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AIDS and Related Research Study Sections Reorganization

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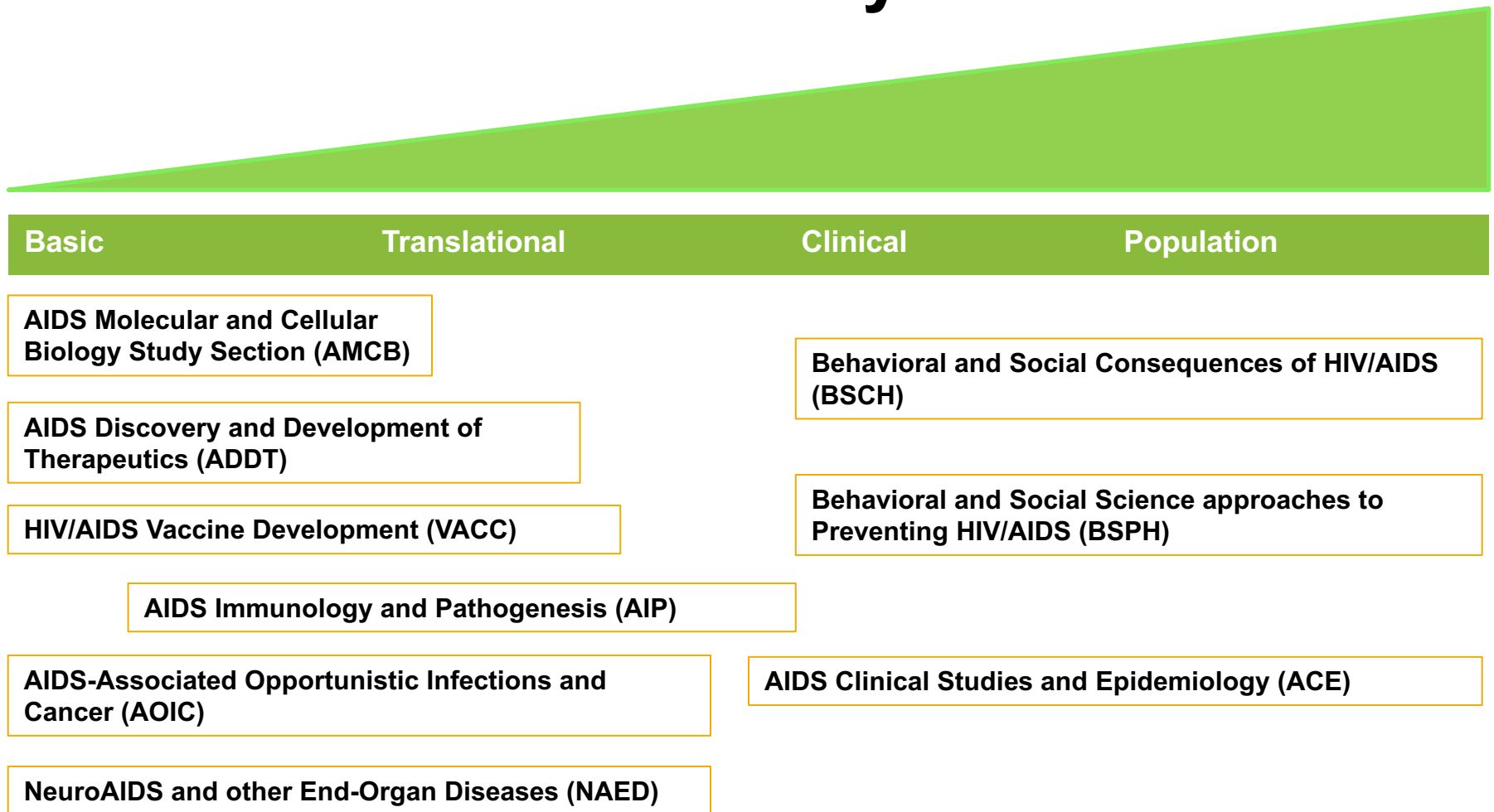
AARR History

1987	HIV/AIDS immunology and virology applications assigned to Special Study Section A
1988	Congress mandated expedited review and grant awards within six months of application receipt. Three study sections were established (immunology, virology, and epidemiology)
1989	Two study sections added (drug discovery and clinical research)
1990	Seven study sections were formally chartered (aforementioned, behavioral, and neuroscience)
2003	Study sections were given current names to reflect scientific areas and content

AARR Chartered Study Sections

ACE	AIDS Clinical Studies and Epidemiology
ADDT	AIDS Discovery and Development of Therapeutics
AIP	AIDS Immunology and Pathogenesis
AMCB	AIDS Molecular and Cellular Biology
AOIC	AIDS-Associated Opportunistic Infections and Cancer
BSCH	Behavioral and Social Consequences of HIV/AIDS
BSPH	Behavioral and Social Science Approaches to Preventing HIV/AIDS
NAED	NeuroAIDS and other End-organ Diseases
VACC	HIV/AIDS Vaccines

Current AARR Study Sections



Why Reorganize

1. Scientific: Realign with the current state of the science
 - AARR IRG last scientifically reorganized in 2003
2. Administrative: Realign to support scientific breadth, competition, and meeting management.
 - ~60-80 application per study section
 - Incorporate emerging scientific areas and special topics into study sections.

