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Currently she divides her time between the Centre de développement du porc du Québec inc (CDPQ) in Canada where she is director of research and development for swine health, and Batista & Asociados a one woman practice offering integral consulting to the swine industry around the world. Laura's main areas of focus are swine farm and regional biosecurity, and PRRSV regional control. Her latest research involves testing of air filtration as an option to control regional dissemination of PRRSV. Since March of 2009 she is director of the producer organized program for regional disease control of swine diseases in Sonora, Mexico.

Laura is also president of the Mexican Association of Swine Practitioners (AMVEC) for the period of 2007-2009, association that in 1999 recognized her as the Veterinarian of the Year due to her leadership and contributions to the Mexican swine industry, several other Mexican regional associations have also awarded her honorary memberships.