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Dr. Akos Vertes  
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Dear Dr. Vertes,

On behalf of the Division of Chemistry, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation for your participation in the 2010 Chemistry Committee of Visitors. As a member of the COV, you were selected due to your scientific expertise and awareness of developments in your respective field of chemical sciences. Your evaluation of the Division of Chemistry's performance in funding the best research and education is influenced by these factors, thus we greatly appreciate your thoughtful work and insightful report.

We are especially grateful for your patience and understanding in the rescheduling of the COV due to the surprising snowstorm experienced by the DC area this past winter. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused and appreciate your commitment to participate in the COV despite the scheduling change.

As recognized by the COV, the Division of Chemistry is committed to continue funding outstanding science. Our scientific staff will strive to continue demonstrating excellence in the management of a diverse portfolio. The Division's response to the COV recommendations is available at [http://www.nsf.gov/mps/advisory/covdocs/CHEResponse\\_2010.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/mps/advisory/covdocs/CHEResponse_2010.pdf). This response will be updated annually.

Again, thank you for your commitment to the field of chemical science and your participation in the 2010 Chemistry COV.

Sincerely,



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Division Director



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Acting Deputy Division Director

