

**2008 WSSA Committee Report  
Summary for 2008 and Action Plan for 2009**

**Committee Code and Name:** W3h Early Career Outstanding Scientist Subcommittee

**Committee Chair:** Tom Mueller

**Board Coordinator:** Ralph Whitesides

**Committee Members Rotating Off:** Phil Stahlman, David Shaw, Tom Mueller (chair)

**Appropriate Replacements:** WSWs – Jill Schroeder, SWSS- Bob Hayes, Chair – Carol Mallory-Smith ( I have contacted each one, and they have agree to serve).

**Recommendations for Board Action:** None

**Finances Requested:** None

**Summary of Progress:** chair solicited each regional representative to submit prospective names of candidates potentially worthy of this award. Chair followed up with each person, and asked each person to suggest an appropriate nominator. Had 8 nomination packets. All packets were from qualified candidates, and judges evaluated over 1 round to determine final winner, who will be named at annual WSSA meeting.

**Plan of Action for 2009:** Simplify (even more) the nomination process. Strongly considering putting page number limits on submission packet.