Scientific realignment

HIV/AIDS from acute disease to chronic infection

- Cure
 - Persistence and reservoir elimination
- Prevention interventions
 - Vaccines and therapeutics
 - PrEP and TasP
- Living with HIV
 - Comorbidities and co-infections,
 - care continuum and service delivery

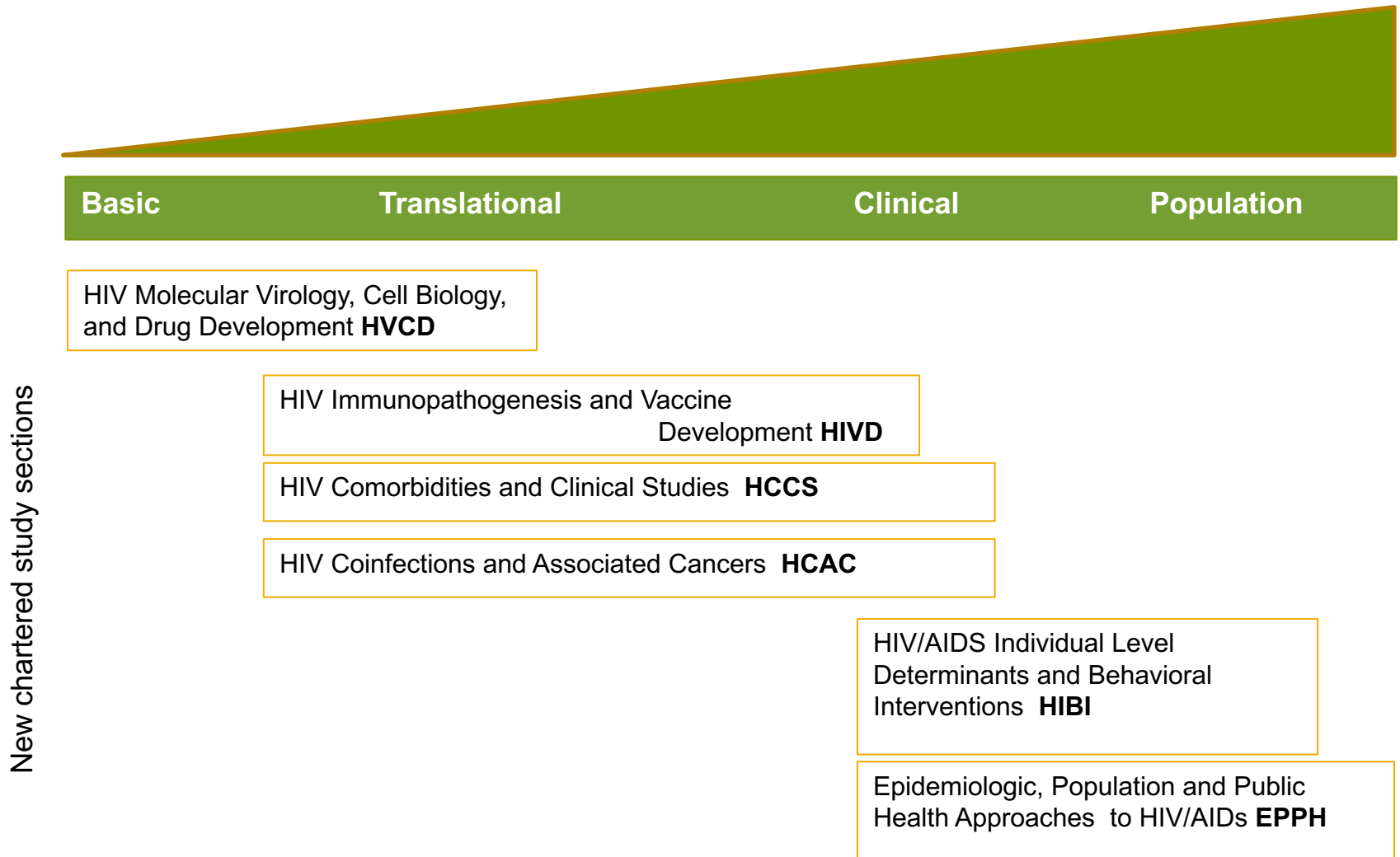
Scientific scope is interdisciplinary and overlapping

Bench to bedside approach

Process

- Internal review and assessment
- Input and recommendations from external Working Group committee (May 2017)
- Refinements and tentative feasibility assessment-original plan
- Input from ICs
 - Program officers – IAM meeting August, 2017 (broad input)
 - IC Working Group – September, 2017
- Reassessment of original plan-Plan 2
- CSR advisory panel approval (September, 2017)
- Develop new study section descriptions and names (March 2018)
- Continuing Feedback

Proposed Reorganization of AARR Study Sections



Proposed Reorganized Study Sections

HVCD	HIV Molecular Virology, Cell Biology, and Drug Development
HIVD	HIV Immunopathogenesis and Vaccine Development
HCCS	HIV Comorbidities and Clinical Studies
HCAC	HIV Coinfections and Associated Cancers
HIBI	HIV/AIDS Individual Level Determinants and Behavioral Interventions
EPPH	Epidemiologic, Population and Public Health Approaches to HIV/AIDS

Implementation

- Finalize new study section descriptions and names (April)
- Communicate changes (beginning in April)
 - Reviewers (April)
 - Advertise new study section descriptions broadly (beginning in May)
- Rosters and membership assignment (August)
- Full implementation: 2019/01 Council round
(September 2018 receipt date, November 2018 study sections)