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Edna Matta-Camacho, PhD

Assessment Officer  
Health Canada

A scientist with more than 15 years of combined national and international experience in research and management for academia, private, NGO & government sectors. Dr. Matta-Camacho holds a degree in Chemistry from Universidad Nacional in Colombia, a master's degree in Biochemistry from UNAM in Mexico, a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from McGill University, and an MBA from Carleton University in Canada.

She is an Assessment Officer at the Therapeutic Products Directorate in Health Canada, where she oversees scientific files of basic and applied research to assess and advise on the potential benefits and risks of prescription pharmaceutical drugs for human use.

Dr. Matta-Camacho is the Founder & Director General of the STEM sin Fronteras (Without Borders) Foundation, a Colombo-Canadian project that strives to position education and equity in the rural areas of Colombia & Latin America at the forefront of social development. Dr. Matta-Camacho is one of the co-Founders of the Immigrant & International Women in Science (IWS) Network and member of the steering committee for the Health Products and Food Branch Science Network, a community that promotes scientific excellence, advises on horizontal science issues, and facilitates science-policy integration in Canada.

Mom, Leader & EDI Advocate

"By creating education accessible to everyone, especially minorities and low-income populations, we can lower the barriers in STEM fields and social disparities worldwide"



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Katia Betito, PhD

President  
ATGen Canada

A graduate of McGill University, Dr. Katia Betito holds a Ph.D. in Pharmacology and Therapeutics (1993) and a Bachelor's degree in Physiology (1987). Dr. Betito has lectured at McGill University in the Department of Pharmacology in introductory and graduate courses, in the Department of Parasitology and in the Department of Family Medicine, has taught science to both elementary and high school students and has published numerous articles in peer reviewed journals.

In 1992, Dr. Betito joined Sabex Inc. (now Sandoz, a division of Novartis), a pharmaceutical manufacturer of sterile products, as Manager, Regulatory Affairs, later occupying the position of Director of Regulatory Affairs. In this capacity, Dr. Betito oversaw a department which was responsible for federal and provincial regulatory affairs, medical information and clinical trials. In 1999, Dr. Betito joined Paladin Labs Inc., as their Executive Director, Scientific Affairs. In this capacity, Dr. Betito's responsibilities included regulatory affairs at both federal and provincial levels, clinical trials, quality control, drug development and medical information.

In 2003, Dr. Betito launched RegPharm Consulting Inc., providing strategic guidance and assistance to pharmaceutical, medical device, natural health product and cosmetic companies, helping with regulatory submissions, provincial reimbursement submissions and medical writing. In addition to her consulting work, in 2013, Dr. Betito helped launch the Canadian subsidiary of the immunodiagnostics company ATGen, working first as Director then as Vice President of Scientific Affairs where she was responsible for all aspects of scientific affairs including regulatory affairs, ISO 13485 certification and quality assurance, medical information and technical services, development and implementation of the Canadian clinical trial program, supervision of Medical Science Liaisons, interactions with physicians and external clinical laboratories, supervision of advisory boards and scientific committees, as well as with assistance on global research and development projects. In November of 2018, she took over the role of President, where she is responsible for marketing, P&L, administration and scientific affairs.

Dr. Betito is also on the symposium committee for the Canadian Association of Professional Regulatory Affairs and is a mentor for college- and university-level science students.



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Laurence Bourget-Merle, PhD

Patent Agent  
ROBIC

Dr. Laurence Bourget-Merle has been working as a patent agent at ROBIC for 18 years. She specializes in the drafting and prosecution of patent applications, and in providing patentability, validity, infringement and right to manufacture opinions in all the fields of chemistry, and more particularly organic, inorganic and polymer chemistry.

She studied in Marseille and Montpellier, France. She was awarded a doctorate in organic, inorganic and industrial chemistry from the Université de Montpellier II in 1996. Her doctorate focused on the preparation of silica, organosilsequioxanes and silicon resins using a non-hydrolytic Sol-Gel process.

From 1997 to 2000, Laurence was a post-doctorate (Marie-Curie Fellowship) with Professor M. Lappert at University of Sussex, England, where she worked on the synthesis of  $\beta$ -diketiminato and 1-azaallyl metal complexes useful as catalysts for polymerization.

In 2001, she moved to the Netherlands where she worked as a research assistant with Professor G. Van Koten, Utrecht Universiteit. Her research was directed to the synthesis of carbosilane dendrimers and the grafting thereof to silica to modify the physico-chemical properties of silica.

In 2003, she worked as a research assistant with Professor G. Hanan at Université de Montréal on the synthesis of polypyridyl like ligands and their ruthenium(II) complexes with luminescence properties.



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Rina Gandhi, MSc, PMP

Director of Content  
IC Axon

Rina earned BSc in Biochemistry from Concordia University and her MSc in Neuroscience in 2006 from McGill University, after which she continued to work as a Research Assistant until joining IC Axon as a Medical Writer in 2008.

At IC Axon, Rina combined her interests in science with her passion for communication and creativity to develop sales training content for pharmaceutical sales representatives.

Over the last 15 years she took on producing sales training curricula and events for numerous pharmaceutical product launches in a variety of therapeutic areas and rounded out her skill set with a certificate in instructional design and a PMP certification; she is now the Director of the Content department, where she leads a team of nearly 60 Medical Writers, Medical Editors, and support staff.



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