Dr. Brijesh Thapa Awarded
2011 International Educator of the Year

Dr. Brijesh Thapa will receive the University International Educator of the Year Award at the senior faculty level for his many contributions of staff to the University of Florida’s internationalization priorities. Dr. Thapa is an Associate Professor in the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Sport Management at the University of Florida. He is also the Director for the Center for Tourism Research and Development, and the Co-Director for the Tourism Crisis Management Institute. In addition, he is an Affiliate Faculty at four academic units at UF: School of Natural Resources & Environment, Warrington College of Business, Center for African Studies, and the Center for Latin American Studies.

The International Educator of the Year Award considers contributions in three areas:
1. **Research**: The extent to which the faculty or staff member’s research made a significant contribution to his/her discipline through the creation or discovery of new knowledge and how that work involved international activities.
2. **Teaching**: The extent to which the faculty or staff member’s teaching increased student awareness of international issues and involved them in academic activities abroad.
3. **Service**: The extent to which the international activities cited in the nomination raised UF’s profile as a globally-engaged university, the benefits derived from them, and documented evidence of such. Significant roles in advising, mentoring, and similar service activities are included in this category as well, especially for those individuals in staff ranks.

The award will be presented at a reception at the Keene Faculty Center (Dauer Hall) beginning at 3:30 pm on Tuesday, November 15 during the annual celebration of International Education Week.