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Throughout 2025, members of the section stayed in close contact through periodic meetings, virtual conferences, and ongoing email exchanges. This dialogue helped move the section's main projects and those of its workgroups forward, created opportunities to exchange research findings, and deepened working relationships among members across different countries.

Summary of Accomplishments in 2025:

1. Major Publications:

- Clinical Manual of HIV Psychiatry: This book was published in February 2025 by American Psychiatric Association Publishing. Initially planned as a handbook, it quickly grew into a larger and more comprehensive publication. The book is the product of contributions from several members of the WPA Section on HIV/AIDS Psychiatry across five continents. More information about this book can be found on the publisher's website: https://www.appi.org/Products/AIDS/Clinical-Manual-of-HIV-Psychiatry?sku=.
- Comprehensive Textbook of AIDS Psychiatry: We are currently finalizing the third edition of Cohen's Comprehensive Textbook of HIV Psychiatry, one of the gold standard texts in HIV psychiatry. This textbook also includes contributions from several members of the WPA Section on HIV/AIDS Psychiatry from multiple countries. We expect it to be published by Oxford University Press in 2027.

2. Workgroups:

- Substance Use Disorders Workgroup: Led by Dr. John Wells, this group has focused on addressing critical topics such as the intersection of substance use and HIV, with special attention to chemsex and related challenges. The group has also developed several symposia and teaching sessions in different countries.
- Psychotherapy Workgroup: Led by Dr. Guida da Ponte, this group has finalized an important review paper on HIV-associated neurocognitive disorders (HAND), which will serve as a foundation for future explorations of psychotherapeutic interventions for people living with HIV. The group has also developed several collaborative projects, resulting in presentations at multiple meetings as well as new research projects.
- Telepsychiatry Workgroup: Led by Dra. Gabriella Marzani, this group has shifted its focus from pandemic-related issues to the outpatient care of people living with HIV (PLWH). Although no projects were finalized in 2025, the group will meet in November 2026 to plan its projects for 2027.

3. Manuscripts and Collaborative Research:

- The Section continues to produce a wide range of peer-reviewed manuscripts and articles for Psychiatric News and Psychiatric Times. A manuscript on a meaning-centered psychotherapy intervention for physicians is being finalized. A review paper on HAND led by Dr. Guida da Ponte.

4. International Collaboration:

- We have presented at international forums, such as the WCP 2025 (Prague, Czechia) and ACLP 2025 Annual Meeting (San Antonio, USA)
- Dr. Jordi Blanch continues to organize the International Symposium on Neuropsychiatry and HIV, an annual meeting in Barcelona, Spain, that includes several members of our section.
- We continue developing international projects to improve awareness and foster more studies in ChemSex as this practice increases the risk of HIV infection.
- We are currently writing the third edition of the Comprehensive Textbook of AIDS Psychiatry, which includes contributions from several members of the section living on
- four continents.
- We have been developing several symposia and pre-conference courses for international meetings in 2026, including the WCP, ACLP, APA, EAPM, ISHN, and WFP.
- Sample of presentations that reflected international collaboration:
  a) Be PrEP-Ared: Implementing Smart HIV/AIDS Prevention Using AI and Time-Tested Strategies
  b) Updates in HIV Psychiatry
  c) Harnessing Focus, Meaning, and Digital Wellness with the Integration of New Technologies in Cl Practice

5. Membership:

- We continue to recruit new members, including trainees, creating opportunities for collaboration and mentoring.

Vision for 2026:

1. Continued Focus on Research and Publication:

- Continue working on the third edition of Cohen's Comprehensive Textbook of HIV Psychiatry, which we plan to publish in 2027.
- Continue to promote the Clinical Manual of HIV Psychiatry, which was published in February 2025. Its emphasis on clinical practice makes it a valuable resource for a wide range of clinicians, including psychiatrists, psychotherapists, primary care physicians, and social workers.
- Develop manuscripts for peer-reviewed journals, including more submissions to Psychiatric News, Psychiatric Times, and other leading publications.

2. Expansion of Workgroups:

- Further development of the (1) Substance Use Disorders Workgroup; (2) Psychotherapy Workgroup; and (3) Telepsychiatry Workgroup, all of which are critical areas of psychiatric care for people living with HIV.

3. Facilitating Access to Educational Resources:

- Increase the dissemination of educational content and the mentoring of trainees and early career physicians. Our emphasis will be on preventive strategies for HIV infection and STIs

(PrEP, PEP, doxyPEP, TasP, and adherence), stigma, substance use disorders, co-occurring psychiatric disorders, and psychotherapeutic interventions.

4. Collaborative Projects:

- Foster more collaborations with other sections of the WPA