

University of Glasgow School of Veterinary medicine INSPIRE-funded activities

During the academic year of 2019-2020, the INSPIRE chapter at the University of Glasgow School of Veterinary Medicine supported a wide range of research-promoting activities. The INSPIRE student leads in the veterinary research society, VetGEMS (Veterinary Glasgow Evidence-based Medicine Society) collaborated with our INSPIRE champions and coordinators within the SVM to host B.R.U.N.C.H. & PhD Day on Garscube campus, How Do I Cite It? a librarian-led Endnote citation help session, and our fourth annual INSPIRE Research Forum. We supported several students with individual conference bursaries to present their research at different national events, and assisted with IVSA's One Health Conference, hosted on our campus, welcoming speakers and attendees from all over the world.

The B.R.U.N.C.H., or Breakfast & Research University Networking Connection Hub & Garscube PhD Day, took place on a weekday in November 2019. Undergraduate students were welcomed to come in early before lectures started so that they could join our postgraduate Masters and PhD students to discuss research opportunities and career pathways over breakfast. A variety of posters prepared by researchers and their students were on display. Throughout the day, there were two sessions of short talks by PhD students on their current projects and progress, and potential future work within their labs.

We provided tea and coffee for our How Do I Cite It? Endnote help, which was a session on how best to utilise EndNote in research and literature review papers and utilising Web of Science within the EndNote framework. The presenter was a member of the university library staff, and the event was a great success, with questions from attendees and good tips and tricks for making the research process efficient and as painless as possible when it comes to in-text citations and sourcing for your references.

Our flagship event, the fourth annual INSPIRE Research Forum took place in early spring, late winter. Students who had undertaken summer research projects in the summer prior presented their research in the forms of a short oral presentation and scientific posters. This event was extremely well attended this year, with lots of undergraduates and staff present to listen to oral presentations and attend the poster closing reception. We awarded three prizes for the best oral presentations and a poster award for the best poster.

We provided conference bursaries for four students to present their research projects at the 3rd Annual National Veterinary Student Research Conference in Edinburgh in 2019, the BBSRC 2nd National Veterinary Student Research

Conference in 2019, the Companion Animal Research Conference in Northamptonshire in 2019, and the 2020 BSAVA National Congress.

We also supported our university's chapter of the International Veterinary Student Association to host the annual One Health Conference. Speakers came from near and far, as did students, with both European and African attendees! It was a thought-provoking weekend, covering diverse topics from spay-neutering, zoonotic disease, antimicrobial resistance, mental health, cutting edge technology in anaesthetic research, wildlife conservation, and much more.

Overall it was a very rewarding year for our INSPIRE chapter, and for all the students who were able to explore careers in research and to present their own projects.

