdoctoral and Clinical Fellow Section
This section must be completed if you wish to register as a nonmember predoctoral student, postdoctoral student, or clinical fellow. Forms without certification will not be processed. Individuals may be contacted for verification.

NONMEMBER PREDOCTORAL STUDENT/POSTDOCTORAL AND CLINICAL FELLOW CERTIFICATION
I certify that the above-named student is presently enrolled at this institution and working toward a doctoral degree or fellowship in a field related to cancer research.

Graduate Student  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
Medical Student  
Clinical Fellow

Name (Registrar, Dean, or Dept. Head)
Signature (Registrar, Dean, or Dept. Head)
Title/Department
Institution
Email Address

To register online, visit www.AACR.org/AACR2018.
Proceedings of the AACR

Print Proceedings. The Proceedings and the Itinerary Planner will be available free online approximately one month prior to the meeting. Registrants who wish to purchase a print Proceedings must check the appropriate box under Other Products and Services. Registrants can pick up a copy of the print Proceedings on-site at a cost of $70; alternatively, registrants in the U.S. can have a copy of the print Proceedings mailed to them at a cost of $85 (mailed copies must be ordered by February 2, 2018).

Proceedings Available on Flash Drive for Purchase. The Annual Meeting Proceedings on Flash Drive is only available for purchase. To obtain a copy of the Flash Drive at the meeting, you must check the appropriate box under Other Products and Services. (Order by February 2, 2018, to guarantee availability.) The cost of the Flash Drive is $15.

AACR Foundation

I would like to make a tax-deductible gift to support the work and mission of the AACR.

☐ $25 ☐ $50 ☐ $100 ☐ $200 ☐ $250 ☐ $500

To learn more about how you can donate to the AACR Foundation to fund education and research, contact mitch.stoller@aacr.org.

Method of Payment

☐ Check or money order enclosed, payable to American Association for Cancer Research, in U.S. currency, drawn on a U.S. bank.

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Card Number  Expiration Date

Signature

To register online, visit: www.AACR.org/AACR2018

Or return this form by

Mail: AACR Annual Meeting 2018
CompuSystems
2651 Warrenville Rd. • Suite 400
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Fax: 708-344-4444

AACR Annual Meeting Registration Rates

Registration includes full individual access to the Annual Meeting 2018 Webcast; see page 22 for details.

MEMBER RATES

☐ Active Member (MEM) $  645 $  740 $  895
☐ Associate Member (MAS) $  335 $  410 $  505 (predoctoral students, postdoctoral and clinical fellows)
☐ Affiliate Member (AFM) $  525 $  570 $  670
☐ Student Member (STU)* Undergraduate $  75 $  80 $  95 High School FREE FREE FREE
☐ Emeritus Member (EMM) $  100 $  100 $  100
☐ Advocate Member $  250 $  350 $  350

NONMEMBER RATES†

☐ Nonprofit (NNP) $1,125 $1,325 $1,440
☐ Industry (NIN) $1,355 $1,450 $1,640
☐ Predoctoral Student/ Postdoctoral or Clinical Fellow (NPR) $  580 $  615 $  715

SUBTOTAL $_____ $_____ $_____

* Student Membership is free for eligible candidates. Apply online at AACR.org. Free registration is available for both Undergraduate and High School members who participate in special AACR programming. See pages 12 and 15 for details.

† For nonmember advocate registration information, email advocacy@aacr.org.

Other Products and Services

☐ Mail copy of printed Proceedings within U.S. (MP)† $  85
☐ Pick up copy of printed Proceedings at Annual Meeting (PP) $  70
☐ Proceedings on Flash Drive (FDP)† $  15
☐ Tax-deductible gift to AACR Foundation $_____

SUBTOTAL $_____

† Must be ordered by February 2, 2018, to guarantee availability. Mailed print Proceedings available only to registrants in the U.S.

