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Editorial

Phytochemistry foreword

This Special Issue of *Phytochemistry* focuses upon Tannins/Polyphenols. It draws its origins from the 5th Tannin Conference in 2006 (San Francisco) and the 2008 Phytochemical Society of North America Conference (Pullman, WA, 2008), as well as from selected *Phytochemistry* contributions.

Several of the pioneers in the study of polyphenols are also recognized in this Special Issue. These include W.E. (Ted) Hillis who sadly passed away in February of this year, and who was a luminary in the study of heartwood (see obituary); Helen Stafford, a 2008 PSNA Phytochemistry Pioneer Award recipient; Ulrich Matern, a 2008 PSNA Phytochemistry Pioneer Award recipient, as well as those that were recognized with Tannin Awards (see Editorial by

D. Ferreira, Georg G. Gross, Ann E. Hagerman, Herbert Kolodziej, and Takashi Yoshida).

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