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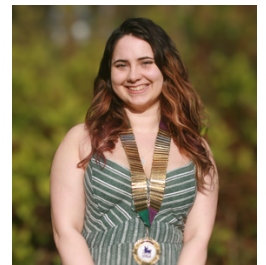
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Charlotte Jones

President



Welcome to the first edition of our monthly newsletter. The Association of Veterinary Students (AVS) is widely known for our annual Sports Weekend and Congress, both held in a different vet school each year. This newsletter is to regularly update our members with the goings-on behind the scenes, and to showcase the other opportunities AVS provides.

What is AVS?

We are the student-led division of the British Veterinary Association, and represent students at each of the 12 vet schools across the UK and Ireland. We aim to act as a bridge between students and other members of the profession. Our executive members of the committee often attend meetings with BVA, the RCVS and Veterinary Schools Council to ensure the student opinion is considered when policies are created.



We also act as a facilitating body for many grants and other student opportunities such as our bi-annual journal, [JAVS](#). This newsletter is to present these in an easy-to-read format to ensure nothing is missed! These will be at the end of each issue.

Please read our Strategic Plan on [our website](#) for more information on our mission and aims for the next three years.

Contact your University rep if you have any questions, [you can find their details on our website](#).

Updates from our March meeting

Claire Hunter

Secretary

2024-2025 Appointed Committee

- Charlotte Jones - President
- Jack Conway - Senior Vice President
- Jayson Hughes - Junior Vice President
- Claire Hunter - Secretary
- Tracey Lee - Treasurer
- Niamh Young - Welfare officer
- Jess Knowles - IVSA UK President
- Bhoomika Bhat - IVSA UK VP
- James Burgess - Communications officer
- Evonne Lo - Grants & Sponsorship officer
- Phoebe Sussman - Senior JAVS editor
- Jess Crichard - Junior JAVS editor

President updates

- We have been continuing to work with Vet Schools Council, RCVS and BVA regarding harassment on EMS
 - We are aiming to co-launch a further survey over the summer
- Continued to show presence at London Vet Show and BVA Live
- AVS x VDS grant winners have been selected and informed





IVSA Meeting in Bristol in 2023

IVSA updates

- Being an AVS member, you are automatically a member of [IVSA](#)
- Looking to arrange group exchanges around the world
- Individual exchanges can also be arranged
- IVSA have 33,000 members globally!
- Congress held yearly around the world, previously Brazil and Indonesia
- IVSA Ireland have recently arranged an exchange with students in Norway

UCLan: The newest UK vet school

by Molly Martin

UCLan Senior Rep

UCLan is the newest vet school in the UK with 76 students in their first cohort. We were welcomed into the UCLan family in September and have been spoilt rotten with the amazing staff looking after us very well.

So far it's been a wild ride. Our weeks are very busy and there is a lot of content, as the staff aim to teach us on a spiral curriculum, meaning they give us a basic overview of everything we need to know, and we will build on that knowledge over our 5 years here.

Something a little different here at UCLan is that we start our first intramural rotations (IMR) placements in first year. Everyone from the cohort were sent to an assigned vets for 2 weeks in February where we got to spend some time in all areas of the practice to truly understand how all members of a vet practice work harmoniously to provide the best care and service to patients and their owners. We all had a brilliant time on IMR and we will be returning back to the same assigned vet every year until we graduate.



Molly's first intramural rotations placement



UCLan at AVS Congress 2024

The staff here at UCLan are absolutely fantastic. We have a range of incredible vets and vet nurses. We are also assigned both a personal tutor and a personal coach. Our tutor is there mainly for the academic side of things, whereas our coaches are there for everything else, whether that be wellbeing, what you get up to outside of uni and generally to see how we are coping with everything. The UCLan Vet School staff are huge on mental health, and are so welcoming and more than happy to listen to any concerns, and point you in the right direction if need be.

There are so many things to do here at UCLan, and so many different sports and societies to get involved with. We are still awaiting the completion of our new vet school, which should be finished next year, where we will finally have a building to call home! It's all very exciting!

Other news and opportunities

JAVS submissions are now OPEN!

Our JAVS editors Phoebe and Jess work on pulling articles from students together to release JAVS ("Journal of the Association of Veterinary Students") twice a year. We're currently accepting applications for JAVS Lite (Fresher's version!) and JAVS 2025, which will be released at Congress in Cambridge. We welcome all types of articles, from student experiences on EMS to rebuilding the vet community post-covid. To submit or ask questions, please email Phoebe at javseditor@gmail.com.



Congress 2025 to be in Cambridge

Our annual Congress will be 7-9th February 2025. Join us for a weekend of lectures, practicals, a black-tie dinner and the chance to meet vet students at other unis. The committee are already working to fill the weekend with great lecturers, clinicians and a full careers fair. Tickets will be released later in 2024, info on instagram [@avscongress_cam2025](https://www.instagram.com/avscongress_cam2025)



AWF Discussion Forum

The Discussion Forum is a unique event dedicated entirely to animal welfare, providing a platform for world-leading experts to discuss and debate topical cross-species welfare issues.

Date: Monday 13th May

Location: Cavendish Conference Centre, London W1G 9DT

Tickets are £70 for students including lunch and evening reception

To book your place, or to find out more about the day, please go to the [2024 Discussion Forum webpage](#).



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