

COMMENTO AI TITOLI DI TESTA

Having worked with several Prosecutors on the more important investigations concerning doping carried out in Italy...

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ASSOCIATIONS, NAMES AND NUMBERS
AGAINST MAFIAS

NATIONAL ANTI-MAFIA DIRECTORATE

...as of October 2003, I was asked to cooperate with the National Anti-mafia Directorate as representative of the Association Libera where I am in charge of all sports related matters. Libera was born in 1995, with the intent of coordinating and stimulating the commitment of civil society against all sorts of mafias. So far, about 1000 national and local Associations are adhering to Libera.

Don Luigi Ciotti is a catholic priest, but it's not the main characteristic, he is a remarkable person involved, during 30 years, against Mafia and other criminal organizations. Mafia tried to kill him and for this reason he is under protection by police 24 hours a day. Pier Luigi Vigna was - until few days ago, now he is in pension - the Head of the Antimafia National Directorate. He was Giovanni Falcone's friend. Falcone was killed by Mafia. The new National Anti-mafia Prosecutor is Piero Grasso. He worked during many years like General Prosecutor in Palermo (Sicily).



Direzione Nazionale Antimafia

Doping e criminalità organizzata

THE NATIONAL ANTI-MAFIA DIRECTORATE CONCLUDED THAT:

- a) the involvement of criminal organizations in the larger illicit traffics discovered in several Italian regions has been established;
- b) the involvement of the Neapolitan Camorra is frequent;
- c) a very significant amount of ephedrine (300 kg), that would have been used in gymnasiums, discos and weight-control centres, was seized in the Locride area in Calabria, i.e. the territory controlled by the 'Ndrangheta;
- d) investigations consistently indicate that the doping substances come from several European and non-European countries and that, in some cases, they are brought to Italy in transit and then forwarded to other countries.

PRIMA: LETTURA DEL TESTO PROIETTATO

POI:

During my cooperation with National Anti-mafia Directorate I understood that our analysis of doping black market was only a little window over the international trade. For this reason I realized a complex study about the world wide illicit trade. Today I show to you the method, the result and the perspectives.



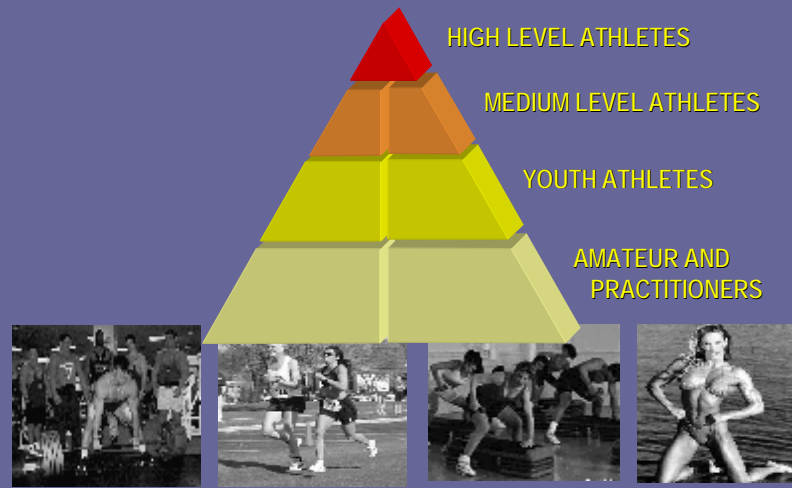
The Australian Illicit Drug National Report effectually distinguishes doping substances between performance enhancing drugs and image (or appearance) enhancing drugs.

TASTO TABELLA SOSTANZE DOPANTI

PERFORMANCE AND IMAGE ENHANCING DRUGS			
TYPE OF ENHANCING DRUGS	PERFORMANCE	IMAGE	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS
Steroids	Yes	Yes	In few countries
Testosterone	Yes	Yes	In few countries
GH and other hormones	Yes	Yes	In few countries, rarely
Epo, Nesp, Hemoglobins	Yes	No	In few countries, rarely
Stimulants	Yes	No	In many countries

