

## **Purchasing Announces new Director**

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Dear Colleagues,

It is with pleasure we would like to announce that Mr. Xavier Serrano has accepted the position of Director of Purchasing at UVic, effective February 3, 2014. Xavier is a procurement professional with over 16 years of experience in procurement, strategic sourcing and supply management. He was previously Senior Procurement Advisor, Strategic Sourcing at BC Hydro, a position he has held since 2008. While at BC Hydro, Xavier was responsible for leading procurement processes including Smart Meters and related Meter Data Management systems.

From 2004 to 2008, Xavier was the Associate Director/Manager of Facilities at Douglas College responsible for purchasing, logistics, Bookstore, Mail Services and Print Services. Prior to that role, Xavier was the Business Systems Manager at IntraWest, managing a food and beverage purchasing and distribution department servicing 15 business units at the Blackcomb/Whistler resort. Xavier holds an MBA from Athabasca University and is a Certified Supply Chain Management professional. He currently instructs in the Supply Chain Management Professional (SCMP) Designation program.

John Braybrook, UVic's previous Director of Purchasing will be transitioning to a new role representing the university in provincial shared service procurement initiatives before retiring later in 2014.