Dear ACFA Members,

On April 24, I have sent out an email requesting your decisions for following items:

*(…) Today, we have three items to make decisions.*

*Based on the minutes, we need further information about IPAC24 student grant status besides the information given during the video meeting. However, there is no further information given for IPAC24 as mentioned in Item 3.G of the minutes. Thus, I suggest you to make our decision for item 3.F.*

1. *ACAS will nominate the regional student grant coordinator to IPAC LOC as suggested by Rohan Dowd and Eugene Tan.*

*For HEP issue, we have two decisions to make as follows:*

1. *Creating ACFA HEP subgroup proposed by Geoffrey Taylor.*
2. *Adding a phrase of “ACFA will allow subgroups.” to the Article 3 of ACFA Bylaws.*

By May 1, there are 26 replies out of 36\* members and Working Group Chairs (excluding ACFA Chair). I sincerely appreciate all of you for your replies on time.

\*Note: There are four mails (alok@vecc.gov.in, lhkhiem@iop.vast.ac.vn, hasekawa.kazuo@jaea.go.jp, akiya.miyamoto@kek.jp) never reached their destinations.

All replies say YES to three items. Thus, I am pleased to announce that

1. ACAS, Australia will nominate the regional student grant coordinator to IPAC LOC.
2. ACFA HEP subgroup is now created.
3. ACFA Bylaw is changed by adding “ACFA may also establish subgroups for specific disciplines based on the consensus of the representatives.” to the Article 3 as shown in red in the attached file. As mentioned during the video meeting, I asked Richard Garrett for the proper expression of “ACFA will allow subgroups.” He suggested as red marked above to fit the tone of other articles. Thank you Richard.

I am very glad that Asia HEP community is finally joined to ACFA. Big congratulations to Professor Geoffrey Taylor and his HEP colleagues. Years-long persuasions by Prof. Taylor and his colleagues finally paid off. I hope that new HEP activities will bring more vitality to ACFA.

I also express sincere thanks to ACAS for their voluntary action for IPAC regional student grant coordinator. I always feel sorry that ACFA does not have any real base except KEK, Japan in early stage of ACFA. Now, I am happy to ask Dr. Rohan Dowd and Dr. Eugene Tan to nominate the coordinator.

I have one more announcement:

Prof. Phil Chan of Singapore informed me on April 17 that his ACFA membership is replaced by Prof. Andrew Bettiol (Dept. of Physics, National University of Singapore [a.bettiol@nus.edu.sg](mailto:a.bettiol@nus.edu.sg) ). Thank you very much Prof. Chan for your service during your term, and welcome Prof. Bettiol as a new ACFA member.

Please let me know if you have any membership change.

I would also like to remind you that my term of ACFA Chair is reaching to two years as mentioned in the video meeting. Due to my current situation as Project Director, it is very difficult to manage ACFA properly. I wish your generous understanding, and I urge you to start finding new Chair.

Once again, thank you very much for your collaboration.

Sincerely yours,

In Soo Ko

ACFA Chair