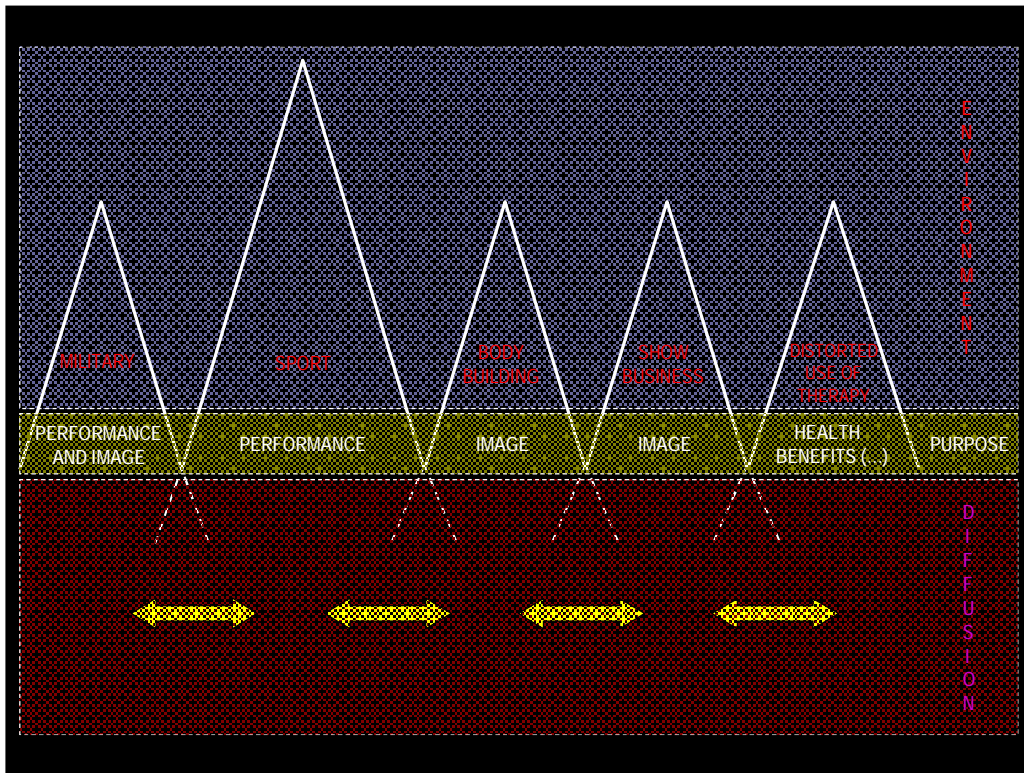
This picture indicates the frequency of criminal investigations for the different types of performance or image enhancing drugs. There are criminal investigations about steroids and testosterone but only in few countries. About peptide hormones like GH, epo and others there are very rare investigations in few countries. The traffic of stimulants is investigated in many countries but it's impossible to distinguish the use of stimulants for doping compared with the use for narcotic. Finally, we can realize only a part of the traffic about the performance and the image enhancing drugs.

PLAY THE GAME 2002



THE SILENT DRAMA OF THE DOPING DIFFUSION AMONG AMATEURS AND PRACTITIONERS

Three years ago, in *Play the Game*, I proposed this scheme to explain the diffusive phenomenon of doping but, after other experiences, I understood that this one is too much simple and that the diffusive phenomenon needs a more complex representation.



Black market of doping drugs is fed from 5 main environments characterized by different motivations:

TASTO SPORT

1) Sport: of course, the purpose is to enhance the performance;

TASTO MILITARY

2) Military: to enhance both, performance and image;

TASTO BODYBUILDING

3) Body building: to enhance image;

TASTO SHOW BUSINESS

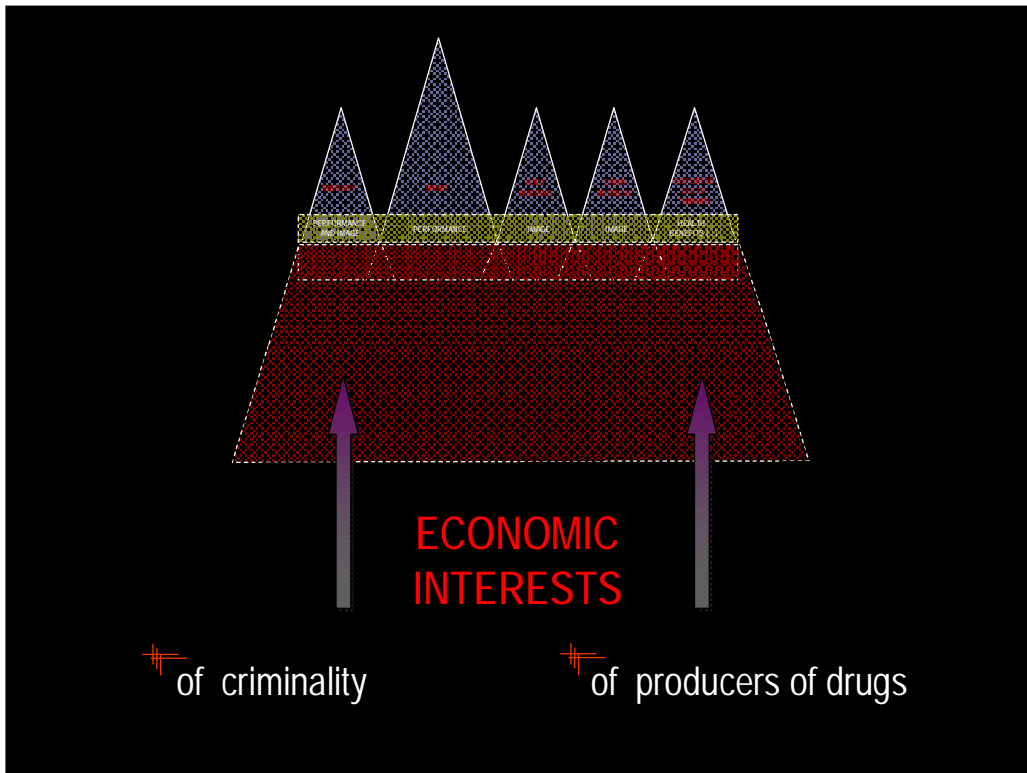
4) cinema, television , show business: to enhance image;

TASTO DISTORTED USE OF THERAPY

5) distorted use of therapy: the purpose should be an health benefit.

TASTO CONNESSIONI

Inside black market there is a close connection between the different categories of users: I will give you some examples about this medley.



