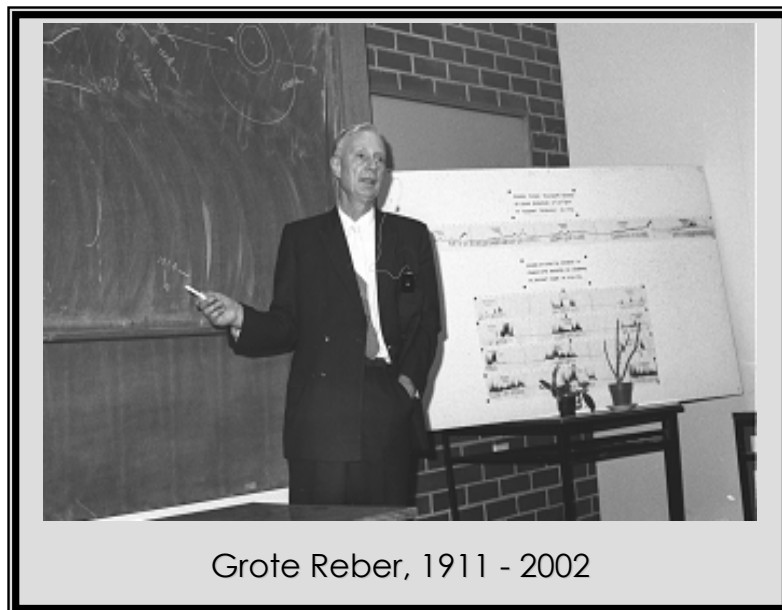


The Father of Radio Astronomy



Grote Reber of Tasmania, is arguably the 'Father of Radio Astronomy'. He died two days short of his 91st birthday. He was an electrical engineer by trade and the first person to dedicate himself to collecting radio astronomy measurements. His dedication to the science moved his friends, Dr. Dave Jauncey of Australia and Martin George of Tasmania (in the far left photo), to place parts of his ashes on radio telescopes throughout the world. His ashes, in a small metal box, were mounted on GAVRT's DSS-12 on August 8, 2005, the ninth such placement on a radio telescope (photo far right). He will be remembered for his contributions regarding non-thermal radiation, radio galaxies, quasars, pulsars, cosmic radio background, gravitational lensing, interstellar molecules, and extra-solar planetary systems.



Grote Reber, 1911 - 2002