

Marisa MELONI - Short CV

Marisa Meloni has both an academic and an industrial background: PharmaD and PhD in Drug delivery and Cutaneous Biophysics from the University René Descartes Paris V, she has been for more than 15 years contract professor for dermatological products technology and safety assessment of topical products at Milano, Salerno and Padova Universities and at the same time in charge as R&D Manager focusing *in vitro* strategies and implementing Alternatives to animal testing within the pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries.

In 2001, she founded VitroScreen, an *in vitro* research Laboratory, and as CEO she was committed to developing *in vitro* systems as 3D human tissues and MPS with the mission to introduce high quality, human relevant and predictive *in vitro* models for regulatory, pre-clinical, R&D and mechanism based experimental models in life sciences.

Since October 2024 she is consulting as *in vitro* Science and NAMs Expert within advanced biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries.

EXPERIENCES

- **1993- 2001:** R&D Manager at Diana de Silva Cosmétiques SpA and Manager of the *In vitro* testing Laboratory
- **1994-2001:** Contract Professor of Cosmetic Science and Technology at Milan and Salerno Universities
- **2002-2006:** Contract Professor of Safety assessment at Padova University
- **2001-2024:** CEO and GLP Testing Facilities Director at VitroScreen s.r.l

Present position: Independent consultant as *In vitro* Science and NAMs Expert

MEMBERSHIPS

- ECVAM expert meeting for Eye irritation (2005)
- EU Commission - DG ENTREPRISE, team member for the guidelines on "Safety evaluation of finished cosmetic products considering a ban on animal testing" (1999-2000)
- Member of IPAM and CELLTOX (President 2011-2014)
- Member of PARERE (Network for Preliminary Analysis of Regulatory Relevance) as Italian expert and coordinator of the Cosmetic sector (July 2016-present)