Two external factors push to extend this black market:

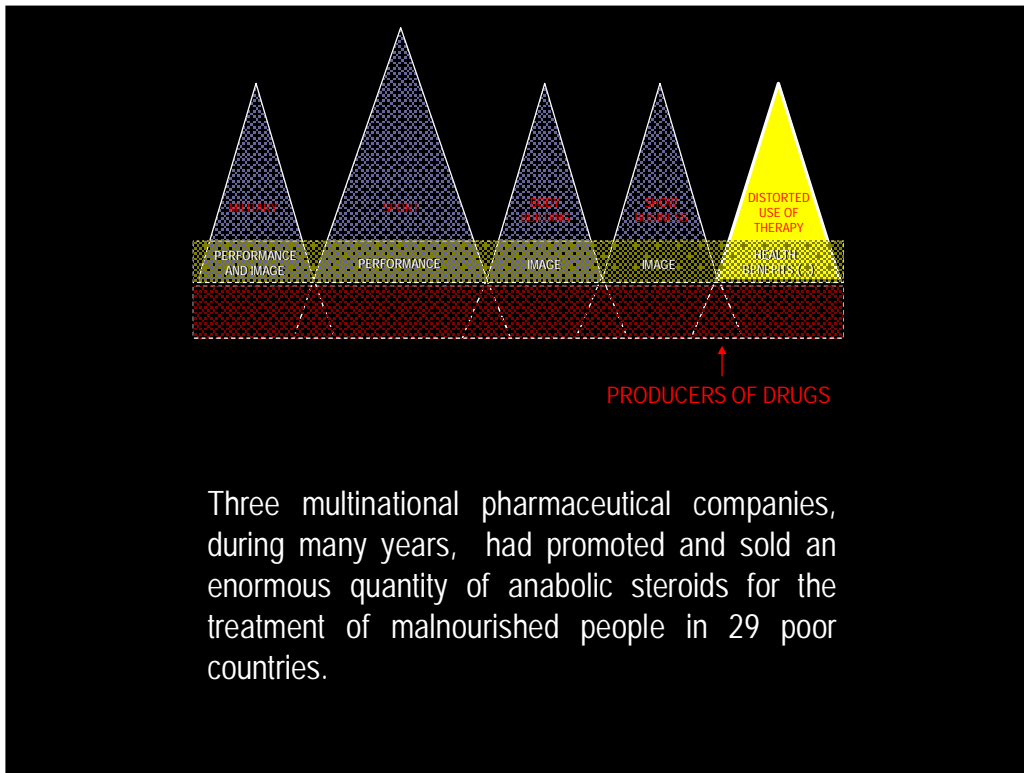
TASTO CRIMINALITY

1) the economic interests of the criminality and...

TASTO PRODUCERS OF DRUGS

2) the economic interests of producers of the drugs.

Istantly I will give you some terrible examples.



TASTO PER LA COMPARSA DEL TESTO

Lettura del testo proiettato.

TASTO FERTABOLIN

FERTABOLIN
FOR A LIFE FULL OF
FUN & FROLIC

* improves blood picture
* stimulates physiological appetite
* helps gain normal weight
and height
* ensures optimal assimilation
of food

Composition :
Each 2 ml contains :
Ethyltestosterone I.P. 0.2mg
Ferrous Fumarsate I.P. 12mg
Vitamin B₁₂ I.P. 2mcg

Presentation—104ml, 208ml.

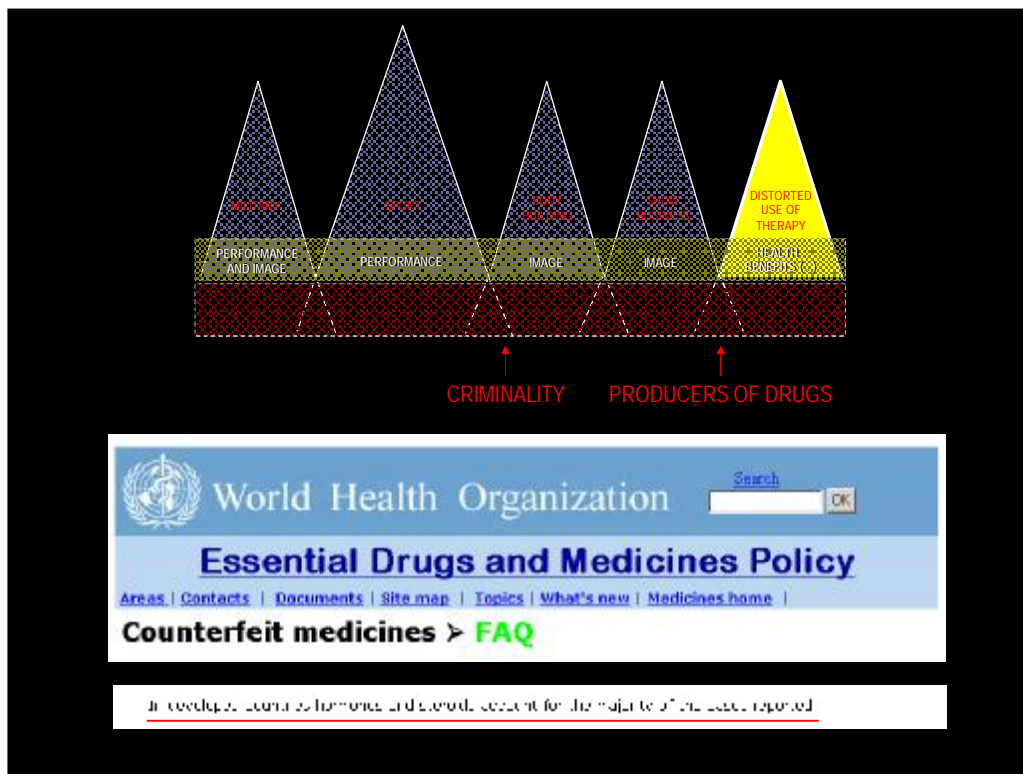
Organon

Organon (India) Limited
Himalaya House
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One of the multinational pharmaceutical companies had promoted its anabolic steroid Fertabolin also for the children!

