

First Ever Bo Lindell Medal awarded to Nicole E. Martinez

In October of 2017, the Main Commission of the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) voted in favour of creating the Bo Lindell Medal. Honouring the memory and dedication of Bo, ICRP awards the medal to an individual making a significant contribution to the promotion of radiological protection. Aimed at professionals early-to-mid career, ICRP received nominations of worthy individuals from around the world for consideration.

The vote was held late last month at their meeting in Quebec City, and the Main Commission is pleased to announce that Dr Nicole E. Martinez has been named the first recipient of the Bo Lindell Medal.

Nicole is an Assistant Professor at Clemson University in the Department of Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences, where she teaches and conducts research related to environmental risk assessment and radiation protection. She is an author on 20 peer-reviewed publications and over 50 professional presentations. Her BS is in Applied Mathematical Sciences from Texas A&M University, and her MS and PhD are both in Radiological Health Sciences from Colorado State University. Prior to attending graduate school, she served in the United States Navy, first as an instructor at the Nuclear Power School, and then in the radiation safety division at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth. After that she worked for General Physics Corporation monitoring, modeling, and advising on (mostly conventional) power plant efficiency. She currently serves on Committee 4 of ICRP, is a Certified Health Physicist, and is also a Registered Yoga Teacher.

Nicole is also interested in promoting diversity and inclusivity within the radiation sciences, women in particular, and is currently editing a special issue of the Health Physics journal with women-led articles, is working to form a women's section within the Health Physics Society, and volunteers at Girl Scout "Get to Know Nuclear" merit badge events.

Nicole will receive her medal in October of 2018, at the celebration of ICRP and ICRU's 90th anniversaries in Stockholm. A two-day colloquium will be held on October 17-18, 90 years after both organisations launched at the International Congress of Radiology in 1928. Registration is free, and more information can be found [here](#).

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Congratulations Nicole!