



**IEEE 802 Wireless Interim Session MIU #3
January 13-18, 2013
Vancouver, BC Canada**

Wednesday January 9, 2013

WELCOME TO VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA CANADA

The January 2013 IEEE 802 Wireless Interim Session is scheduled to take place January 13-18, 2013 at the **Hyatt Regency Vancouver**. Participating IEEE-802 Working Groups: **802.1, 802.11, 802.15, 802.16, 802.18, 802.19, 802.21, 802.22, 802.24** and the **IEEE 802 OmniRAN EC Study Group**.

New Member Orientation Meeting: Sunday January 13th at 2:30 PM in the Oxford Room

Registration (Regency Foyer): Sunday January 13th at 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Monday January 14th – Wednesday January 16th 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Event Website: <http://802world.org/wireless>

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VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (YVR) TRANSPORTATION

Canada Line: The Canada Line connects Vancouver International Airport to downtown Vancouver in under 30 minutes. Cost is \$3.75 CAD for adults and \$2.50 CAD for children each way, plus a \$5.00 CAD surcharge for all trips originating at the airport. Hyatt Regency Vancouver is located at the **Burrard Street** station and will require a **transfer** at either Granville Station or Waterfront Station. Please visit <http://www.translink.ca/> for more information.

Taxi: Taxis are available at the airport 24 hours a day, including wheelchair accessible vans. Taxi queue areas are located at both the domestic and international arrivals terminals. Approximate cost to the Hyatt: \$35.00 CAD

A REGIONAL SUMMARY – CURRENCY, CLIMATE, LANGUAGE and MORE

Altitude: Sea level

Telephone Area Code: 604 and 778

Time Zone: Pacific Standard Time

Metro Area Population: 2.3 million

Language - English and French are Canada’s two official languages. English is the predominant language in British Columbia. The cosmopolitan city of Vancouver encompasses a mix of many ethnic groups. Many key visitor locations have multilingual staff.

Climate - Vancouver has one of the mildest climates in Canada. Winters are wet but temperatures seldom fall below freezing and snow is rare.

Temperatures:

Month	Average Daily High		Average Daily Low		Bright Sun %
	°Celsius	°Fahrenheit	°Celsius	°Fahrenheit	
January	6	42	1	34	21

Currency - Bank debit or credit cards are the most convenient means of getting cash at the many 24-hour-access automated banking machines. All our taxis accept credit cards and 60% of our taxis are hybrid cars. As in the U.S. and Europe these machines accept cards with Plus, Interact and Cirrus symbols and there is one on almost every block in downtown Vancouver. Many Canadian businesses accept U.S. currency and travellers cheques.

International currency exchanges are available at the airport and at all the banks in the city. Major credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, American Express), are generally accepted by Canadian businesses. The U.S. dollar exchange rates vary daily.

Tipping - Some properties and resort hotels include tips or gratuities with tours group to simplify bookkeeping. This will usually include gratuities for housekeeping, bell service and food service. If meals are included in the price, customary gratuity will be calculated at 15 per cent. Visitors should be advised that the standard tip in most restaurants is 15 per cent.

Smoking Laws - Each municipality in Metro Vancouver has different rules for smoking in public places such as public buildings, restaurants and pubs.

Within the City of Vancouver, all indoor public spaces, including public transit, shopping malls, restaurants, pubs, nightclubs and casinos, do not permit smoking. Smoking is not permitted within six meters of an entryway, opening window or air intake of a building. Signage will be posted to indicate the applicable smoking restrictions. Please smoke in designated areas only.

Medical Insurance - Do you need Medical Insurance when you travel to Canada? Visitors are not covered by Canadian health insurance. Check with your personal medical plan before leaving the U.S. or your home country to ensure you have adequate travelling insurance. It is advised that all people travelling outside their own country take out trip cancellation insurance, medical insurance and insurance to cover loss/damage to personal effects.

Tips on using Cell Phones – *Get a data and long distance plan before leaving home*

Are you one of many of convention attendees traveling from the U.S. or internationally into Canada? Take Note: Roaming charges and data plan fees for cell phones (especially smart phones like the iPhone or the Android) and tablets like the iPad can be costly, with prices spiking as high as several dollars per minute

Before catching your flight to Canada, contact your local cell phone carrier to get information about special pricing plans for calls, text messaging and Internet usage outside your home country. If you use a smart phone, ask your carrier about certain settings such as "airplane mode" that may help you save money on usage.

