

Graduate visions for cattle practice unveiled at congress

WINNERS of the Merial Animal Health and BCVA essay competition were unveiled at the BCVA Congress in Harrogate.

Run in conjunction with *Veterinary Times*, the competition was aimed at new graduates, who were asked to outline their vision for the future of cattle practice in 2020 and beyond.

All entrants submitted an essay of 350 to 500 words with the six winners selected by Merial and the BCVA.

The winners of an all-expenses-paid trip to congress were: Victoria Smith from Vets 1, Norfolk; Sarah Bruce of Trefaldwyn Vets, Powys; Katie Fitzgerald of Bishopton Veterinary Group, North Yorkshire; Tom Gamwells of Delaware Veterinary Group in Somerset; Emily Gascoigne from Synergy Farm Health in Dorset and Jake Lawson of Kingsway Veterinary Group in North Yorkshire.

Speaking at congress, Katie Fitzgerald said: "I am really pleased to have been named one of the winners, I think the competition is a great idea. It is good Merial is supporting young vets and encouraging them to think about the future in this way."

Veterinary Times will be publishing extracts from the essays.



From left to right: Tom Gamwells, Fiona MacGillivray (Merial veterinary advisor), Victoria Smith, Sarah Bruce, Declan O'Rourke (BCVA), Jake Lawson, Katie Fitzgerald and Emily Gascoigne.