



Plenary Session Information Update #3 March 13-18, 2011

Final Count Down Has Begun: Last Chance for Hotel Rooms!

Plenary Session Registration: **Don't get stuck waiting in Long Registration Lines**

To save the hassle: Please register for this session in advance by clicking on the "Registration" button at the top of the Attendees Portal Page at: <http://ieeee802.facetoface-events.com/session/68>

Registration Fees & Deadlines:

Late/On-site: After 6pm Pacific Time, Monday, February 28, 2011

- \$900 US for attendees staying at the Marina Bay Sands
- \$1200 US for all others (including local attendees)

Registration fees include Deluxe Continental Breakfasts (daily, M-F), 3-Course Buffet Luncheon (M-Th), and morning (M-F) and afternoon (M-Th) Coffee/Tea/Soda Breaks for all registered attendees. All Registered attendees will also receive a complimentary Universal AC Plug Adaptor for personal use.

Group Hotel Policy for Registration:

The Registration Fee will be discounted by **\$300 US** for attendees booking and staying one or more nights in the 802-contracted hotel: the Marina Bay Sands. Please note payment of a \$300 US surcharge will be required if your MBS hotel stay cannot be verified by the hotel.

Registration Cancellation & Refund Policy:

Registration Cancellation requests submitted after the close of Early Registration but before the close of Standard Registration may receive a refund equal to the registration fee paid minus a \$50 US Late Cancellation Fee. There is **NO REFUND** for cancellations received after 6pm PST of February 28, 2011. All refunds will be processed after the close of the March 2011 Plenary Session.

Registration Cancellation requests may be submitted directly via the link on the Event Portal website: <http://ieeee802.facetoface-events.com/session/68/register?a=cancellation> or by email to the IEEE-802 Meeting Planners at 802info@ieee.org if received prior to the deadline.

Hotel Reservation Information (for Marina Bay Sands):

Marina Bay Sands Hotel & Convention Centre
10 Bayfront Avenue
Singapore 018956
Tel: +65 6688 8868 - for IEEE-802 Group Reservations: +65 6688 8889

IEEE-802 Group Rates:

SG\$296.00 (=~US\$232.)+taxes (currently 17.7%)/night for Single/Double, Children (≤21) are free.
802 Rate applies after Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 6pm Singapore Time but before February 28, 2011 at 6pm Singapore Time (= GMT+8 = 2am PST). **Note: Group rate is subject to room availability.**

MBS Parking Rates: SG\$6.00 7AM – 7PM and or a maximum of SG\$12.00 for 24 hours.

How to Make a Room Reservation at Marina Bay Sands:

Reserve your room online at:

http://staging.marinabaysands.com/Standalone_pages/March_2011_IEEE_802_Plenary_Session.aspx

Cancellation Policy:

No Cancellation Penalty if cancelled before 6pm Singapore Time (= GMT+8) on Date of Arrival.

PLANNING AND PREPARING FOR TRAVEL TO SINGAPORE

To make your trip to Singapore as seamless as possible, we have put together a list of information and websites (<http://www.yoursingapore.com> and <http://wikitravel.org/en/Singapore>) that will help you to make safe and informed plans.

SPOKEN LANGUAGE

English is the main language spoken in Singapore, most signage at various destinations will be in English.

CURRENCY

- The "Singdollar" (SG\$) is made up of 100 cents.
- Cash Denominations of \$2, \$5, \$10, \$50, \$100, \$500, and \$1000 are available.
- Coins are 5¢, 10¢, 20¢, 50¢, \$1.00.
- **Currency** can be **exchanged** at the Marina Bay Sands as well as all over the city and at the Changi International Airport at a **Currency Exchange**. Transaction fee of \$2-\$3 may apply.

CURRENCY CONVERSION TOOL

<http://finance.yahoo.com/currency-converter/#from=USD;to=SGD;amt=1>

ATM

ATMs can be found in most large shopping malls and MRT stations. Most ATMs will accept Visa, Mastercard, and cards with Plus or Cirrus.

CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are widely accepted; please inform your credit card company of your travel plans to ensure maximum coverage and minimize service disruptions.

TIME ZONE

GMT +8:00

Singapore does not participate in Daylight Savings Time, there will be no 'spring forward' adjustment required during the March 2011 Plenary Session.

WORLD CLOCK LINK

<https://ieee802.facetoface-events.com/session/68/world-clock>

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phone coverage is excellent throughout all of Singapore. Check with your service provider before you leave to confirm if an International Travel Plan is right for you.

Prepaid SIM cards are readily available in 7-Eleven convenience stores, the MBS Business Center, shops & currency exchange counters. You will need a international passport to sign up.

Local calls run from 5-25 cents per minute depending upon the service plan.

TELEPHONE COUNTRY CODE

International country code for Singapore is +65

International Dialing Instructions:

- **Local Call**
Dial local phone number
- **Long Distance Call to CAN or the USA**
Dial "+" [plus sign] plus "1" plus area code and 7-digit phone number
- **Long Distance Call to Another Country**
Dial "+" [plus sign] plus country code and phone number

LOCAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Ambulance - 995 Fire - 995 Police - 999

ELECTRICAL PLUGS



Electricity in Singapore is 230 Volts, alternating current at 50 cycles per second (Hz). If you travel to Singapore with a device that does not accept 230 Volts at 50 Hertz, you will need a voltage converter.

Outlets in Singapore generally accept the standard British type of plug: 2 inline horizontal flat pins with a center vertical flat ground pin. If your appliances plug has a different shape, you will need to use a plug adapter.

STAY HEALTHY

Tap Water: the water is safe for drinking and sanitation – standards very high – a tropical climate country so do drink lots of water.

