March 2011/12 Plenary of IEEE802 in Tel Aviv, Israel

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IEEE802 Plenary in Tel Aviv

We’re proposing IEEE802 Plenary in Tel Aviv in March
- 2011 or 2012

Tel Aviv is a lively and cosmopolitan city
- “Non-stop city”
- Blend of cultures
- UNESCO Heritage site for the Bauhaus architecture
- Celebrating its 100 years

Very safe

Friendly people, English is spoken by most

Beautiful beaches

March is a good time to visit
- Weather is not too hot, occasional rain possible
Israel – basic facts

- Easily accessible from many countries by direct flights
  - US – direct by Delta, Continental, El-Al, or through Europe
  - Direct flights from India, China, Thailand, Hong-Kong
    - Direct flights from Japan to open
  - Most European capitals and major cities

- Tel Aviv is 20 km from the Ben-Gurion international airport

- Unique historical and natural landmarks

- Significance to Christianity, Islam and Judaism
Venue – the Tel Aviv city

Hilton
Carlton
Sheraton
Crown Plaza
Dan Tel Aviv
David Intercontinental
Dan Panorama
Old Jaffa
Promenade and beaches
2 km between hotel clusters
Old Port of Tel Aviv
UNESCO Heritage site
David Intercontinental hotel

- High-end hotel with excellent conference facilities
- Located on the Tel Aviv beachfront, close to Old Jaffa
Dan Panorama hotel

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- David and Dan are adjacent to each other
Possible Layouts of the meeting

- **All meetings in the southern cluster (David Intercontinental + Dan Panorama) - Preferred option**
  - It is likely that for a meeting of 1200-1500 attendance it will suffice

- **Most of the meetings in David I.+Dan P. and some in northern hotels - Backup plan**
  - Divide by common theme, e.g. Wireless groups in Dan+David, Wired in northern cluster
  - Recommend people to lodge in hotels close to their main meeting location

- **Run shuttles throughout the day between the clusters**
HANGAR 11: Located at the heart of the Old Port of Tel Aviv the centre of the entertainment area of the town.

A large outdoor courtyard, a multi-purpose hall of over 2,000 square meter and a 300 square meter gallery.

Sophisticated AV and lighting

Planned for the social:
Generous food and drinks
Local entertainment
Pre/Post-meeting tours

- Visiting Israel is a unique experience
  - Varied landscapes and natural phenomena, cultures, history and archeology, places of interest for many religions

- For many IEEE attendees it is likely to be a first trip to Israel

- We suggest proposing pre/post conference tours to IEEE802 attendees at no or minimal cost
  - Possibility of including the cost in registration or looking for local sponsorship

- Assistance to spouses throughout the week can be provided, although hotel concierge assistance should suffice
Citizen of many countries (US, EU, Korea, Japan etc.) are exempt of visa, while many others (e.g. China, India, ...) do need visa

- Lists available at Israeli embassy web sites

- Israeli embassy web sites mention 3 week processing time

- We have assisted in the past with mailing handsigned invitation letters for obtaining visas and emailing PDF signed invitation letters for airport security
  
  - Process can be automated using registration database
  
  - Near-perfect success rate in the past
Costs to participants

- **Registration fees** – on the order of 2500 NIS (750$)
  - $US price projections are based on 3.4 Israeli Shekel/$US conversion rate

- **Including on-site lunch and generously served breaks**

- **Lodging costs in conference hotels (including breakfast) – current offers**
  - Dan Panorama – 210$
  - David International – 310$

- **Additional hotels will be available**
  - Including at lower rates

- We believe that current offers include a risk factor in view of economic uncertainty and will improve as we get closer to the meeting
Alvarion has hosted IEEE+WiMAX meetings in Israel in May 2006
- IEEE802.16 (120 participants) in Tel Aviv – 8-11 May 2006
- WiMAX technical groups (80 participants) in Caesarea – 13-17 May 2006
- A day trip in between on Friday, May 12

Alvarion has hosted WiMAX Forum NWG meeting in Dec 2007
- 90 attendees

BreezeCOM has hosted IEEE802.11 in January 2000
- Got very positive feedback

Alvarion is willing to assist hosting the IEEE802 Plenary, with a help of a local organizing company
Tlalim Events: Experience with IEEE and WiMAX

- Tlalim was the organizing company of May 2006 meetings of IEEE802.16 in Tel Aviv (120 participants) and WiMAX working groups in Caesarea (100 participants) here in Israel.
- Tlalim was the organizing company of December 2007 meeting of WiMAX Forum Networking Working Group in Tel Aviv (90 participants).
- Close familiarity with IEEE802 workstyle and unique requirements:
  - AV, classroom seating, power outlets, high speed wireless internet etc.
- Experience with large scale (2000+ attendees) events.
Looking forward to seeing you in Israel