



IVSA Ghent "24-25

WHAT WE DID, HOW WE DID IT, AND HOW PROUD WE ARE OF OUR SUCCESSES THIS YEAR!

This year was quite the year. We started off with 11 persons in our team, focusing mainly on having a good team atmosphere, managed by our president Liselotte Kars. Not only did she manage to make up an amazing team, where everyone felt safe and included, but also an enthusiastic team, where everyone did their best to set up the most interesting and fun events. In this article, we will show you a summary of the highlights of our year!



In the beginning of every academic year, we'll organize a lecture, especially about IVSA. Here we discuss what IVSA global is, what they do and how we are a part of it. Furthermore we'll tell what we'll organize this year, where our exchanges will go, and lastly what our students can expect from us. We also make sure we're on a good note with other student associations and organize a little info-market, where the students can meet us and ask us questions face-to-face.



After the getting-to-know us phase, it's time to move on to the inspiring phase. Here we'll hope to motivate students to go on an international adventure, inspire them to join an exchange and make them wiser about the international veterinary world. This we do by organizing exchanges and lectures about internships abroad by graduated vets or experienced students. This year, we had a lecture with 3 guest speakers; a vet from Norway, a vet from the Netherlands and one of our own vet students who did an internship in Spain. These kind of lectures are always really liked!



The past year we organized two exchanges. We always make sure that we'll organize one within Europe (so it's more affordable for the students with a lower budget) and one outside Europe. We like to thank IVSA Greece Thessaly and IVSA Thailand to making these exchanges possible and the most unforgettable!!! Here are some pictures that showcase the greatness of the exchanges.



*inspiring,
international
and most of all; unforgettable!*





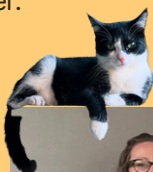
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We also have had our annual bake sale. Here students can gather points for going on an exchange by baking cakes! This is always a fun event, where we make people enthusiastic for our exchanges.

In the second semester we always organize some sort of fundraiser. Every year we choose a new charity, where we can support them. Last year we gathered second-hand pet toys to give out to the animal shelter, this year we've held a fundraiser for the cat adoption café; dreamCATchers. Here they re-socialize difficult cats with either fear or aggression problems, and when they're doing better, people can visit the café to meet the cats and potentially meeting their next house member!

This was a beautiful project and we'll for sure keep our bonds tight to the adoption center.



Another global aspect we focused on more this year was giving the Erasmus students coming to Ghent a good time. We did this by organizing an excursion to one of the biggest brewery's in Belgium named Delirium and organizing a cultural evening with a typical Belgium dinner and a pubquiz about Belgium. They all really enjoyed this and it was such a good opportunity to connect even more with vet students all over the world! As IVSA Ghent, we take it very seriously that everyone feels welcomed into our country! As inclusivity is one of our most important key qualities.



DELIRIUM



We had a bunch of new ideas and we are very glad that they all worked out. The last new idea for the past year was making new merchandise. Our PR-interns did their best and made various very nice IVSA Ghent merchandise pieces. On the last page there is a picture of all we have and made this year :).

On a more global aspect, we held an interesting evening about One Health. Because not everyone is directly interested in this topic, we made it more attractive by playing a movie about One Health; "La fabrique des pandémies" and have 4 different professors discuss the themes playing in the film after it. There were way more students than expected, and it was a new, innovative and most importantly; super interesting and educational activity. So definitively worth repeating!

We did this in collaboration with Veterinaires sans frontières and VSDW Ghent. We are also proud of the sponsors, with whom we made connections to this year. This being VSF Belgium and Vetshow London! Thank you for having the trust in us and being partners the past year.

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We make sure to keep our committee team spirit high from the start of the year. We do this by going on a team weekend. This year we went sailing in the beautiful Fryslan, in the Netherlands. It was a great way to strengthen ourselves, our team bond and to get to know each other!



A moment of credit for the best team this year;

- Liselotte Kars
- Trix Grooff
- Thibault Blontrock
- Amélie Rombouts
- Thomas Dijkman
- Cornélie Ploeg
- Linde Schepers
- Esther van Rossum
- Melodie Delporte
- Jikke Breur
- Marie de Weer
- Catharina Lemlijn

Without their input, effort and friendship, we couldn't have had such an amazing year!



Although we are very proud on how far we've come as a member organization, there are always things we can improve. And as an MO we always want to be the best we can! Here are some things we want to keep in mind for improving our local chapter;

- Organizing a more closer exchange and improving our bond with our neighboring country; IVSA Netherlands
- Broadening our horizons and network in terms of connections as a database for our students. So we can help them better in finding an international individual internship.
- Focusing on bettering our AMR- and Wellness week
- Improving our international engagement. We are very proud of how big IVSA global is. However, we are so focused on perfecting our local events, that the global events get a bit lost in sight. Next year, we'll keep close contact with IVSA global and be even more active in the IVSA community!

If you reached the end of this kind of elaborated summary, thank you for reading and hopefully we've convinced you that we make chance for top MO, as we really did our best for our local chapter this year and have excelled in;

- Having a well structured Instagram page with all the important info about our events showcased in our generalized colors and in an attractive way!
- Organizing many fruitful events with lots of knowledge, interesting connections and for everyone available
- Doing our best everywhere and anytime, where we can!

I could go on and on and on telling wonderful stories about our MO, our beautiful events or our beautiful members, but I'm just gonna have to wait until the next symposium and/or congress (if it's hopefully not during our exams). Thank you for listening to our story, we can't wait to tell you about our next chapter; IVSA Ghent '25-26 with a team of 17 persons!

Until the next 😊,
Kind regards,

Trix Grooff and Liselotte Kars,
Vice-president and President of IVSA Ghent '24-25





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