

AVS/IVSA UK & Ireland Elections 2020

Name: Catherine Ross

Position: Exchange Officer (IVSA)

Vet School: University of Glasgow

Year: 3rd year

About me:

I am a third-year vet student at the university of Glasgow. My main veterinary interest is equine medicine and surgery. Outside of vet school I enjoy competing in showjumping with my horses, hiking and of course, travelling.

Experience:

For the last year I have held the role of exchange officer at IVSA Glasgow. My interest in IVSA was sparked following an exchange to Vienna. I have thoroughly enjoyed this role and working within a team to build up IVSA at Glasgow University. We have hosted two exchanges so far! My role in this was to organise the exchange, including itinerary, accommodation and food, as well as overseeing all work done by the organising committee. I have also been involved in organising several fundraising events including pub quizzes, bakes sales, a 5K and Pet holiday photoshoot. I have recently stepped into president's role, which has involved organising committee meetings, ensuring everything is prepared and delegating jobs to committee members. I attended congress in Croatia in summer 2019, which allowed me to gain an insight into IVSA Global and how it works. I believe this has helped me immensely in my role at Glasgow and would similarly help me in a role at UK and Ireland level.

What I would try to achieve in my role:

I would like to continue with the current plans for a national exchange and involve other university reps in this process. I would like to improve the communication between IVSA UK and Ireland and university reps; assisting them through the planning of their exchanges and other events. I would also like to increase the communication between universities; as a rep I found it very useful to hear about how others run their chapter, allowing IVSA Glasgow to adopt new ideas. I think it would be beneficial to do this on a more regular basis. I would like to continue to encourage both incoming and outgoing individual exchanges.

Why you should vote for me:

I have experience of IVSA at a local, National and Global level. I have held the role as local EO successfully. I am very passionate about IVSA and am only in my 3rd year. Therefore I have time to put into this role.