Non-North American (nNA) Venues for IEEE-P802 Plenaries

A Progress Report

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Current Situation

- As US dollar declines, the differential for non-US venues over US venues increases

- Current costs are 2x to 3x more for less

- Some 802 WGs are more price sensitive and vote against costly nNA venues

- Having local hosting Co/Org can improve nNA deals substantially & simplify logistics

- Thus we need help in finding nNA hosts

March 2009 Venue

- Costs for Rome & Vancouver are up >20% just since our August-September poll

- Cost for Rome is 2.5x cost for Vancouver

- Rome costs $425/night + $1000 Reg fee

- Vancouver: $175/night + $400 Reg fee

- Expect US-$ costs will continue to rise

- Poll: 54% for Rome, 32% for VCR

- We need to decide NOW or lose options

September Poll Results
- non-scientific preferences -

SEC - WG/Member	for Rome, Italy	for Vancouver, BC	Abstain/Don't Care	Some other Venue	# voting
802.1 - Tony Jeffree	13	50			63
802.3 - Bob Grow	16	68			84
802.11 - Stuart Kerry	*	*	*		*
802.15 - Bob Heile	118	0	23		141 (~195)
802.16 - Roger Marks	71	60	0	61	(150-200)
802.17 - John Lemon	1				
802.18 - Michael Lynch	7	0	0		
802.19 - Steve Shellhammer	1				
802.20 - Arnie Greenspan	55	0		1	
802.21 - Vivek Gupta	26	5			
802.22 - Carl Stevenson	1				
CH - Paul Nikolich					
VC1 - Matt Sherman	1				
VC2 - Pat Thaler					
RS - Bob O'Hara					
XS - Buzz Rigsbee		1			
TR - John Hawkins					
ME - Geoff Thompson					
* = included in 802.15 count					
Totals:	310	184	23	62	579
Percentage:	53.541%	31.779%	3.972%	10.708%	

Target – Find Hosts for nNA

- We have 3 potential host organizations that may want to submit proposals:
  - Singapore
  - South Korea
  - Macau PRC
- Want to solicit more offers for March 2011 target dates & select a "Best for 802"
- Will prepare & publish Guide for 802 Hosts
- Will specifiy requirements & expectations
- Geneva is still in play, but no proposal yet

Next Steps

- Vote this week to resolve March 2009
- Publish IEEE-802 Hosts Guide & Promote
- Hosts to submit proposals for March 2011
- Need to Resolve:
  - Is Hawaii a non-North American option ?
  - Can we accept venues w/ theater-only-setups ?
  - How much Group subdivision is acceptable ?
  - Should there be a hard venue cost-ceiling ?

Here's the Plan

- Will draft & post Attendee Poll on Portal

- All WGs will encourage participation

- Will collect & publish results Thurs PM

- SEC will review & make decisions Friday

- Final Results will be published by WGs

- Will proceed with contract for March 2009

- Will review Host proposals before Orlando

Backup Info