IEEE 802 Plenary Session Announcement
March 13-18, 2016
Sands Venetian Macao Hotel, Macau

March 2016 IEEE 802 Plenary at the Sands Venetian Macao Hotel, Macau

The March 2016 IEEE 802 Plenary Session is scheduled to take place March 13-18, 2016 at the Sands Venetian Macao Hotel in Macau, China.

Session Dates: Sunday, March 13th to Friday, March 18th, 2016.

Participating IEEE-802 Working Groups: 802.1, 802.3, 802.11, 802.15, 802.16, 802.18, 802.19, 802.21, 802.22, and 802.24

- **Event Information (http://802world.org/plenary)**
- **Registration (https://802world.org/apps/session/95/register)**

Registration Fees & Deadlines

Standard Registration: Before 6:00 PM Pacific Time, Friday January 29, 2016
- $US 600.00 for attendees staying at the Sands Venetian Macao Hotel
- $US 1050.00 for all others (including local attendees not staying at the group hotel)

Late/On-site Registration: After 6:00 PM Pacific Time Friday January 29, 2016
- $US 800.00 for attendees staying at the Sands Venetian Macao Hotel
- $US 1250.00 for all others (including local attendees not staying at the group hotel)

Student Registration: $US 150 (college students at the bachelor or post-graduate level)
- The Student meeting fee is available only 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 Fee Includes

- Network/Internet services
- AV equipment
- Power hook-ups in the meeting rooms
- Session identification badge
- Breakfast (Monday – Friday)
- Morning and afternoon refreshments
- Lunch (Monday – Thursday)
- Wednesday evening social
- Meeting services and supplies

Registration Payment Policy

Registration is payable through a secure website (https://802world.org/apps/session/95/register) and requires a valid credit card for the payment of the registration fee, cash and checks are NOT accepted for registration.

Any individual who attends any part of a meeting that is a scheduled part of an IEEE 802 Plenary Session must register and pay the full session fee.

Session registrations are not transferable to another individual or to another Plenary Session.

Group Hotel Registration Discount

The combined hotel room stays of attendees are used to offset the cost of the meeting space. For this reason, anyone who is not a registered guest at the Sands Venetian Macao Hotel **for three (3) or more nights** is not eligible for the registration discount. The correct registration fee must be paid prior to receiving your badge, which permits entrance to scheduled meetings.

Cancellation Policy

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

Registration Cancellation requests must be made either by:
- Submitting an online request at https://802world.org/apps/session/95/register2/cancel or
- Submitting an email request to: 802info@facetoface-events.com

CANCELLATION REFUND	DEADLINE
FULL REFUND	Before 6:00 PM Pacific Time, Friday, **January 29, 2016**
$US 100.00 Cancellation Fee Applies	After 6:00 PM Pacific Time, Friday, **January 29, 2016** and Before 6:00 PM Pacific Time, Friday, **February 12, 2016**
NO REFUND	After 6:00 PM Pacific Time, Friday, **February 12, 2016**

Macau Entrance VISA

Do you Need A VISA to enter Macau?

A Visa is not required for most participants traveling to Macau. However we recommend visiting the following Macau government sites to determine if you need to obtain such a visa.

- Entrance Visa Required Countries List (http://www.fsm.gov.mo/psp/eng/AfMV.html)
- Exempt Countries List (http://www.fsm.gov.mo/psp/eng/EDoN.html#EDoN_VII)

How can you obtain a VISA to enter Macau?

A Macau visa can be obtained through the Embassies/Consulates of the PRC and should be used within its validity.

When should you apply for a VISA to enter Macau?

Visitors may also apply for an entry permit or visa upon arrival at the immigration checkpoint. However, visitors from certain countries are required to obtain a visa in advance before their trip to Macao. For more information, please visit the website: http://www.fsm.gov.mo/psp/eng/AfMV.html

The above information is for reference only. For further information on entry formalities, please contact the Macao Immigration Services of Public Security Police Force at Tel: (Macao area code) +853 2872 5488 or email: mailto:sminfo@fsm.gov.mo, or visit their website: http://www.fsm.gov.mo.

IEEE 802 Plenary Session Group Hotel:

Sands Venetian Macao Hotel
Estrada da Baia de Nossa Senhora da Esperanca,
Macau
Tel: +853 2882 8888
Maps & Directions

IEEE 802 GROUP RATE:

Single/Double Occupancy Royal Suite Rooms, Internet access included.

Friday March 11, 2016
- 1,700.00 HKD/MOP

Saturday March 12, 2016
- 2,300.00 HKD/MOP

Sunday March 13 - Thursday March 17, 2016
- 1,550.00 HKD/MOP

Friday March 18, 2016
- 1,700.00 HKD/MOP

Saturday March 19, 2016
- 2,300.00 HKD/MOP

Sunday March 20, 2016
- 1,550.00 HKD/MOP

These rates do not include any applicable service charges, Macau room tax, tourism tax and/or other taxes with similar application at the rate applicable at time of occupancy. Hotel will charge a 10% service charge and 5% Government Tax.

