Dear ACFA members,

I am really sorry for so much delayed response after my last contact more than a year. Loss of communications among ACFA members is entirely my fault of not making proper contacts to you.

I hope you are all safe though the COVID-19 pandemic and after mass of the troubled world.

I was under heavy burden of requests for taking a leadership for the construction of new light source since May 2020 when Korean government approved new project to be built in Ochang, Chungbuk. In September 2021, there was a series of official interviews and the decision was made. I was appointed as the Project Director of new light source on October 1, 2021 and I had to move Ochang from Pohang. The new light source project was belonged to the Korea Basic Science Institute (KBSI), so I became an employee of government sponsored institute. There is a huge difference between POSTECH and KBSI in working culture, research environment, information security, and many. It took me several months of adaptation period. At the same time, I had to make a working plan to collaborate with PAL, which is a fully experienced institute for the construction of light sources and beamlines. I was also pretty busy to form a new project team inside KBSI.

I should have been contact as early as possible. However, after a certain period of not realizing my role as an ACFA chair, I was afraid of what I have not done properly. This makes me hesitate and a further delay for writing this letter. I would like ask your generous understanding.

Sincerely yours,

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ACFA Chair