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## **UNC PROF RECEIVES AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR MICROBIOLOGY RECOGNITION AWARD**

**Peter Gilligan, Ph. D. Latest Recipient of Hardy Diagnostics' Professional Recognition Award**



**Peter H. Gilligan, Ph.D (ABMM), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill receives the Hardy Diagnostics ABMM/ABMLI Professional Recognition Award.**

Santa Maria, California. May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Peter Gilligan is the recipient of the 2014 Hardy Diagnostics ABMM/ABMLI Professional Recognition Award. Recognized as a world-wide leader in the field of clinical microbiology, his efforts in advancing the profession through research, leadership, and education are commemorated with this prestigious award.

Gilligan is the Director of the Clinical Microbiology-Immunology Laboratories at the University of North Carolina Hospitals and Professor of Microbiology-Immunology and Pathology-Laboratory



Medicine at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. For the past 26 years, he has led the CPEP-approved post-doctoral training program in Medical and Public Health Microbiology as well as conducted research on the development, refinement, and evaluation of diagnostic methods for emerging pathogens.

Gilligan has authored over 150 articles, books, and book chapters, and is a sought after lecturer. He is a Diplomat of the American Board of Medical Microbiology and a Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology. An active member of the American Society of Microbiology (ASM), he currently serves as an editor for mBio, *Clinical Microbiology Reviews*, and the *Journal of Clinical Microbiology* where he edits the Point-Counterpoint series.

In recent years he has helped establish the Professional Practice Committee for ASM, which according to Mike Miller, Microbiology Technical Services, LLC, “has revolutionized ASM's approach to supporting the clinical microbiology community.” This committee, which Gilligan chairs, has overseen the creation of a new clinical microbiology web portal, evidence-based medicine projects, Hot Topic webinars, and the transformation of the Cumitech series into new bench-level practice guidelines.

## **ABOUT HARDY DIAGNOSTICS**

Hardy Diagnostics is an FDA licensed and ISO 13485 certified manufacturer of medical devices for microbiological procedures in both clinical and industrial laboratories. The company manufactures about 3,500 products for the culture and identification of bacteria and fungi from its Santa Maria, California headquarters and facility in Springboro, Ohio. Currently over 8,000 laboratories are serviced by Hardy Diagnostics throughout the nation.

The company was founded in 1980 by Jay Hardy, a Clinical Laboratory Scientist from Santa Barbara, CA. Today, Hardy Diagnostics maintains nine distribution centers throughout the U.S. and exports products to over 60 foreign distributors.

The company's mission is to partner with its laboratory customers to prevent and diagnose disease. For more information, visit [www.HardyDiagnostics.com](http://www.HardyDiagnostics.com).