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*****MEDIA ADVISORY/CALENDAR NOTIFICATION*****

Update on the Development of a Vaccine for Dengue Fever

WHAT: ASTMH presents a scientific session on vaccines for Dengue fever. Global health experts from academia and the pharmaceutical industry converge for this timely session at the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene 59th Annual Meeting in Atlanta. What are the latest breakthroughs in the effort to develop a vaccine for Dengue fever? What roadblocks still exist? Dengue fever, caused by a mosquito-borne flavivirus, is found in tropical and subtropical regions of the Americas, Africa, Asia and Australia. In its acute form, dengue is characterized by flu-like symptoms including severe pain in the head, eyes, muscles and joints. Some patients, particularly infants and children, develop "dengue hemorrhagic fever", a severe and sometimes fatal variation involving circulatory failure and shock. The incidence of both forms of dengue infection has recently been increasing. Mosquitoes capable of transmitting this disease are also found within the United States.

WHEN: **Saturday, November 6, 2010**
8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

WHO: **Confirmed speakers include:**

- Laura J. White, assistant professor of microbiology and immunology, Carolina Vaccine Institute
- Jorge E. Osorio, assistant professor, Department of Pathobiological Sciences, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin
- Beth-Ann Coller, sr. vice president research and development, Hawaii Biotech, Inc.
- Anna P. Durbin, associate professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Kathryn B. Anderson, Department of Epidemiology, Rollins School of Public Health

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The ASTMH annual meeting draws more than 3,500 global health professionals from around the world, and features more than 1,000 scientific presentations.