

What We Do

Through our White-nose Syndrome grants program we provided initial funding for urgent research projects to allow them to proceed quickly. To date, BCI has given \$214,282.00 in research grants to 16 institutions. Now our funding efforts are shifting to support carefully targeted projects based on priorities identified by the WNS science meetings and the WNS National Strategy. We continue to examine existing research efforts and identify critical gaps in which our funding can make a difference. BCI is also working closely with federal, state and private groups to implement standardized guidelines and priorities for White-nose Syndrome surveillance, monitoring and mitigation.



BCI's founder, Dr Merlin Tuttle [left] during
a WNS meeting at Congress

BCI works with state and federal partners to hold an annual national White-nose Syndrome Symposium. This allows researchers and managers that are working on the forefront of this disease to meet, collaborate, share new information, identify needs, and plan for future projects. These symposia are imperative to range-wide, long-term species conservation. It is the only time that this large and diverse group of partners is able to meet in person.

We support efforts to monitor the spread of White-nose Syndrome and understand its distribution. We participate in projects that use new technologies to monitor important hibernacula. We provide targeted information to managers and decision-makers to assist in WNS preparedness, and establishing concepts for delivering information to our partners, the public and media. Only through active collaboration with scientists, managers, lawmakers and the public will we have a chance to maintain sustainable bat populations in the wake of White-nose Syndrome.

