Dan Granoff, MD, Director of CHORI's Center for Immunobiology and Vaccine Research, and recipient of the Clorox Endowed Chair has been named the 2014 Maurice Hilleman/Merck Award Laureate by the American Society for Microbiology (ASM). Granoff is being recognized for his work on development of vaccines against serogroup B meningococcus, which causes severe infections of the bloodstream (sepsis) and membranes covering the brain (meningitis). Granoff also played a central role in conceiving a project to develop an affordable serogroup A meningococcal conjugate vaccine for Africa, which has had enormous public health benefit. He will receive the award May 17th in Boston at ASM's annual meeting. He will also give the Hilleman/Merck lecture there on Tuesday May 20th.

The Maurice Hilleman/Merck Award is ASM's premier award for major contributions to pathogenesis, vaccine discovery, vaccine development, and/or control of vaccine-preventable diseases. The award is presented in memory of Maurice R. Hilleman, whose work in the development of vaccines has saved the lives of many throughout the world.

About The American Society for Microbiology (ASM)
The American Society for Microbiology is the oldest and largest single life science membership organization in the world. Membership has grown from 59 scientists in 1899 to more than 39,000 members today, with more than one third located outside the United States. The members represent 26 disciplines of microbiological specialization plus a division for microbiology educators.

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