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standing plant pathologist, he was an inspiring mentor and an engaging personality with a keen sense of humor.

Initially used to sponsor individual speakers (I.E. Melhus student speakers presented in 1997, 1998, and 2000), the first symposium, sponsored by the Epidemiology Committee, was funded in 1999. The second student speaker symposium, organized by the Plant Disease Losses Committee, was held in 2001. The papers published here are from those presented in the 2nd I.E. Melhus Student Symposium: New Frontiers in Plant Disease Losses and Disease Management at the APS meeting in August 2001. These speakers were chosen by a competitive process chaired by the Pacific Division Councilor. The responsibility for overseeing the selection process is being rotated alphabetically through the Divisions. The I.E. Melhus Fund has grown to the point that it will sponsor an annual student speaker symposium; effective for 2003, selection of the committees to organize the symposium will now be the responsibility of the APS Scientific Programs Board.