

**A Message from the 2021-2022 Associate Member Council (AMC) Chair,
Kristin G. Anderson, PhD**

My fellow AACR Associate Members,

I hope you and your loved ones are healthy and safe. I continue to be impressed and grateful for all of you in these difficult times.

The AACR is currently planning to hold the Annual Meeting 2022 in person in New Orleans from April 8-13, and we hope to see as many of you safely there as possible. Your representatives on the Associate Member Council (AMC), the AACR representative body that represents the needs and interests of Associate members, have been working diligently to support the professional development and networking opportunities for the Annual Meeting. If you are able to travel to join us, please remember to register in advance, because the Associate Member events that require pre-registration have historically reached capacity.

The AMC is collaborating with the Women in Cancer Research (WICR) Council, Minorities in Cancer Research (MICR) Council, and the AACR Science Education and Career Advancement Committee to host the Professional Advancement Series for in-person conference participants. The Professional Advancement Series includes the popular Personalized Career Conversations (one-on-one mentoring sessions with prominent researchers, which often reaches capacity) and a roundtable session entitled, “Navigating the Path to a Successful Career in Cancer Research”. The AMC will also host two Career Discussions specific for early career-researchers. This year, the Career Discussions will provide guidance for starting your independent research lab and advice for ways to ask for additional support.

There will also be several opportunities for networking with the AMC and fellow Associate members, including the Associate Member Runners for Research 5K team taking place on Saturday, April 9, and we encourage you to join the team and fundraise for cancer research. We are also hosting the Associate Member Meet and Greet taking place on Sunday, April 10. . We invite you to join us for both events to network with your representatives on the AMC and your fellow Associate Members.

On behalf of the AMC, we thank you for your continued membership and engagement with AACR. Please stay safe, and do not hesitate to reach out to any council members or email amc@aacr.org with questions or suggestions for future engagement opportunities!

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AMC Chairperson, 2021-2022