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Activity Summary:
Research, publications, and presentations in the field of HIV/AIDS Psychiatry

1. Quarterly Online HIV Psychiatry Bibliography
Our Section summarizes dialogues and emails by Dr. Grimaldi with the assistance of Drs. Cohen, Cozza, and Pereira to develop submissions for a curated bibliography held by the Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry (ACLP)

2. ACLP 2023 Annual Meeting Presentations
a. Emails to discuss proposals for symposia on HIV psychiatry for submission
b. Calls to discuss the development of proposals

3. WPA 2023 Annual Meeting Presentations
a. Emails to discuss presentations at the WPA 2023 in Vienna: successfully presented

4. APA 2023 Annual Meeting presentations
a. Emails to discuss presentations for the American Psychiatric Association (APA) 2023 Annual Meeting

5. Our Pocket Guide to HIV Psychiatry, edited by Section members, is planned for publication with the American Psychiatric Association Press in early 2024. This is our fifth textbook
a. Conference calls, email dialogues, and phone calls led to the submission of chapters by contributors
b. Sections were written and edited via email, conference calls, and phone calls
c. Expected Book publication in early 2024

Summary of accomplishments: From 2022 to 2023

We hosted a live workshop on how to establish trust and integrity: The Role of HIV Psychiatry Across the Lifespan with our Section members Gabrielle Marzani, Alan Wai, Sunbal Ashraf, and Alexandra Canetti, moderated by our Section co-chair Luis Pereira in the 2023 ACLP Annual Meeting. Furthermore, our Section is engaged in international collaborations, with presented symposia to the World Psychiatric Association to explore topics such as international perspectives to overcome stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV.

Our dedication to sharing knowledge extends to developing scientific manuscripts potential articles for Psychiatric News and Psychiatric Times, and producing podcasts and publications. Our most recent book, "HIV Psychiatry - A Practical Guide for Clinicians," has already garnered over 10,000 downloads and continues to thrive online and in printed versions. We are also thrilled to work on the Pocket Guide to HIV Psychiatry, which is nearly finalized and will be our Section's 5th textbook! Finally, the 3rd edition of Cohen's Textbook of HIV Psychiatry will be co-edited by several of our Section members, with an estimated publication in 2027 with Springer. We have also been invited to produce a book chapter for the WPA's textbook Comorbidity between Mental and Physical Disorders: Identification, Management, and Treatment, which will be published by Springer Nature in 2024 and is being edited by Prof. Andrea Fiorillo, Prof. Afzal Javed, and Prof. Norman Sartorius. This vital chapter will be produced in collaboration with several of our Section members and members of the DEI subcommittee to promote inter-section collaboration and inclusion of junior academicians to foster their career growth.

In addition, Dr. Grimaldi (in collaboration with Drs. Cohen, Cozza, and Pereira) selects and annotates articles for the Online HIV Psychiatry Bibliography. These are submitted to the HIV Psychiatry Bibliography and Quarterly Online Literature Updates and published on the ACLP website and in the WPA Newsletter. The link to the Quarterly HIV Bibliography is: https://www.clpsychiatry.org/educationcareers/clinical-monographs/hiv-biblio/

Finally, our membership roster has continuously grown from 32 founding members in 2003 to over 700 members as of June 30, 2023. Many new members are medical students, trainees, and early-career psychiatrists. We welcome Dr. Armen Soghoyan in his new role and renew our commitment to fulfilling WPA's mission to extend mental health care across borders. We also plan to update our web page and reflect our Section's activities.

Our Vision and Mission for 2024:

1. To continue updating the online ACLP HIV Psychiatry Annotated Bibliography and renew our website with the WPA;

2. To hold our quarterly HIV/AIDS Psychiatry Section Meetings, with emphasis on our hybrid gathering at the ACLP 2023 Annual Meeting both in-person and virtually;

3. To present symposia, workshops, and courses at the ACLP and WPA meetings in 2023 and the APA, ACLP and WPA annual meetings in 2024;

4. To recruit new members at the ACLP annual meeting with a focus on trainees and ECPs and to recruit psychiatrists from underserved and resource-limited areas of the world through our work as a Section of the WPA at the WPA meetings;

5. To appoint new ECP and Trainee Rotating Co-Chairs;

6. To continue to prepare articles for submission to Psychiatric Times on an HIV psychiatry topic that is salient and relevant for general psychiatrists as part of the ACLP system-wide Section educational program initiative;

7. To continue to write articles for the general psychiatrists and other psychiatric subspecialists in the APA Psych News as part of the APA Council on C-L Psychiatry;

8. To continue to write articles for refereed journals as well as for the lay public to prevent the transmission of HIV and to diminish HIV and mental health stigma;

9. To continue working with our Rotating Co-Chairs to help us update our web page more regularly.
a. To develop a systematic plan for annual updates for the web page would keep it more consistently up to date and give our Rotating Co-Chairs an administrative responsibility on an ongoing basis;

10. To continue to edit our fifth book, Pocket Guide to HIV Psychiatry. Current editors are Section members, Drs. Luis Pereira, Paulo Sales, John Grimaldi, James Bourgeois, and Mary Ann Cohen.

11. To develop our first Guideline statement to treat depression among people living with HIV

Anticipated challenges to complete these tasks

1. We may face administrative and organizational barriers when developing our first consensus statement and will require support from the Academy to develop our task force to develop this important document at the technical, leadership, and scientific levels;

2. To continue to integrate in-person and virtual meetings to make sure all section members (including international members) can participate in our virtual and hybrid gatherings;

Other ideas to further WPA's mission

1. As discussed, we hope to produce our first consensus statement and consolidate the Academy as a source of high-quality clinical consensus for clinicians internationally

2. We highly appreciate the numerous opportunities granted to our Section co-chairs and members to network with other leaders in the field of HIV Psychiatry, which will inevitably lead to more robust collaboration networks and collaborative projects

3. We continue to emphasize inter-section collaboration's importance in developing innovative projects. Once we consolidate our first consensus statement with depression, we hope to collaborate with the Addiction & Toxicology Section to develop clinical consensus for the treatment of substance use disorders in people living with HIV, among other collaborative projects

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