ROOM BLOCK DEADLINE:

If the block is sold out before **February 12, 2016** IEEE 802 Group rates may no longer be available.

HOTEL CANCELLATION/CHANGE POLICY:

- Individual Guest Room Reservations may be changed or cancelled without charge up until 6:00 PM Pacific Time Friday February 12, 2016.

- A charge equivalent to full nights' accommodation, plus service charge and government tax, will be imposed on guest's guaranteed credit card for no show, amendments or cancellations received after 12 February 2016. **No Refunds after February 12, 2016**.

EXTENDED DATES:

Delegates request to extend their stay outside the agreed room block (Friday March 11th through Sunday March 20th), based upon hotel availability.

SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY: *Rates are subject to the deadline and availability of rooms in the IEEE 802 Group Room Block.

How to Make a Room Reservation at Sands Venetian Macao Hotel

Reserve room online at: https://booking.venetianmacao.com/Booking/Search?CheckinDate=03/10/2016&LOS=1&Promocode=IEEE

Reserve a room by phone or email:
Phone#   853 2882 8852   **Email:**   group.reservations@sands.com.mo

Ask for reservations and then ask for IEEE 802 Plenary Session Group Rate, code = "IEEE 802"

General Information & Useful Tips about Macau, China

Location and Area
Macau (Macao) is a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China currently. It is located on the southeastern coast of China, at latitude 22º 14' North and longitude 113º 35' East. Macao's territory consists of a peninsula and two islands called Taipa and Coloane in the Pearl River Delta of Guangdong Province.

Time
Macao is eight hours ahead of GMT.

Population
Macao's population is 95% Chinese and 5% Portuguese, Europeans and from other countries.

Language
Chinese and Portuguese are the official languages with Cantonese being the most widely spoken language. English is generally used in trade, tourism and commerce.

Currency
The Pataca (MOP$) is Macao's official currency.
- (MOP$) Banknotes have 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1000 Patacas.
- (MOP$) Coins have 10, 20 and 50 avos, 1, 2, 5 and 10 Patacas.

In general, the exchange rate between US Dollars and Patacas is roughly 8 Patacas = 1 US Dollar. The exchange rate between HK$ and MOP$ is around HK$100.00 = MOP$103.20.

Currency Exchange
Foreign currency can be easily exchanged to Patacas in hotels, banks and authorized exchange dealers located all over the city.

Credit Cards
Most credit cards can be used in hotels, shops and restaurants.

Electricity
Macao's electricity supply is at 220V, 50Hz , which follows the system used in Hong Kong, with power plugs also following the Hong Kong style: three pinned plugs with square or round pins.

Weather
In winter (January to March) and experience mild temperatures averaging 16˚C (50˚F) with lots of sunshine. Sometimes the temperature may drop below 10ºC. Jackets are recommended in this period.

Getting to Macao

Fly to Hong Kong International Airport (HKG) - http://www.hongkongairport.com/eng/index.html
Fly in to Hong Kong International Airport, one of the largest global airline hubs, and go directly to the SkyPier (avoiding the need to clear immigration in Hong Kong). Take a ferry to one of the peninsula's two ferry terminals, a jaunt that takes a mere 45 to 50 minutes.

Fly to Macau International Airport - http://www.macau-airport.com/en/
Fly directly into Macau International Airport, and be at The Sands Venetian Macao Hotel in less than ten minutes, courtesy of a free shuttle bus service.

Ferry Service From Hong Kong - http://www.cotaiwaterjet.com/index.html
The Cotai Water Jet Ferry service also runs regular crossings directly from Hong Kong and Kowloon. Arriving by ferry, both Macau Taipa and Macau Outer Harbour terminals have courtesy shuttle buses to The Sands Venetian Macao Hotel, with a short journey of between five and 15 minutes.

Travel Tips from *Trip Advisor*

The travel service site Trip Advisor has compiled an extensive listing of information about Macau. The site contains a very complete and up to date "how to" with lots of useful detailed sublinks with information you may wish to know as you prepare for the March 2016 IEEE 802 Plenary Session.

Feel free to use the enclosed link to learn more about Macau.
http://www.tripadvisor.com/Travel-g664891-c211473/Macau:China:Skypier.To.Macau.All.You.Need.To.Know.html

Trip Advisor Site: Insider Tip from IEEE 802.15 Chair Dr. Robert Heile

Use the airport express train (instead of bus 11) if you do not mind a 1km or so walk between the express train stations and the ferry terminals in either Kowloon or Hong Kong Island. All are easy to find on Google Maps.

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Session information is also available on the IEEE 802 website: http://www.ieee802.org/meeting/ and at http://802world.org/Plenary.