Novacom would be honored to welcome the members of the IEEE 802.5 Standards Committee to sunny Tel Aviv for the May (or, alternately, the September) interim meeting. Just 20 minutes from Ben Gurion International Airport, Tel Aviv is the capital of both Israeli business and entertainment, and has been called "the city that never sleeps". Located on the Mediterranean, Tel Aviv is just a 45 minute drive from Jerusalem and in close proximity to many scenic and historical sites.

For those of you who may be interested in touring while you're here, we will arrange a couple of optional evening excursions - the Port of Old Jaffa, Jerusalem - based on a show of interest. In addition, we will be happy to assist in making additional touring arrangements for anyone who would like to extend their stay over the weekend.

Below we have listed three possible venues for the meeting. They vary in price and facilities as follows:

Possible Meeting Venues

The Sharon Hotel - Hertzliya

\$90.00/night + \$31.00/day conference fee

Hertzliya is located 10 minutes outside of Tel Aviv and is the heart of Israel's Hi-Tech industry. Located just a short walk from the beach, the Sharon Hotel has comfortable facilities and is in close proximity to a number of restaurants and coffee houses for evening entertainment.

The Isrotel Tower Hotel - Tel Aviv

\$152.00/night + \$30.00/day conference fee

The Tower Hotel is a new, elegant suite hotel designed for business executives. All rooms are spacious two room suites with kitchenette (containing microwave, mini-fridge and cooking utensils). The hotel is very centrally located in Tel Aviv (five minute walk from the beach), and its facilities are designed to cater to business travelers rather than tourists (small sitting areas vs. large lobby/restaurants, etc.).

The Dan Panorama - Tel Aviv

\$150.00/night + \$33.00/day conference fee

The Dan Panorama, located a short walk from the Port of Old Jaffa and across the street from the Tel Aviv beaches, is a large hotel with excellent conference facilities. A member of the Dan Hotel chain, the Dan Panorama offers generous breakfast buffets and is situated in walking distance of shopping, restaurants and entertainment.

The Dan Hotel - Tel Aviv

\$170.00/night + \$36.00/day conference fee

The Dan is a 5-star seafront hotel located in close proximity to numerous restaurants, cafes and clubs. The hotel offers an enormous breakfast spread and comfortable business facilities.

There will be a daily conference participation fee of \$36.00 (maximum) per person.

Prices include breakfast, lunch, and conference break refreshments.

<u>Airfare</u>

Airfares to Israel vary greatly depending on origin, advance purchase and available deals at time of purchase. Following are samples of airfares from some central points of origin:

BA from London: £177 (with one Sunday)

Flight information from the West Coast, LA, and the East Coast, Boston or New York:

Lufthansa Airlines -- Boston to Tel Aviv: \$1259.20 Lufthansa Airlines -- LA to Tel Aviv: \$1547.20

El Al Airlines -- (TWA Boston to New York) New York to Tel Aviv: \$1257.00

El Al Airlines -- New York to Tel Aviv: \$1251.00

The dates used were 5-9 to 5-16-98, and the rates stay the same for Saturday night stay over or if you don't stay over on Saturday night.

Local Transportation

Car rental should be unnecessary at any of the above venues. A taxi from the airport to the hotels is approximately \$20.