

Dear WICR Membership:

I want to thank all of you for the honor to serve as Chair of the Women in Cancer Research (WICR) Council for the 2022-2023 term. With the support and inspiration of Dr. Margaret Foti and our wonderful AACR-WICR staff, we aim to recognize the achievements of women in cancer research, to celebrate their successes, and to offer them support and encouragement to face the challenges inherent in the pursuit of scientific excellence. Women have always been essential contributors to and drivers of discovery and progress in cancer research, and recognition of their work and efforts will build our community of over 21,000 inspiring, accomplished women investigators who have contributed greatly to the advancement of cancer research. Our goal is to continue this support of women through our programs and activities in our institutions and through our programs within the AACR.

In addition to this edition of the WICR Alert, you will also receive a fall edition that will include information on various WICR programs and activities, announce that applications are being accepted for WICR Scholar Awards, and encourage nominations for AACR Scientific Achievement Awards, including the AACR-WICR Charlotte Friend Lecture (deadline September 15, 2022). We will celebrate awardees during the AACR Annual Meeting 2023 taking place April 14-19, in Orlando, Florida, and I hope to see you there.

We hope that as a WICR member, you will help to continue to build the legacy of WICR and create more opportunities for women in science. Please reach out to us at wicr@aacr.org if you would like to serve on a committee, be a mentor, or have a colleague that you would like us to spotlight for their great contributions. We look forward to hearing from you!

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