**FIU professor Rodriguez tapped to head new accounting group**

Leonardo Rodriguez, professor of accounting at Florida International University's College of Business Administration, has been named president of the Interamerican Accounting Association, an organization that seeks to boost research, education and technical development in the accounting industry. Rodriguez will hold the post through 2005, FIU said in a statement.

Founded in 1949, the IAA consists of 33 accounting organizations from 23 countries across the hemisphere. It joins together 1 million accountants and representatives from universities and the public sector.