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Robert Roesler de Villiers Foundation, Inc.

The "Robert Roesler de Villiers Award" was conferred on Dr. *Ludwik Gross* on October 20th for his contributions to the knowledge of the nature and cause of Leukemia and as encouragement for the continuation of his studies. The presentation of the Award took place at ceremonies at the New York Academy of Medicine. Dr. *Gross* is Chief of Research at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Bronx, New York. (He was associated with the Pasteur Institute in Paris for seven years and received the Chevillon Prize of the Academy of Medicine in Paris in 1937.)

The Robert Roesler de Villiers Foundation, a Membership Corporation, was created in 1949 for the purpose of helping conquer Leukemia — in memory of a boy who died of this dread disease at the age of 16½ years. Through periodic international Contests the Foundation offers awards to researchers all over the world for development towards the prevention, effective treatment or cure of this merciless killer especially of children.

Because of the outstanding respect enjoyed by the members of the Jury:

Albert Alder, M.D., Professor of Medicine, University of Zurich, Switzerland.

William B. Castle, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.

Jan Waldenström, M.D., Professor of Medicine, University of Lund, Malmoe, Sweden.

Maxwell M. Wintrobe, M.D., Professor of Medicine, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA.

the Jury's recommendation of any Contest entry carries with it the prestige and encouragement of immediate international recognition. Dr. *Gross* who yesterday received the Foundation's Award is the author of one of 226 papers from 22 countries in 6 languages which were submitted under "CONTEST II"; in the first Contest only 30 papers from 8 countries were received.

Apart from the Award to Dr. *Gross*, it has given a "Robert Roesler de Villiers Grant" to the University of Utah for metabolic studies in Leukemia. The World Health Organization, an Agency of the United Nations, considers sponsoring the Foundation depending upon the decision of its Executive Committee in early 1954. Sir *Lionel Whitby*, Regius Professor of Physic and past Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, England, an internationally-known authority on Leukemia, has agreed to join the Foundation as an "Associate".

We hope the Foundation will receive the contributions needed to carry on its work.

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