Medical Care: the standard of medical care is excellent – please make sure your travel insurance is in order.

Singapore General Hospital: 6222 3322

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

The Marina Bay Sands Airport Shuttle:

Upon arrival: The Marina Bay Sands airport shuttle bus runs every 30 minutes, 7 days/week from all 4 terminals at Changi Airport. Simply present your MBS confirmation email to the MBS shuttle bus driver at the coach bay of your arrival terminal for free transfer to the MBS Hotel.

TAXI:

Upon arrival: Simply follow the signs after clearing customs. Meters are always used in Singapore and prices are very reasonable.

An airport day trip – runs between \$20.00 and \$30.00 including the \$3-\$5 airport surcharge.

There is an additional 50% surcharge applies between midnight and 6AM.

Taxis are plentiful and a reasonably fast & cost-effective means of traveling around the city.

Please abide by the queue method and use the marked areas in front of hotels, and businesses as well as street side for the most efficient result.

LIMOUSINES and VAN SIZE CABS:

Trips to anywhere in the city – after midnight. Trips before midnight may be more expensive due to traffic congestion fees paid during peak periods.

CONGESTION FEES:

As a means of traffic congestion management various time of day surcharges exist on Singapore roads. Please take this fact into consideration when planning your trip.

SUBWAY:

MRT & LRT trains run throughout the city and the LRT trains run to and from the Changi airport station between Terminal 2 and Terminal 3.

You can download the train route maps from www.smrt.com.sg and use it to navigate your way around the island. Look for signs for directions to subway stations.

CLOSEST SUBWAY STOPS TO MBS:

There is an MRT stop at Marina Bay (closest) and an MRT & LRT stop at Raffles Place, which is a short walk from the MBS.

SUBWAY TOURIST PASS

Lastly, a special subway tourist discount card is available for purchase online, <http://www.thesingaporetouristpass.com/html/index.htm> .

BUS

There is no better way to uncover Singapore's hidden charms than by taking a ride on an SMRT bus. Whether you are headed for a tourist attraction or a little-known corner of the island, the bus will take you there. With a fleet of 800 buses plying 74 routes, you are sure to discover something new about Singapore at every turn. Explore Singapore with SMRT Buses using this handy guide <http://www.smrt.com.sg/buses/documents/SMRTBusMRTGui.pdf> **FA.PDF** covering places of attraction, nature, sports/adventure/activities, cultural/history, and places of worship.

For Transit Discounts and more information about Getting around Singapore check out <http://www.ezlink.com.sg> .

MEETING PLANNER CONTACT INFO:

We are accessible via telephone, email, and fax. We look forward to seeing you all in Singapore at the MBS.

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PLEASE NOTE

Special Events at 802 Plenary that are open to all attendees: (No registration required)

IEEE-802 Workshop: Saturday, March 12, 2011 - 1-5pm

On Saturday March 12th, between 1pm and 5pm the IEEE-802 Executive Committee will conduct an Informational Workshop and Panel Discussion open to all 802 attendees (no registration required). The Topic will be "Introduction to the IEEE-802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee: Current Standards Projects and Future Directions". The workshop will take place at the Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre in the Sands Ballroom, Sections #JKL on the 5th Level. Please confirm location onsite.

New Member Orientation: Monday, March 14, 2011 10-11am

On Monday March 14th at 10:00am one of our experienced 802 members will conduct a one hour new member orientation session open to all 802 attendees, in Sands #JKL. Please confirm location onsite.

Welcome to Singapore: Monday, March 14, 2011 11:15am

On Monday March 14th at 11:15 am our Singapore Hosts will conduct a half-hour meeting open to all 802 attendees. The meeting will take place on the Convention Centre 5th Level in the Sands Ballroom #JKL. Please confirm this location onsite.

During this Welcome meeting our Host organizations: the **Singapore Tourism Board (STB)**, the **Infocomm Development Authority (IDA) of Singapore**, and the **Institute for Infocomm Research (I²R) of the Agency for Science, Technology, and Research (A-STAR)** will address our membership to introduce themselves and their organizations, and to extend their welcome to the IEEE-802 community for bringing the March 2011 Plenary Session to Singapore. Each organization may offer a few suggestions for special/unique things to see and do while in Singapore.

Please see the brief descriptions of each Host organization posted on the Plenary Session Portal at:
<http://iee802.facetoface-events.com/session/68>

Host Technical Plenary: Wednesday, March 16, 2011

6-7pm

On Wednesday March 16th, from 6pm to 7pm our Technical Hosts (**IDA & I²R**) will conduct a technical plenary meeting open to all 802 attendees. They will present information on their current & future Infocomm Research & Development projects that they believe will be of interest to IEEE-802 attendees. This plenary will take place on the 5th Level of the MBS Convention Centre in the Sands Ballroom #JKL. Please confirm location onsite. It will be followed by the IEEE-802 Social in Sands Ballroom #MNOP.

IEEE-802 Tutorial Topics: Monday, March 14, 2011

6-11pm

All 802 tutorials will take place on the 5th Level of the MBS Convention Centre in Sands Ballroom #JKL. Please confirm location onsite. See tutorial descriptions on the Portal for more info on the topics.

6:00 – 7:30 PM – Sponsored by IEEE- 802.15 WPAN WG

"Personal Space Communications (PSC): A first step for a new communication paradigm"

7:30 – 9:00 PM – Sponsored by IEEE- 802.11 WLAN WG

"Overview of IEEE 802.11 MESH Networking"

9:00 – 10:30 PM – Sponsored by IEEE- 802.16 BWA WG

"IEEE-802.16 in IMT-Advanced"