Recipient of the
First Five Years - Outstanding
Contribution Award

Chris Barr –
Department of Chemistry

Chris Barr is the Senior Scientific Assistant for Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy in the Department of Chemistry.

Chris came to UVic in 2011, after 14 years in government and industry, managing Nuclear Magnetic Resonance – NMR – facilities. NMR is the single most important tool for probing the structures of new chemicals, and a large portion of research and teaching in chemistry depends on the reliability and perfect functioning of the equipment.

Shortly after his arrival at UVic, Chris was tasked with designing a brand new facility for three of the four NMR instruments on campus. He designed the project from scratch and then guided the entire construction process through to completion. The new NMR facility opened in May 2013, and has been functioning flawlessly ever since.

In addition, Chris is an excellent manager who is capable of balancing his time between conflicting demands. He is a rare example of someone who has the organizational skills to maintain a perfectly operational facility; the technical skills to design highly effective experiments, and the communication skills to support students, faculty and researchers from many backgrounds and cultures.

Congratulations Chris!