

Dear WICR Membership:

It is an honor to serve as the Chair of the Women in Cancer Research (WICR) Council for the 2023-2024 term. In 2024, we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of AACR-Women in Cancer **Research (WICR)**. This momentous occasion and goal would not have been accompanied without the inspiration of Dr. Margaret Foti and the wonderful AACR-WICR staff. The Women in Cancer Research are making strides and facing challenges with optimism and innovative discoveries in research. We celebrate their successes and WICR will continue to support their career development and research opportunities through our programs and activities. AACR-WICR has seen tremendous growth in women in cancer research over the last 25 years, numerous AACR Presidents, Chairs of AACR Annual Meetings and Special Conferences and recipients of many of the AACR Scientific Achievement Awards. We want to continue to recognize women in all aspects of cancer research at academic institutions, government and industry. Our goal is to continue this support throughout their career life-cycle (undergraduate, graduate, post-doc and beyond) through not only our programs but in collaboration with the other AACR Councils and the Science Education and Career Advancement Committee.

This Newsletter will highlight programs and funding opportunities that will be taking place at the AACR Annual Meeting taking place in San Diego Convention Center, San Diego California, April 5-10, 2024 theme **Inspiring Science-Fueling Process-Revolutionizing Care**. We encourage you to take advantage and participate in our various WICR programs and activities which include the 2024 AACR-WICR Charlotte Friend Lecture, professional advancement series in cancer research, WICR Meet and Greet and others.

We encourage you to join WICR as a member, be a mentor or join one of our committees. Support WICR on the social media using the hashtag #supportwomenincancerresearch because...". We hope you will join in the celebration of 25 years of this great legacy, WICR, and the opportunities it has bought to many women in their careers. We are available for any questions you may have, please feel free to contact us at wicr@aacr.org.

See you in April!

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