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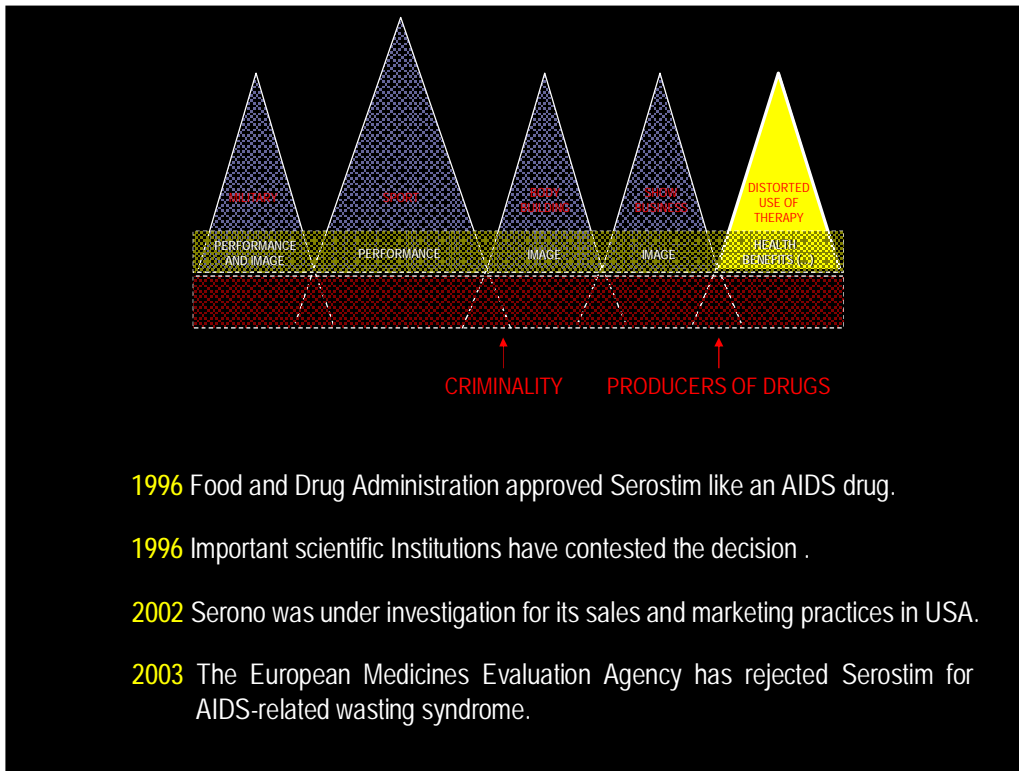
The labelling of anabolic steroids and information on the accompanying literature shows a clear double standard between the drugs sold in the West and those promoted in the Third World. In the USA leaflet there was only one carefully circumscribed indication, in the Malaysian version the drug proves useful for ten conditions... Few or no side effects of the drug are listed on the medical literature which accompanies the Third World drug packages. Accompanying literature in the West gives an exhaustive list of the sometimes very serious side-effects.



How can we be sure that this criminal steroids trade is really finished? According to this serious WHO's alert would seem that trade is changing but going on.

Lettura del testo proiettato.

In synthesis, in poor countries both, criminality and the producers of drugs, had pushed to promote the use of anabolic steroids.



Another example of the distorted use of therapy is the promotion and selling of growth hormone by some multinational pharmacological industries and especially by Serono Swiss company.

