

Meet the IVT Board: Ivan Soto

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IVT Network is pleased to introduce our new Q&A series, meet the IVT board, highlighting our many diverse and highly-skilled Advisory Board members. For those who are new to the IVT Network, this series will provide insight into the daily lives of our busy Board members, and for those who are IVT veterans, the opportunity to learn more about their colleagues who are moving the needle in this quickly changing industry.

Our first interview features longtime writer and speaker for IVT Network, [Ivan Soto](#), who has shared with us some insight into his background and career.

Can you tell me a little bit about who yourself?

My name is Ivan Soto, Director Client Engagement & Product Strategy at ValGenesis Systems. I love sports such as swimming, bicycling, and scuba diving. I am an avid underwater videographer and love to interact and film large marine life such as sharks, stingrays, eagle rays, and turtles.

How did you get started in your industry?

I started in the industry right after college as a bench chemist for Merck Pharmaceuticals. Working in the industry was my goal since high school.

Would you mind walking me through a typical day?

A typical day is quite busy with teleconferences, meetings, creating blogs, articles, promotional materials, presentations for conferences and providing strategic support to the business. I also lead webinars related to validation, regulatory requirements and industry standards applicable to the industry.

What part of this job do you personally find most satisfying? Most challenging?

A: The most satisfying part of my job is being a change agent for the industry and promoting technology that eliminates the inefficiencies related to paper [you can check out his article on paperless cleaning validation lifecycle management [here](#)]. It is also very satisfying to speak in conferences, share knowledge and be recognized as an industry expert.

Do you have any advice for someone just starting out in the industry?

Learning is a journey, not an occurrence. Make sure that you learn many different areas of the industry, as this will enable career development and growth.

We thank Ivan for his participating. IVT Network will publish the "Meet the Board" Q&A series monthly, so be sure to **sign up for the newsletter** and follow us on social media for updates on the next installation.

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