AVS/IVSA UK & Ireland Elections 2020

Name: Emilia Broadbent

Position: IVSA Public Health Officer

Vet School: Cambridge

Year: 4

About me:

Hi! I’m Emilia, a 4th year vet student at Cambridge, loving the vet student life. Whilst the childhood dream for me was to be an equine surgeon, having enjoyed all aspects of vet med I now think my career could take me anywhere, and I’m increasingly interested in non clinical aspects of vet med such as policy and one health. I really enjoy my current role on AVS committee as the Cambridge rep, both the organisational aspect, and the meetings and opportunities to make a difference to vet students’ experiences. When I’m not being a vet student, I can be found cross country running with my whippets or in the pub!

Experience:

I’ve been on the AVS committee for 2 years and loved working within various subcommittees to make a difference for vet students. Through this I’ve gained much invaluable experience in the workings of AVS, and to how I can effectively contribute. I’m also a Judge of the AVS grants and working with the other judges has allowed me to hone my communication and organisational skills. It has also given me a understanding of the breadth of student experiences, so I can be effective in my role. Having been the social secretary of 2 societies and on the organising committee for Freshers Week, I have a lot of experience in throwing many (what I hope have been!) fun events.

What I would try to achieve in my role:

I’d love to increase awareness of the many and exciting opportunities for here for us vet students, both in the UK, and abroad, on an international level. In order to effectively do this, and ensure all vet students (even pre clins!) are aware of the fab opportunities despite the busy lives we all lead, I would set up & promote amongst students an Instagram specifically dedicated to all things veterinary public health related for students. So I’d be able to raise awareness of VPH events & issues even whilst we have our procrastination insta scroll! I’d also like to produce and widely distribute a regular student VPH newsletter, containing info on public health career and EMS opportunities, as well as student events and opinions. I’m really excited at the prospect of organising a fascinating and thought provoking annual VPH conference. There are so many interesting aspects to public health, from both a veterinary and a one health perspective, and I’d love to bring students together to experience this.

Why you should vote for me:

I would love to increase awareness and promote all things vet public health related, and I believe my previous AVS committee positions have given me the vital experience and knowledge to do that effectively. I’m really enthusiastic and motivated to ensure everyone can get as much out of vet school as possible and is fully aware and up to date about vet public heath events & issues.