

NON-NORTH AMERICAN VENUES

- 802 Standards are used globally
- Large percentage of 802 Session Attendees are Non-North American
- USA visa regulations not always friendly
- Meeting outside North America makes sense

But—

- Non-North American meetings are expensive

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- All plenary sessions have been booked through 2008
- One interim has been substituted in the meantime
 - January 2007- London
 - January 2008- Possible Sydney, NSW, AU
- First available plenary is March 2009
- These sessions require early commitment and advance planning for best cost

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- January 2008-Potential Venue is Sydney, NSW, AU
 - Sydney Hilton
 - Sydney Convention Center
 - Offers private space and more room than Hilton
 - Non negotiated budget based on 600 attendee break even would be around US\$800 for an early bird for either venue
- March 2009-looking at Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG)
 - Possible co-sponsor with IEC/ISO
 - No budget yet

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Straw Poll

- 3 Quick Questions -

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Straw Poll #1

- Have you traveled to this session from outside of North America?

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Straw Poll #2

- Is it important for IEEE 802 to be recognized as a global standards making body?

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Straw Poll #3

- Is it important for IEEE 802 to hold sessions in Non-North American venues?