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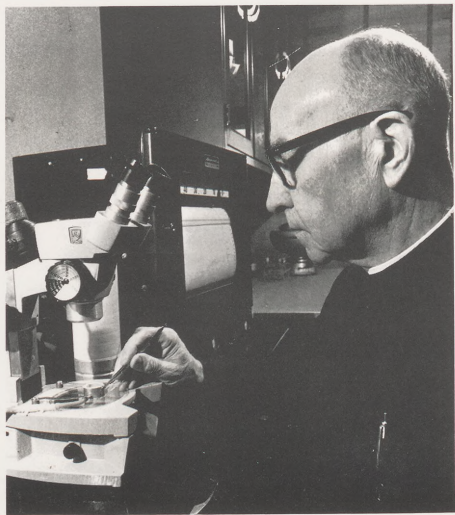
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*Basile J. Luyet*  
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While it is unusual to designate any individual as the founder of a particular scientific sub-discipline, from time to time we encounter a scholar whose contributions are sufficiently global to warrant special recognition.

Basile J. Luyet has been judged one of the true pioneers in the developing field of cryobiology. During a forty-year scientific career his contributions became known to scholars throughout the world. Dr. Luyet founded the first laboratories in the cryobiological sciences as well as the American Foundation for Biological Research (AFBR); he received international recognition when elected the first president of the Society for Cryobiology.

Dr. Luyet was, in many ways, a most remarkable man. He will long be remembered for his constant pursuit of the truth. In the decade following his death the AFBR has sought to identify an institution both to continue his research thrust and to act as a repository for his library and his research records. As an extension of the gift of endowment that established the Institute of Low Temperature Biology and the B. J. Luyet Distinguished Professorship in Cryobiology, the AFBR has arranged for the donation of the Basile J. Luyet Memorial Collection in Cryobiology. This collection consists of 3600 monographs, serials, and manuscript notebooks, as well as 4000 research photomicrographs. It will serve as an international resource for rare texts, manuscripts, and photomicrographs in the varied fields of the low temperature biological sciences.

Dr. Luyet's laboratory notebooks, photomicrographs, and numerous rare books, many of which date from the early 17th century, will be cataloged and housed in the Special Collections Department of the M. D. Anderson Library, University of Houston. All other books in the collection will be cataloged and integrated into the general collections of the Library. Each volume will carry the specially designed bookplate reproduced on the reverse of this page.

—John G. Baust

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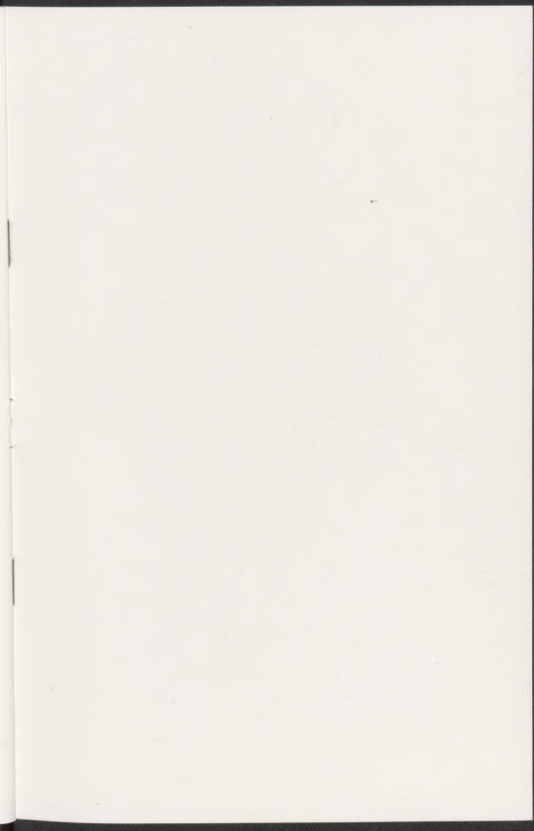
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