

## The Carla Boetes Fund

On May 14th, 2011 prof. dr. Carla Boetes unexpectedly passed away. She was professor in breast radiology in the Maastricht University Medical Center. Carla Boetes had a leading role in the development of imaging of breast cancer and particularly in the development of the breast MRI. During her career, initially in the University Medical Center Sint Radboud in Nijmegen and after her transfer in 2008 in the Maastricht University Medical Center+, she quickly transformed the breast cancer care to an international level. Apart from being a very excellent radiologist, she was also a doctor who never lost her perspective on the human aspect.

Besides her dedication to patient care she was a very high respected, admired researcher and EUSOBI board member. In the Maastricht University Medical Center she had various research running and she was always busy starting up new innovative projects to improve imaging and therefore the treatment of breast cancer. Because of her unexpected death a cornerstone for research and breast radiology disappeared. The Maastricht University Medical Center and the radiology department specifically expressed their desire to continue the breastcare in her spirit and to expand where ever possible. To be able to continue Carla Boetes' legacy, close colleagues from different specialisms, dr. Marjolein Smidt and prof. dr. Joachim Wildberger in particular, established the Carla Boetes Fund.

The goal of the Carla Boetes Fund is to support young, promising researchers in the field of breast diagnostics, in order to improve imaging and consequently the treatment of breast cancer, fully in line with Carla Boetes' legacy. The Carla Boetes Fund engages in the battle to fight breast cancer.

The board of executives of the Maastricht University Medical Center, the Annadal Foundation, the breast cancer screening organization in South-Netherland and General Electric have already committed themselves for financial support to the Carla Boetes Fund. If you are interested in (financial) support to the Carla Boetes Fund, please do not hesitate to contact us to inform about the possibilities.

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