

## First Recipient of the Margaret L. Kripke Legend Award

**Margaret Foti, Ph.D., M.D. (h.c.)**  
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Dr. Margaret Foti is the inaugural recipient of the Margaret L. Kripke Legend Award. As one of her nominators said, “No one has done more for women in the field of cancer research than Dr. Margaret Foti.” Dr. Foti is a role model and an outstanding example to women in science of what can be achieved by hard work, commitment, and leadership. However, her contribution reaches beyond role model to actively advocating for and making significant changes for women in cancer medicine and science.

She was a driving force behind the Women in Cancer Research within AACR, taking it from an ad hoc group of women to a full council of the AACR fully staffed and with Board access, initiation of the Charlotte Friend Memorial Lecture, she steered the WICR leadership workshops through the AACR Board of Directors, and obtained funding for the program. Dr. Foti supports and advocates for women speakers at all AACR sponsored meetings, and she is adamant that women be nominated for leadership positions, including President.

As another of her nominators said, “Dr. Foti has made a concrete difference in the lives of women in science and is a sterling example of the principles in which Margaret Kripke believes. Her stewardship of women’s careers has spanned decades, brought tangible rewards and touched multiples facets of our lives. She has made a difference in the fight against cancer and is committed to helping other women do the same and give them credit for their endeavors.”

Dr. Margaret Foti received her award at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center on March 25, 2009.