TOTAL ENCLOSED OR CHARGED $_____

To register online, visit www.AACR.org/AACR2018.
GENERAL INFORMATION

Opportunities to Support the AACR Foundation

The AACR Foundation welcomes support from individuals, corporations, foundations, and other organizations that share its mission to prevent and cure cancer and that are interested in helping to defray the costs of presenting this important international meeting on the latest developments in cancer research. A wide array of support opportunities is available for many of the components of the scientific program (i.e., Plenary Sessions, Symposia, Forums, Recent Advances Sessions, Methods Workshops, Educational Sessions, Meet-the-Expert Sessions, constituency programs, etc.), the Program Guide, Proceedings, and other Annual Meeting publications; Scholar-in-Training awards; social events such as coffee breaks; the Annual President’s Reception, and more. For a complete list of support opportunities, as well as an outline of their many benefits, please contact Peter VanPelt, Director, Corporate Alliances, at 215-446-7256 or via email at peter.vanpelt@aacr.org.

Exhibit Show

The 2018 AACR Exhibit Show will gather a wide array of companies with the latest products and services for laboratory and clinical research. Additional areas of interest include the nonprofit section, AACR Publications (#1431) and Publisher’s Row, Exhibitor Spotlight Theaters, and AACRcentral, the main hub for AACR services (#1811).

The exhibits, located adjacent to the poster sessions, make a significant contribution to the educational value of the meeting. Please add time to your overall schedule to visit the Exhibit Show. Complimentary coffee, tea, and soft drinks will be served in the exhibit/poster hall at specified times on each day that exhibits are open.

In addition, great opportunities to connect with exhibitors and other attendees will be available in the Exhibit Hall.

• Product Display kiosks will be available throughout the exhibit hall. Attendees will be able to search companies by products and services, while clicking on the interactive map leading them to specific exhibitors.

• Exhibitor-Hosted Refreshment Breaks, featuring a wide variety of specialty snacks, will be served on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. These provide great networking opportunities with exhibitors located in these break areas.

• Be sure to participate in Explore!, available through the AACR Annual Meeting App. By visiting participating exhibitors, you will be entered to win an AMEX gift card. Additional information will be available in the Guide to Poster Sessions and Exhibits and on the AACR website.

• Located in the Exhibit Hall, the Exhibitor Spotlight Theaters are reserved by exhibiting companies to present their latest products and services in special 60-minute sessions during exhibit hours. For a full list of presentations, please refer to the Guide to Poster Sessions and Exhibits and the AACR Annual Meeting 2018 App.

• Visit the Food Court, located in the Exhibit Hall, where attendees will be able to grab a bite to eat, relax, and take a break from their busy schedules. A variety of food and drinks will be available for purchase.

If your organization would like to exhibit and would like to receive an Exhibitor Prospectus, please contact LaShanna Mackey, Senior Coordinator, Meetings and Exhibits, at 215-440-9300 or by email at exhibits@aacr.org.

AACR Scientific Achievement Awards

Since 1961, when the first Scientific Award was presented, the AACR has presented hundreds of Awards and Lectureships to recognize the scientific achievements of scientists and physicians who collectively have made significant contributions to the understanding, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of cancer. If you are interested in nominating a scientist or for more information about the AACR Scientific Achievement Awards, please visit www.AACR.org/ScientificAwards.

Satellite Educational Symposia

Satellite Educational Symposia will be held in conjunction with the AACR Annual Meeting. These CME-accredited events are supported by parties other than AACR and are not part of the official program of the AACR Annual Meeting. Symposia are evaluated by the Satellite Educational Symposia Committee to ensure that the educational content will enhance that provided by the official AACR scientific program. Additional information will be available at www.AACR.org/AACR2018.
Space for Special Functions
The AACR will consider requests for space for special functions or receptions in the hotels listed on pages 42-43 of this publication. These requests will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Any corporation that wishes to entertain during the Annual Meeting must be an exhibitor at the meeting. Space request forms are available on the AACR website and are included in the Exhibitor Services Manual.

Assistance for Physically Challenged Registrants
The AACR Annual Meeting is accessible to all attendees. Registrants with special requirements for transportation, hotel accommodations, or other facilities connected with the meeting should notify the AACR in advance by checking the appropriate box when registering and providing the necessary details or by emailing Kelsey Kliwinski in the Meetings and Exhibits Department at kelsey.kliwinski@aacr.org. In addition, a list of organizations in Chicago, IL, that offer special equipment or services for the physically challenged will be posted at www.AACR.org/AACR2018 in January 2018.

