

Professor Morgera Receives Emeritus Appointment and Tau Beta Pi Eminent Engineer Award



Dr. Salvatore Morgera

Tampa, Fla. (December 17, 2009) – Dr. Salvatore (Sal) Morgera, PE, FIEEE, Professor and Chair of the Electrical Engineering Department in the College of Engineering, recently received two prestigious recognitions: one for his service to education and another for excellence in the field of engineering.

Dr. Morgera has been appointed Emeritus Professor at Florida Atlantic University (FAU). He was notified of this appointment by FAU President, Dr. John Prichett. The appointment *Emeritus* is reserved for a small number of individuals who have served their institution in a highly meritorious manner. Dr. Morgera is being honored for his exemplary service as Chair of the Electrical Engineering Department at FAU and for pioneering the Bioengineering program there.

The Engineering Honor Society, Tau Beta Pi, recently designated Dr. Morgera an *Eminent Engineer*. To be eligible for such a meritorious recognition, a person must have achieved eminence in the field of engineering without regard to collegiate records. Additional requirements are a minimum of 10 years engaged in the field of engineering or 15 years as a practicing engineer. Each Tau Beta Pi chapter has the discretion to confer the Eminent Engineer designation, which also uses on exemplary character as a criterion.

Dr. Morgera, who earned his PhD from Brown University, holds the Professional Engineer (PE) designation and is a Fellow of the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers (FIEEE). Prior to FAU, he held faculty positions at McGill University (Montreal) and Concordia University. He is a former Senior Scientist with Raytheon's Submarine Signal Division in Rhode Island.

The University of South Florida is one of the nation's top 63 public research universities and one of only 25 public research universities nationwide with very high research activity that is designated as community engaged by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. USF was awarded \$380.4 million in research contracts and grants in FY 2008/2009. The university offers 232 degree programs at the undergraduate, graduate, specialist and doctoral levels, including the doctor of medicine. The USF System has a \$1.8 billion annual budget, an annual economic impact of \$3.2 billion, and serves more than 47,000 students on institutions/campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota-Manatee and Lakeland. USF is a member of the Big East Athletic Conference.