

Marian Ponte

Independent Scientific & Regulatory Consultant

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Professional Summary

More than 30 years of experience in environmental fate, plant and animal metabolism, and residue chemistry, including a full career at a major agrochemical CRO, rising from Assistant Research Chemist to General Manager. 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). Served as subject matter expert for U.S. and EU agrochemical divisions, specializing in complex chemistries and designing unique studies requested by regulatory bodies. Experienced in laboratory operations, budgeting, business development, mentoring, and succession planning.

Core Competencies

Environmental fate and metabolism - Residue chemistry - GLP study design and oversight - Regulatory strategy (EPA OCSP, FDA, EU, OECD, JMAFF, PMRA, IBAMA) - Analytical method development - Radioisotopic techniques (^{14}C , ^3H) - Unknown metabolite identification - Data evaluation - Laboratory operations - Project management - CRO selection - Scientific writing - Agency communication - Mentoring and leadership development

Professional Experience

Marian Ponte Consultant, LLC - Founder & Scientific Consultant (2025-Present)

- Provide scientific, technical, and compliance expertise in environmental fate, metabolism, and residue for global registrations (US OCSP, EU, OECD, IBAMA, JMAFF, MFDS).
- Deliver tailored training for study directors and principal investigators on regulatory study design, QA alignment, and multi-guideline compliance.

Exponent, Inc. - Managing Scientist (2021-2025)

- Consultant specializing in environmental fate, metabolism, and analytical chemistry for agrochemical, consumer product, and pharmaceutical clients.
- Study Monitor and Study Director for environmental fate, residue, and metabolism studies.
- Direct communication with EPA OCSP, PMRA, OECD, and IBAMA.
- Evaluated and selected CROs based on capabilities and regulatory discipline needs.

Eurofins Agrosience Services - General Manager (2018-2021); Senior Scientific Advisor (2016-2018)

- Led financial and operational performance of the Hercules laboratory with up to 51 employees.
- Coordinated with U.S. and EU sister laboratories.
- Advised sponsors on guideline requirements, study design, and regulatory expectations.
- Created internal mentoring programs and served as SME for Environmental Fate & Metabolism.

EAG/EAS Life Science Division - Director (2012-2016)

- Scientific advisor on GLP Environmental Fate, Metabolism, and Residue studies.
- Developed budgets, managed operations, and strengthened client partnerships.
- Published white papers, webinars, and conference presentations.

PTRL West - Associate Director to Assistant Research Chemist (1991-2012)

- Managed Environmental Fate department operations and coordinated resources across programs.
- Served as Study Director for 15-25 concurrent GLP studies.
- Supervised and mentored scientific staff.
- Developed new study setups and exclusive glassware.
- Conducted analytical method development, radioisotope studies, chromatographic analyses, and data interpretation.
- Interacted directly with sponsors and prepared regulatory study reports.

Education

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

Publications & Presentations

(Include full list from resume.)

Additional Information

- Fluent in English and Spanish; working knowledge of Italian and Portuguese.
- Opera singer (1980-2025) with performances in Caracas, Miami, and the San Francisco Bay Area.