

ITS America Presents 2009 Outstanding Chapter Award

ITS America presented ITS Florida the 2009 Outstanding Chapter Award, "Certificate for Excellence for Outreach & Advocacy" at its Annual Meeting.



The awards were presented June 1st during the opening session of ITS America's 2009 Annual Meeting & Exposition at the Gaylord National Hotel & Resort in National Harbor, Maryland before the intelligent transportation systems (ITS) leaders.



ITS Florida was one of four finalists with the top honor 2009 "Outstanding State Chapter" of the Year being presented to ITS New York. ITS Virginia was awarded a certificate of excellence for organizational and professional development, and ITS Georgia received a certificate of excellence for emerging practices and deployments.

Congratulations to ITS Florida for another award winning year!

ITS Florida Board Meeting

ITS Florida will hold its Board meeting on June 9th at 1:30 PM via teleconference. Please contact [ITS Florida](http://www.itsflorida.com) if you require additional information.

The July Board Meeting will be held via teleconference on July 14th at 1:30 PM.

ITS Florida Recognizes FIU

ITS Florida was pleased to attend the opening ceremony of the Florida International University (FIU) Integrated Intelligent Transportation System Laboratory (IITS) at the Lehman Center for Transportation Research, on Monday May 11, 2009. Jesus Martinez and Tahira Faquir, ITS Florida Officers presented an award to Dr. Mohammed Hadi to recognize this achievement.



Dr Hadi and Tahira Faquir

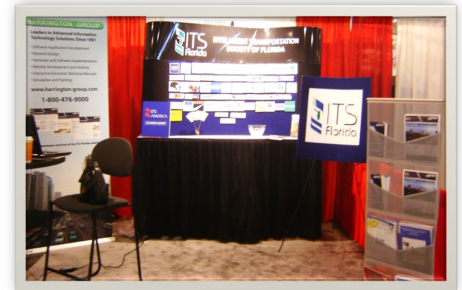
The FIU-IITS is one of the most sophisticated ITS laboratories in the nation, with a video wall, central software, ITS devices, servers and operator workstations. The lab is similar to the FDOT traffic management centers but at a smaller scale. The lab has been established as a result of a team effort between the FDOT and FIU, and will be functioning as a major ITS and transportation engineering research and education tool. It will allow researchers to observe and analyze live conditions of the Florida transportation systems and to conduct research to improve mobility and safety. It will also allow students to have hands-on experience with transportation system operations and management.



Patricio Alvarez received his Anne Brewer Scholarship award at the opening ceremony at the FIU lab on May 11, 2009. Patricio is a doctoral candidate at Florida International University (FIU). His area of concentration is transportation engineering and his expected date of graduation is December 2010.

ITS America 2009

ITS Florida displayed its exhibit at the ITS America 2009 Meeting and Exposition.



ITS Florida members attending the event took time out of their busy schedules to stop by to visit.



Jesus Martinez, ITS Florida Board Member and Secretary attended as a speaker and drove one of the South West Research Institute's vehicle for the on-site demonstration.



Jay Calhoun, Sandy Beck and Ronald Tarr from UCF on the final exhibit day promoting "Save these Dates". ITS Florida handed out flyers to encourage support for these two upcoming events.

Transpo2010 will be held in the Jacksonville area December 12-16, 2010.

The ITS America Annual Meeting and World Congress 2011 will be held October 16-20, 2011 at the Orlando/Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL.