

# Marian Ponte

Independent Scientific & Regulatory Consultant

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## Professional Summary

Scientific and regulatory consultant with more than 30 years of experience in environmental fate, plant and animal metabolism, and residue chemistry, rising from Assistant Research Chemist to General Manager at a major agrochemical CRO. Conducted, monitored, and/or oversaw more than 200 regulatory studies for agrochemical, industrial, and consumer product submissions to U.S. (OCSP, FDA) and international agencies (EU, JMAFF, IBAMA). Specialized in complex chemistries, designing unique studies requested by regulatory bodies, improving laboratory efficiency and equipment performance, and providing clear scientific and regulatory narratives for global submissions.

## Core Expertise

- Environmental fate, plant & animal metabolism, residue chemistry
- GLP study design, oversight, and compliance
- Regulatory strategy (EPA OCSP, FDA, EU, OECD, JMAFF, PMRA, IBAMA)
- Complex study design for challenging chemistries
- Analytical method development; radioisotopic techniques ( $^{14}\text{C}$ ,  $^3\text{H}$ )
- Unknown metabolite isolation, purification, identification
- Critical data evaluation for submission suitability
- Laboratory operations, budgeting, business development
- Mentoring, training, leadership development
- Scientific and regulatory report authorship; agency communication

## Selected Experience

- Oversaw more than 200 regulatory studies with direct communication with U.S. and international agencies.
- Managed financial and operational performance of a 51-employee laboratory and coordinated with U.S. and EU sister labs.
- Served as SME for environmental fate and metabolism for U.S. and EU agrochemical divisions.
- Designed unique studies requested by regulatory bodies to resolve complex scientific issues.
- Created mentoring and succession programs across Environmental Fate, Metabolism, and Residue divisions.

- Provided consulting expertise for agrochemical, biopesticide, consumer product, and pharmaceutical clients.

## **Career History**

- Founder & Scientific Consultant, Marian Ponte Consultant, LLC - 2025 to Present
- Managing Scientist, Exponent, Inc. - 2021 to 2025
- General Manager / Senior Scientific Advisor, Eurofins Agrosience Services - 2016 to 2021
- Director, EAG/EAS Life Science Division - 2012 to 2016
- Associate Director -> Assistant Research Chemist, PTRL West - 1991 to 2012

## **Education**

- B.S., Chemistry - Florida International University (1989)

## **Affiliations**

- American Chemical Society (since 1989)
- Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (1997 to 2023)

## **Selected Publications**

- Peer-reviewed papers in Chemical Geology and J. Agric. Food Chem.; ACS conference presentations; keynote speaker at SELAMAT Workshop; chapter author in ACS Symposium Series.