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A Note from the President:

In this week's "Research" article, readers will learn of a \$5 million National Science Foundation grant earned by the University under the leadership of Principal Investigator Julio Ibarra, executive director of the Center for Internet Augmented Research and Assessment (CIARA). The grant will fund the creation of international network links to connect U.S. and foreign science and education communities. Known as WHREN – Western Hemisphere Research and Education Networks – the initiative addresses the existing and future needs for improved North American-South American network connectivity.

As the world becomes smaller and the challenges for today's researchers become greater, such initiatives are critical to the advancement of scientific discovery and innovation.

It is my fervent hope, and that of the University, that FIU researchers will make use of this cutting-edge technology to continue their vital research.

- Modesto A. Maidique