

AVS/IVSA UK & Ireland Elections 2021

Name: Sze Lynn Yuen

Position: IVSA President

Vet School: Cambridge

Year: 3rd year

About me:

I'm Sze Lynn, a 3rd year vet at Girton College, Cambridge. I'm from Malaysia but have been studying and living in the UK for 5 years now. I enjoy food photography and blogging in my free time as well as travelling and exploring other cultures. Aside from this, I have 2 Border Collies that I adore to bits! I have known about the IVSA during my pre-university days and have been excited about being a part of it ever since. I am an approachable and proactive student who has been enjoying the veterinary course so far!

Experience:

In my role as the IVSA Junior Rep in Cambridge this year, I hosted and moderated talks with external speakers from Malaysia, Canada and Australia on various veterinary-related topics in an effort to promote the IVSA to UK vet students during a very difficult year. This has proven to be successful as there was a steady increase in attendees for our events and I would love to continue increasing this student participation at in-person events in the future. Being the Secretary of the Cambridge University Scientific Society, I was involved in organising meetings, managed mailing lists and took part in decision-making processes as part of the executive committee. I have also represented ideas and feedback from the veterinary student body to the teaching committee in my role as a module rep last year.

What I would try to achieve in my role:

- Re-implement a national IVSA exchange between Dublin vet school and UK veterinary schools seeing that the plan was disrupted due to the pandemic and this will give students an opportunity to participate in a more local exchange and get to know one another
- Regularly check-in with the IVSA committee and vet school reps to offer any assistance and advice as well as continue Laura's excellent work!
- To increase awareness and student involvement in IVSA events, both globally and regionally

Why you should vote for me:

I am passionate about working with the IVSA and promoting the IVSA's values to others. Having been a part of the IVSA committee this year, I am familiar with the ins-and-outs of how the IVSA functions as an organisation and I am very excited about being able to work with the AVS committee at a national level to implement changes for the betterment of the organisation. In addition, having had experience in several roles of responsibility, I believe I have the decision-making skills, organisation and capabilities to represent the veterinary student body and will be a team player working alongside AVS and other IVSA committee members. I will do my very best to ensure that the next two years will be successful and worthwhile for the IVSA UK & Ireland chapter!