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Proposal to Hold IEEE 802.16 Session #73 in Banff, Canada

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This document proposes to hold Session #73 in Banff, Alberta, Canada, on May 9-12 or May 16-19, 2011.

Host

The proposed member host is Ron Murias.

Dates

Meeting dates are to be decided by the Working Group. Proposed dates are May 9-12 or May 16-19, 2011.

Location

Banff, Canada is located in the Canadian Rocky Mountains, and is one of only two municipalities within a national park and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Banff is home to 8721 permanent residents, and host to 3 million visitors a year. The townsite is just under four (4) square km in area and, by law, will never be bigger (you can walk anywhere).

In May, Banff has nice spring weather, and both the popular ski hill ([Sunshine Village](#)) as well as the world renowned [Banff Springs Golf Club](#) (rated by Golf Digest as one of the top five golf courses in North America) will be open during the proposed meeting. Snow conditions remain excellent at this time of year, and you can ski in the morning and golf in the afternoon. Average daytime temperatures in mid-May are +15 to +20C, with nighttime lows of -5C to -10C. This area of the country is typically very sunny.

Venue

The proposed venue is the [Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel](#), a world class heritage hotel constructed in Scottish Baronial style, built in 1928 by the Canadian Pacific Railway company. The hotel is one of a [Canada's grand railway hotels](#) built by railway companies to serve customers traveling on the rail lines.

On site is the [Willow Stream Spa](#), which includes spa lounges, whirlpools, steam rooms, saunas and Eucalyptus inhalation rooms, waterfall treatment whirlpools, and an indoor European therapeutic mineral pool. The fitness center includes personal training and assessments, fitness, yoga, conditioning, and cardio classes, machine and free weights, cardio machines, and yoga mats/blocks/straps. There is also a 32-metre lap pool and a 20-metre outdoor heated pool (open year round).

There is a wide variety of restaurants (Asian, Italian, fondue, western) in the hotel and many more in the townsite (a 10-minute walk away). Transportation to/from the hotel will be provided on request. There is also a wine store providing wine tastings and cooking demonstrations, specializing in Canadian wines.

The hotel will arrange golf course tee times, ski rentals, tickets, and ski hill transportation for you.

Meeting Facilities

The hotel has over 76,000 square feet of meeting space on site and is currently holding the meeting space in anticipation of the IEEE meeting. The following rooms are pre-allocated for IEEE (currently pre-allocated for both prospective weeks):

Date	Period	Space	Size
Monday, May 9 - Thursday, May 13	All Day + Evening	Angus	12
		Strathcona	12
		Alberta	300
		Ivor Petrak	100
		Alhambra	100
		New Brunswick	100
Friday, May 14	Morning	Angus	12

Accommodations

Room	Description
Fairmont	Designed for 1-2 people, most popular. King, Queen or two Twins.
Deluxe	Additional space (30% larger), King, two Queen, or 1 Queen + 1 Twin.
Deluxe Premier	Ideal for families, includes seating area (sofa, armchairs). King or two Queens.
Signature Room	Distinctive architectural details, King beds.
Fairmont Gold	Separate floor, check-in, and concierge. Lounge has hot breakfast buffet, complementary beverages, fireplace, soft seating.
Junior Suite	Larger room, sitting area, King plus double sofa bed.
Executive Suite	Desk, more elegant decore, larger than Junior Suite, 1 King or 2 Queen beds.
1 bdrm Suite	Separate room for sitting area, King bed plus sofa bed, around 600 sq. ft.
2 bdrm Suite	Family, friends, or group, luxurious spacious parlor area. 1 King in the master bedroom, 2 twins in the second bedroom, 1000 sq. ft.
Presidential Suite	1500 sq. ft., panoramic views, dining room table, wood burning fireplace, split level layout, grand piano, library, King bed in the master bedroom, ensuite has whirlpool.

Internet Service

The hotel currently has high speed internet connections to all rooms, and a backhaul upgrade to fibre is scheduled for September, 2010.

Checklist

For additional details, see Annex A (Checklist to Accompany IEEE 802.16 Interim Session Proposals).

Individual Host (normally a Working Group Member)	Ron Murias
Corporate Host or Hosts	TBA
Additional Corporate Supporter or Supporters (if any)	TBA
City	Calgary/Banff Canada
Hotel	Fairmont Banff Springs
Proposed Dates	May 9-12, 2011, May 16-20, 2011
Does Corporate Host agree to accept any financial loss?	TBA
Does Corporate Host agree to turn over any financial surplus?	TBA
Registration Fee	~\$400 CDN
Advance Registration Fee	TBD
Hotel status (reserved? contract offered?)	Reserved
Number of sleeping rooms offered in block	250-300
Sleeping Room cutoff date	TBD
Sleeping Room Rate	~\$200 CDN
Will the Host provide a registration desk?	Yes
Will the Host accept registration fees and provide receipts?	Yes
Will the Host maintain a list of paid registrants?	Yes
Will breakfast and coffe/tea/snack breaks be included?	Yes
Will lunches be included in the registration fee?	Optional (TBD)
Will the Host sponsor (pay for) a social event?	Yes
Will the Host sponsor (pay for) any other functions or features?	TBA
Will classroom-style meeting rooms be included?	Yes

What are the seating capacities of the meeting rooms?	
Is hotel currently holding these rooms for the group?	Yes
Will all meeting rooms be available both day and night?	Yes
Will Internet connectivity be provided?	Yes
Will wireless LAN access be provided?	Yes
Will a local server be provided?	Yes (802.16 server)
Will the Host provide network technical support?	Yes
Special features: describe in separate contributed document	<contribution number>