TASTO 1996

lettura del testo proiettato

TASTO 1996 BIS

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TASTO 2002

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TASTO 2003

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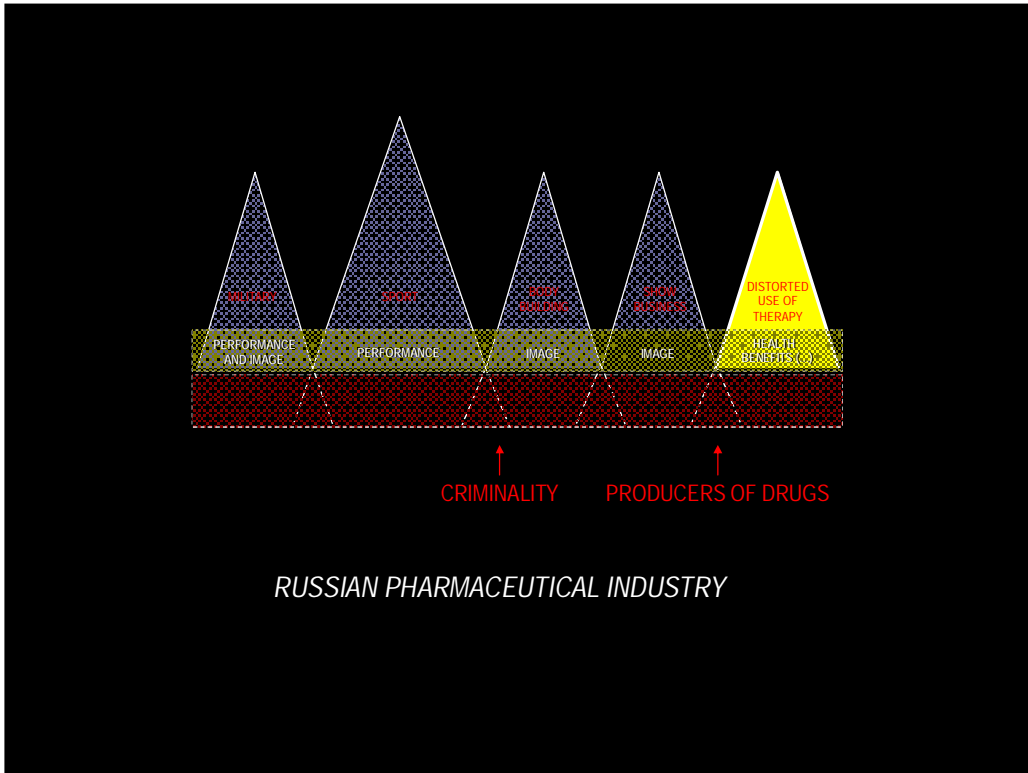
Serostim has been the most expensive AIDS drug on the market since the Food and Drug Administration approved it in 1996. The high price helped fuel a black-market trade. As an example, a bodybuilder was arrested on charges of heading up a multimillion-dollar smuggling ring: he had runners buying Serostim from AIDS patients outside Manhattan health clinics, in exchange for \$200 or a packet of heroin. The Serostim was resold for \$1,700 to athletes and at gyms in Manhattan and Bergen County. The high price caused a second black market of the counterfeit Serostim!

Few days ago there was the conclusion of the trial in Boston for the Swiss Pharmaceutical Company Serono: they lost.

The diagram consists of five triangles of varying heights and colors (blue, green, yellow). The triangles are labeled from left to right: 'SUCCESS', 'PROFIT', 'SALES VOLUME', 'BRAND LOYALTY', and 'DISTORTED USE OF THERAPY'. Below the triangles are five corresponding labels: 'PERFORMANCE AND IMAGE', 'PERFORMANCE', 'IMAGE', 'IMAGE', and 'HEALTH BENEFITS ()'. At the bottom, two red arrows point upwards from the labels 'CRIMINALITY' and 'PRODUCERS OF DRUGS' towards the diagram.

The screenshot below shows the Advocate.com website interface. The main headline reads: "Serono agrees to pay more than \$700 million in Serostim case". The article text states: "Serono Laboratories agreed Monday to pay \$704 million and plead guilty to federal conspiracy charges that it increased the market for HIV-wasting treatment Serostim by offering kickbacks to doctors and manipulating a test for HIV patients." A sidebar on the left contains navigation links such as 'HOME', 'NEWS', 'EXCLUSIVES', 'CURRENT NEWS AND PRESS', 'ISSUE LINKS', and 'ISSUE ARCHIVES'.

Lettura del testo proiettato.



Another example of distort use of therapy

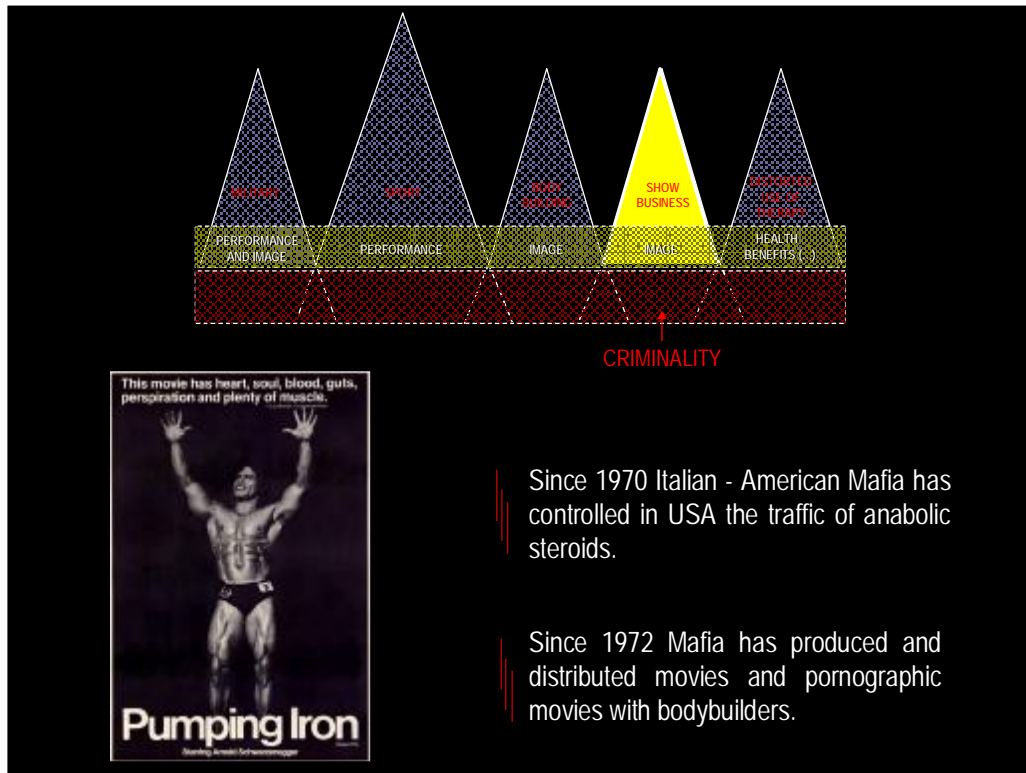


Since 1995, the time was just right for foreign importers to conquer Russian pharmaceutical market. According to Vladimir Putin, "some estimates suggest that profits in pharma industry increase those of narcotics sales." Putin also noted that "international mafia rules that sector". But he said nothing about the Russian Mafia that controls a large part of world black market for anabolic steroids, testosterone and growth hormone.



What mafia's doping trade means? It means that in the hands of the organised crime the phenomenon becomes much more dangerous and connected with the other criminal activities.

Since 1970, the Mafia in America began to recognize the enormous profits that were to be made in both the trafficking of drugs - including steroids - as well as the production and distribution of bodybuilding movies and pornographic movies with bodybuilder actors.



TASTO PUMPING IRON

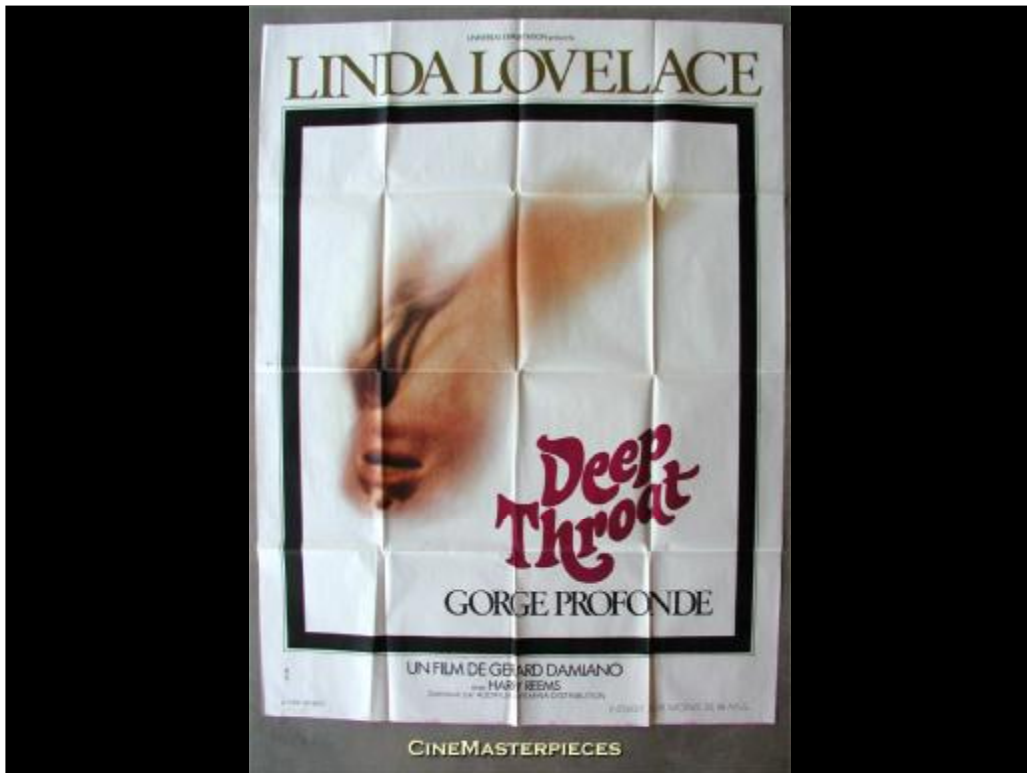
In 1977 Schwarzenegger and Birdsong starred in the bodybuilding documentary "Pumping Iron". They prepared it at "Gold's Gym," in that period controlled by Mafia. This film brought the appeal of the practice of bodybuilding to young men and women throughout America.

Since that period, until today, this kind of movies became a very strong promotion for anabolic hormones.



Schwarzenegger would eventually become the highest-paid performer in history through the success of his films, beginning with the “Conan the Barbarian” movies and action films such as the “Terminator” series. And, Schwarzenegger owed much of his success due to anabolic steroids, which he has never denied taking. The two families that controlled this emerging racket were members of New York City’s Gambino and Colombo families.

TASTO DEEP THROAT



In 1972 members of the Colombo family invested a few thousand dollars into the movie "Deep Throat." The film eventually raked in over \$600 million dollars, becoming the most profitable pornographic film of all time. This industry became the intersection of bodybuilders, steroids, pornography, and the American Mafia.

1971 David Jenkins was European Champion in 400m

1988 He was sentenced to a seven-year stretch at the Mojave Desert prison... but he was released after serving nine months!

1993 He began to produce and sell protein supplements.

2005 Now he had one of the largest manufacturers of supplements and is a multimillionaire.

TASTO JENKINS 1971

The Scottish David Jenkins, was a famous runner, European champion in 400 m.

TASTO JENKINS 1988

In December 1988, an American court found him guilty of smuggling more than \$70million worth of steroids across the border from Mexico into the United States and sentenced him to a seven-year stretch at the Mojave Desert prison. The steroids were for sale to American athletes to illegally enhance their performance. In court he admitted to using steroids to boost his performance while he was an athlete. Because he was never caught, he hangs on to his medals.

So, justice was done. Jenkins, as an ex-public schoolboy, probably knew how to serve time in an institution. Keep your nose clean and do what's necessary to survive. Whatever he did while inside, it was effective. He was released after serving nine months.

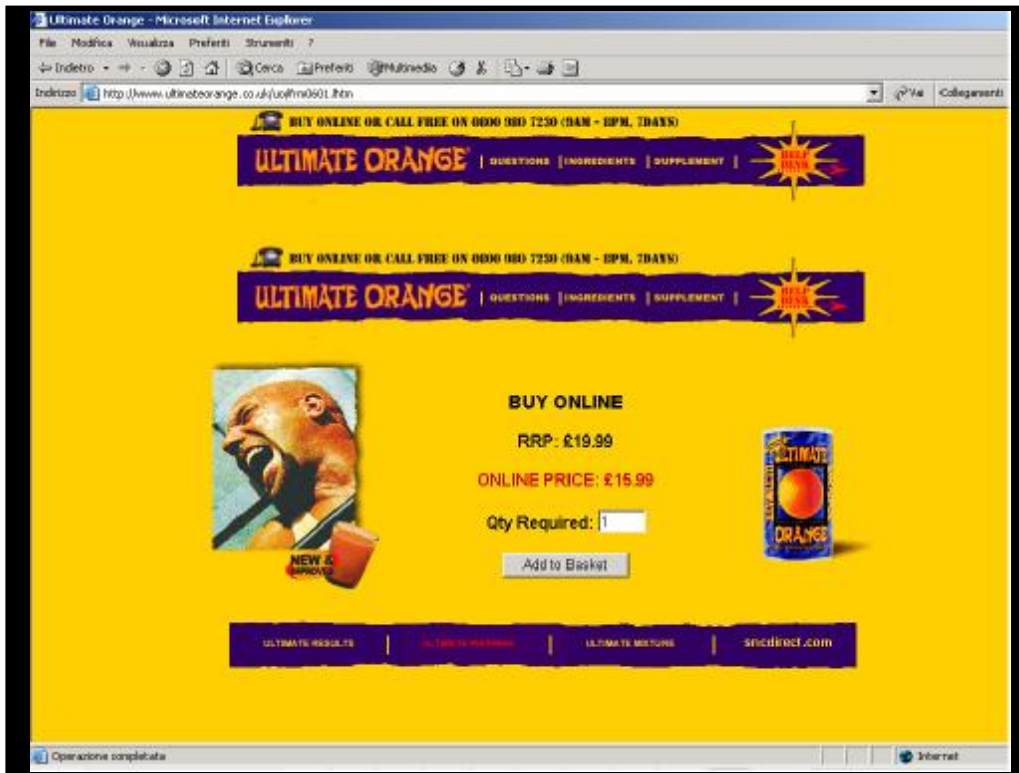
TASTO JENKINS 1993

In 1993, he formed a partnership with Dan Duchaine and they formulated and marketed a pure whey protein supplement - Designer Protein. Dan had coached major Olympic athletes in passing drug testing with blocking agents. As late as 1997 Dan was on probation for steroid related offences and he was an unsurpassable expert about anabolic steroids and growth hormone sold by the Russian Organised Crime. He's dead at the young age of 48 for Kidney failure.

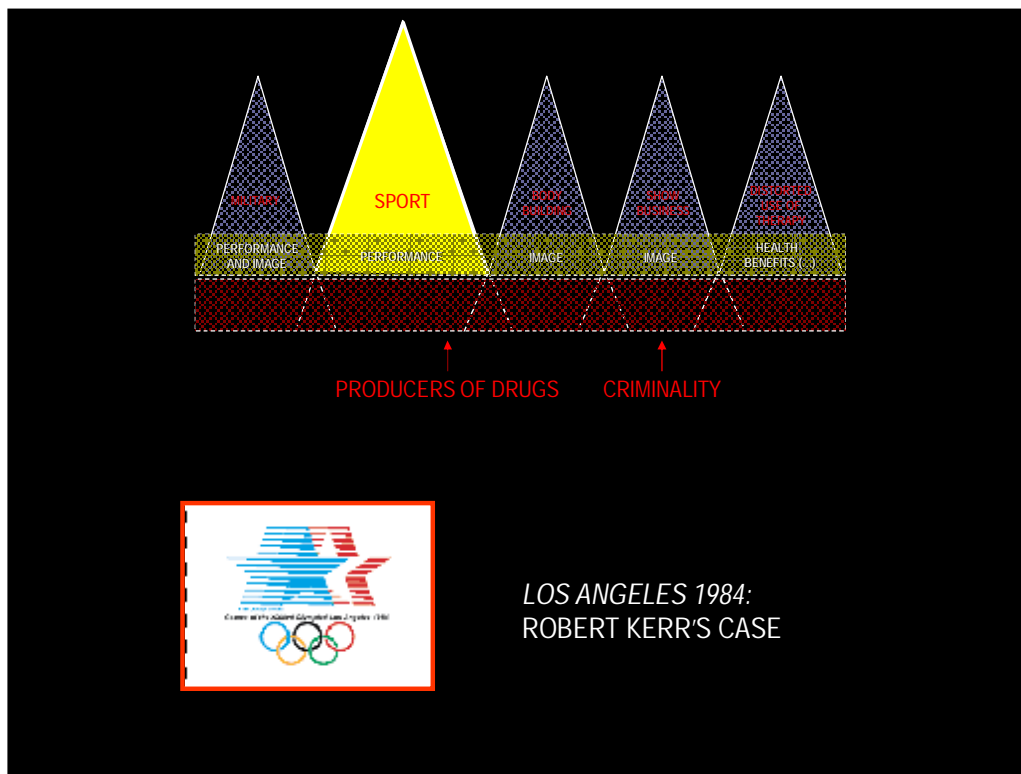
TASTO COLLEGAMENTO JENKINS 2005 – DA SCORRERE LATERALMENTE

