

MinOSH Communication No. 2019-27 : **Marilyn-Awardee for the prestigious Alice Hamilton Award**

It is with great pleasure and honor that our Sub-Committee Chair (for TB and Silica Dust Exposure), and immediate past Vice President of ICOH for SCs, **Marilyn Fingehut**, is an honoree of the prestigious and most coveted award- **the Alice Hamilton Award for 2019**.

We are so proud of you Marilyn! We would like to take this opportunity as well to thank you for your untiring devotion and works for ICOH. We have seen your work and leadership in ICOH, and though, this may not have been verbally told you, rest assured that we, in our reflective moments midst our work, have felt your presence, touch and guidance. ICOH will never be the same without you in our midst for all those years, and the collective good of all others standing as icons in ICOH would not be as strong as it is today, without Marilyn's individual contribution to the collective.

May we all be inspired by your works in occupational health!

**About Marilyn as an Awardee:**

"Marilyn Fingerhut who has recently been selected to receive the prestigious Alice Hamilton Award from the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA). As you all know, Marilyn has held leadership positions in ICOH and has championed issues relating to silica dust exposures. She has also contributed her time to multiple efforts to build international links in occupational health over many years.

The award, described below, will be formally made at the organization's annual meeting in May.

**Alice Hamilton Award:** Marilyn A. Fingerhut, Ph.D.; nominated by David M. Zalk, Ph.D., CIH, MPH. The Alice Hamilton Award is presented to an outstanding woman who has been engaged in industrial hygiene and occupational health (IH/OH) or at least 10 years and is dedicated to public and community service, social reform and technological innovation."

**About Alice Hamilton**

Alice Hamilton is the founder of Occupational Medicine. Little was known about this field until she championed the need for safety and health in the workplace. She focused much of her life in the science and advocacy of industrial hygiene and occupational medicine, especially for the underserved populations such as the urban poor, and the poor women and little girls, who would otherwise die needlessly due to occupational and environmental exposures to toxins.

Alice was the first female Professor at the Harvard Medical School. Her many works and publications for the federal government of the USA became the basis, and in fact provided the urgency, to come up with many **occupational health and safety laws in the USA**. She did not only serve in conventional institutions, but she also lived among the poor, giving almost free medical services to them.

Alice is known to be the **FOUNDER and MOTHER of OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE**. We, in ICOH, are blessed to have her built our path and career in OH and related fields for almost a century (1869-1970).

*Truly yours, Erik and Jinky*