MIAMI, FL – (September 25, 2003) – Leonardo Rodriguez, professor of accounting at Florida International University’s College of Business Administration (CBA), was recently named President of the Interamerican Accounting Association (IAA). The IAA helps advance the accounting profession through research, auditing, education, and technology development.

“It is an honor to have Dr. Rodriguez at FIU, said CBA Executive Dean Joyce J. Elam. “He works tirelessly to encourage and uphold the highest professional standards within the accounting profession.”

Dr. Rodriguez was installed as President of the IAA at the XXV Interamerican Accounting Conference, held this month in Panama, for the 2003-2005 term.

Founded in 1949, the IAA is composed of 33 accounting organizations from 23 countries in the Americas, representing more than 1 million accountants, universities, and state agencies. During his nine years as an IAA member, he has chaired the accreditation committee and twice chaired the education committee. In addition to the president, there are seven vice president—each of them with assigned responsibilities in specific areas like technology, communications, affiliations, professional development, institutional and promotional relations, and finance.

Dr. Rodriguez’ research has appeared in numerous publications, including the Florida Journal of International Law, The Foundation of Globalization of Higher
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*Education and the Profession, Revista Interameriana de Contabilidad, Hispanic Business, Diario Las Americas, American Journal of Small Business* and others. He also is author and co-author of four books: *Accounting for Small Business; Small and Medium Enterprise Cases; Managerial Accounting,* and *Planning, Organizing and Directing Small Enterprises.* He has taught and consulted at universities throughout the Americas and is a member of the American Accounting Association and the Academy of Management.

Rodriguez earned his first bachelor’s degree in Management from Florida State University, and a second in Accounting from the University of Miami, where he also received his MBA in Management. He is listed in the first edition of *Who’s Who Among Hispanic Americans* and was a Fulbright professor at the Universidad Santiago de Chile.

Florida International University’s College of Business Administration (CBA), South Florida’s business education leader with unique expertise in international business, entrepreneurship, and information technology (IT), is the largest of FIU’s professional schools. It enrolls approximately 3,400 students in its undergraduate program and more than 1,100 graduate students in its Chapman Graduate School of Business each year. It also is South Florida’s top-rated business research school and one of only 454 business schools in the world accredited by the AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The College ranks in the top 10 among these schools in the number of students it graduates annually, and the College’s Chapman School offers the 6th-largest part-time MBA program among them. *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the College’s undergraduate international business program 14th in the nation. *Business Week* (October 21, 2002) ranked it among the best in the U.S., placing it in the group with American, Fordham, George Washington, South Carolina, Syracuse, Rutgers, Tulane, and others. The August 15, 2003 issue of *America Economia,* a premier pan-regional business journal, rated it among the top 50 international MBA schools for Latin American students. *Hispanic Business* (March 2002) ranked the CBA among the top five business schools for Hispanics. The College also is one of only 30 business schools to have received a Department of Education grant to establish and support an international business center.

For additional information about the CBA and its Chapman School, please call Assistant Dean Sally Gallion at (305) 348-6631 email gallions@fiu.edu or visit the College’s website at www.fiu.edu/~cba.

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