

TO: SSSP Board of Directors
FROM: Stella M. Čapek, 2004-2005 Chair of the Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee
RE: Annual Report of the Smigel Committee

June 27, 2005

This year the Smigel Committee received only two applications for funds, and one of them was withdrawn due to changes in the applicant's employment situation.

We were pleased to award \$500 to Nancy Balazadeh, our sole recipient this year.

In a response to a question from one of our applicants, our committee was asked to make a decision about whether the funds could be used for meals while the presenter was traveling to the meetings rather than only during the meetings. It seemed reasonable to our committee that we should be flexible, since circumstances and modes of travel (flying vs. driving) vary, and in any case, \$500 does not reach very far. We concluded that the recipient could make the best decision about when and where to use the funds, as long as they were used to help that person get to and participate in the meetings.

We did not see any need to meet at the SSSP annual meetings, since our work was accomplished. The scheduled meeting was cancelled accordingly.