Child Care
The AACR will provide professional child care services at reduced rates subsidized by the Association for children ages 6 months to 12 years during the Annual Meeting. Special arrangements may also be made for infants under 6 months old by contacting Leah Burton at leah.burton@aacr.org. The exact hours, location, and costs of this service will be available in January 2018 on the AACR website.

Nursing Mothers Suite
Annual Meeting attendees who are also nursing mothers will find the Nursing Mothers Suite to be a private, comfortable, and secure environment in which to nourish and nurture their babies. AACR-Women in Cancer Research is pleased to sponsor this important service. Additional information will be posted at www.AACR.org/AACR2018.

Code of Conduct, Policies, and Procedures
The AACR Annual Meeting 2018 will bring together 20,000 representatives from academia, industry, government, and advocacy organizations from across the globe. In order for all participants to have the opportunity to gain the most benefit from this conference, the AACR is committed to providing a safe and secure environment. Please review the following policies and procedures for conference participants. By registering for the AACR Annual Meeting 2018, you agree to the following terms:

- **AACR Policy Regarding Photography.** Conference attendees may take photographs during oral or poster presentations provided that the photographs are strictly for personal, noncommercial use and are not to be published in any form. Attendees are prohibited from using flash photography or otherwise distracting the presenters or members of the audience.

- **AACR Policy Regarding Social Media.** Conference attendees may share information from presentations on social media provided that they respect the wishes of presenters. Oral presenters may label any or all slides in their presentations with “DO NOT POST.” Similarly, poster presenters may label their posters with “DO NOT POST.” Attendees must respect the presenters’ requests in these instances; while attendees may take photographs of all slides and posters, they must refrain from posting on social media any images from slides or posters labeled “DO NOT POST.”

- The AACR prohibits intimidating, threatening, or harassing conduct of any kind during this program. This applies to all participants—attendees, presenters, exhibitors, staff, vendors, etc.

- The AACR is committed to a safe, hospitable, and productive environment for all participants of this program, regardless of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.

- The AACR expects all participants to communicate professionally and constructively, handling dissent and disagreement with courtesy, dignity, and an open mind, being respectful when providing feedback, and being open to alternate points of view.

- Children under 12 years of age are not permitted in any scientific session, poster session, the exhibit hall, or any official event taking place at this program at any time. Children cannot be left unattended or unsupervised in the convention center.

- Cell phones and other electronic devices must be turned off or placed on “silent” mode before entering a session. Participants should step out of session rooms to make calls or send emails or texts, as the back lighting on electronic devices is distracting to other participants.
• The AACR expects participants to share information about this program responsibly and clearly distinguish individual opinion from fact.

• A professional photographer and videographer will be on-site to document conference events and activities between April 14 and April 18, 2018. Photographs and video footage are the sole property of AACR. By registering for and attending these events, attendees understand that AACR may use their likenesses for future promotional purposes. If you do not wish to be photographed, please notify the photographer and/or videographer on-site.

• Participants must obey all applicable laws and regulations of the relevant government authorities while attending this program. Participants must comply with all applicable safety guidelines related to the conference venue.

• If a session room becomes too crowded, the AACR asks you to follow instructions provided by the AACR staff, Convention Center staff, or security. Instructions may include not standing against the walls, not blocking the aisles or doors, or being denied entry if the room becomes too crowded. The AACR and all participants are obligated to abide by the guidelines established by the Fire Marshal in the Convention Center. If a room reaches full capacity and there is not full cooperation, the Fire Marshal has the authority to delay or terminate the session.

• The hours of the exhibit hall are published in the Program Guide, Guide to Posters and Exhibits, the mobile app, and on signage at the exhibit hall entrances. Exhibitors and attendees are expected to follow these rules and to abide by the instructions of posted security guards and AACR Staff.

• The AACR encourages responsible drinking for those drinking alcohol. Beer and wine will be offered at some official social events. Alcohol will not be served to anyone under the age of 21. Alcoholic beverages are allowed in specific areas and must not be taken out of these areas.

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