

Sarah Verhemel

Professional and Society Values Committee

I am applying for the role of BCS Resident Doctor Representative because I would like to contribute to the development of cardiology training and represent the perspectives of resident doctors with an interest in academic cardiology.

Alongside my clinical training, I have maintained a strong academic focus with publications in journals including The Lancet, European Heart Journal, and other peer reviewed journals. My research has largely focused on structural heart disease, transcatheter valve therapies, and cardiovascular outcomes. Through this work I have collaborated with multidisciplinary teams across several institutions and contributed to projects that link clinical practice with translational research. I am particularly interested in strengthening opportunities for trainees who wish to pursue academic cardiology alongside clinical training.

My training has also included experience in different healthcare and academic environments, including work in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. These experiences have provided useful perspectives on cardiology training structures, research collaboration, and trainee engagement within professional societies.

In addition, I have taken on leadership responsibilities during my training. During the COVID-19 pandemic I coordinated a group of medical students supporting clinical teams, which required organisation, communication, and the ability to represent the concerns of junior colleagues.

I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to the BCS committee by supporting trainee engagement, promoting academic opportunities, and helping ensure that resident doctors' perspectives are represented in discussions about cardiology training and professional development.