Below are links to some popular carriers' international coverage plans:

- [Verizon Wireless](#)
- [AT&T](#)
- [Sprint](#)
- [T-Mobile](#)
- [Virgin Mobile](#)

REGISTRATION FEES & DEADLINES: <http://802world.org/wireless>

Late/On-site: After 6pm Pacific Time January 4, 2013

(UTC Time: 2am Saturday, January 5, 2013)

- \$900 US for attendees staying at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver
- \$1200 US for all others (including local attendees not staying at the group hotel)

Student: Before 6pm Pacific Time, Thursday, January 17, 2013

(UTC Time: 2am Friday, January 17, 2013)

- \$150 US for Full-Time Students (college students at the bachelor or post-graduate level)
- The Student meeting fee is only available one time per person. The person using the Student meeting fee will not be able to use meeting attendance to gain or maintain voting rights. **A valid current student ID must be shown when picking up the meeting badge.**

REGISTRATION POLICY:

Session Registration: Registration is available through a secure website and requires a valid credit card for the payment of the registration fee; checks are NOT accepted for registration.

Any individual who attends any part of a meeting that is a scheduled part of an 802 Wireless Interim Session must register for the full session.

Session registrations are not transferable to another individual or to another interim session.

If you register for an IEEE 802 Wireless Interim Session and then are unable to attend, you must request cancellation of your registration before the cancellation deadline to be eligible for a refund of all or part of the fees paid.

After you have Registered for the Session, Registration Cancellation Requests and Visa Invitation Requests may be submitted via a link on the event website at: <http://802world.org/wireless>

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY:

In order to obtain a refund of all or part of the fees paid you must request cancellation of your registration before the late cancellation deadline.

CANCELLATION TYPE	DEADLINE
NO REFUNDS AFTER	6 PM Pacific Time, Friday, January 4, 2013

Cancellation requests must be made either by submitting an online request at <http://802world.org/wireless> or by submitting an email request to: 802wireless@facetoface-events.com

GROUP HOTEL DISCOUNT POLICY:

The January 2013 IEEE 802 Wireless Interim Registration Fee will be discounted by \$300 US for attendees booking and staying two or more nights at IEEE-802 Wireless contracted hotel: **Hyatt Regency Vancouver.**

Attendees who elect to share accommodations must ensure that all members of the rooming party are listed on the hotel register before arrival (or upon check-in at the hotel) so that the hotel can verify their hotel stay. **Please note:** payment of the \$300 US surcharge will be required onsite if the hotel cannot verify an attendee's hotel stay.

VISA LETTERS

A VISA may be required for entry into the Canada. For information regarding visas and entry requirements for Canada, please call Immigration Canada at 1-888-242-2100 (in Canada) or visit their website at www.cic.gc.ca. From outside Canada, please contact the nearest Canadian Embassy, High Commission, or consulate in your region (<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/missions.asp>). It is recommended that your passport be valid for at 6 months following your arrival date and that you are able to document means for return or onward travel.

For those registered attendees who require a VISA to enter the Canada a Letter of Invitation may be generated after registration has been completed. To obtain a VISA Invitation Letter, click on the [VISA Letter](#) tab on the drop down menu under the Register tab.

Generate a VISA Letter: <https://802world.org/apps/session/78/register1/visa>

GROUP HOTEL RATES

Hyatt Regency Vancouver

655 Burrard Street,
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 2R7
Tel: +1 604 683 1234 Fax: +1 604 689 3707

GROUP RATE: \$135 Canadian Dollars/Night (plus applicable taxes)*

Rate applies to Single/Double Occupancy Run of House Rooms and includes Internet access.

MAKING A ROOM RESERVATION

Reserve room online at:

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/ieee802jan13>

-OR- Call the hotel directly at: +1 (402) 592-6464 / 1-888-421-1442

Ask for reservations and then ask for IEEE 802 Wireless Interim Session Group Rate, code = "IEEE 802W"

SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY: *The IEEE 802 Wireless Group Rate is subject to the availability of rooms in the Group Room Block.

HOTEL CANCELLATION POLICY: Please cancel by 6 PM Pacific Time on Date of Arrival to avoid a penalty.

EXTENDED DATES: Subject only to availability January 2-27, 2013.