Now Jenkins heads a company, Next Nutrition, which is one of the largest manufacturers of supplements for athletes and body builders in North America. He writes about himself a lot of nice things, but forgets the embarrassing ones. He is a multi-millionaire and lives in the most exclusive suburb of San Diego.

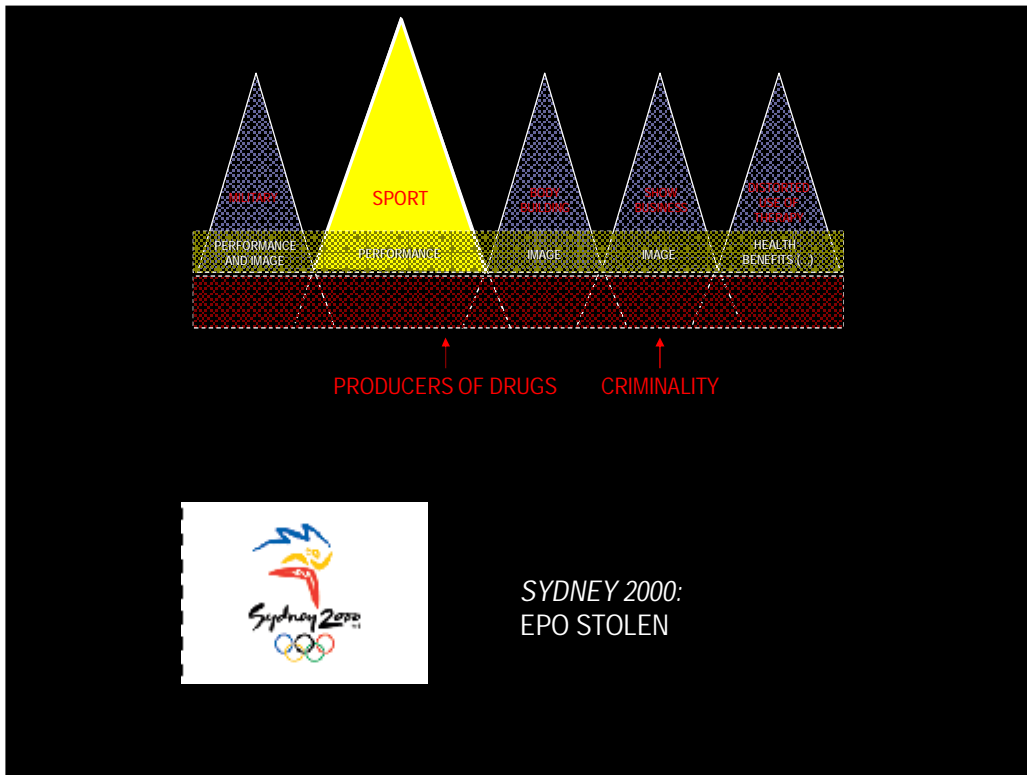
TASTO ULTIMATE ORANGE



His last formulation Ultimate Orange also contains Ephedrine which is a banned performance enhancing substance. Ultimate Orange was an enormous success until the moment in which it was linked in the press to the death of American footballer Rashidi Wheeler and has been withdrawn from sale in the USA. But you can still buy it in the UK!



After the Olympic Games in Los Angeles 1984 professor Robert Kerr released an interview in which he admitted he had administered GH and steroids to an half of the athletes of the American Athletic Team. In his book "The Practical Use of Anabolic Steroids with Athletes" also admitted to have treated more than 4,000 athletes from 20 countries. Affected with diabetes, he died in 2001 of a heart attack. After many years we can understand that his interview was not a confession but it was an authentic promotion of the GH. Maybe now, his pupils continue to administer performance enhancing drugs to the athletes.



Letture del testo proiettato.

CNN.com - Performance-enhancing drugs stolen in Australia - July 31, 2000 - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Performance-enhancing drugs stolen in Australia

July 31, 2000
 Web posted at: 3:06 HKT (0306 GMT)

ALICE SPRINGS, Australia (AP) -- Syringes containing the performance-enhancing drug EPO were stolen from an Australian hospital Sunday and could flood the black market before the Sydney Olympics, police said.



About 1,000 syringes, estimated to be worth millions of dollars if sold legally to athletes, were stolen from a storeroom at Alice Springs hospital in central Australia last Sunday, investigating detectives told the Australian Associated Press.

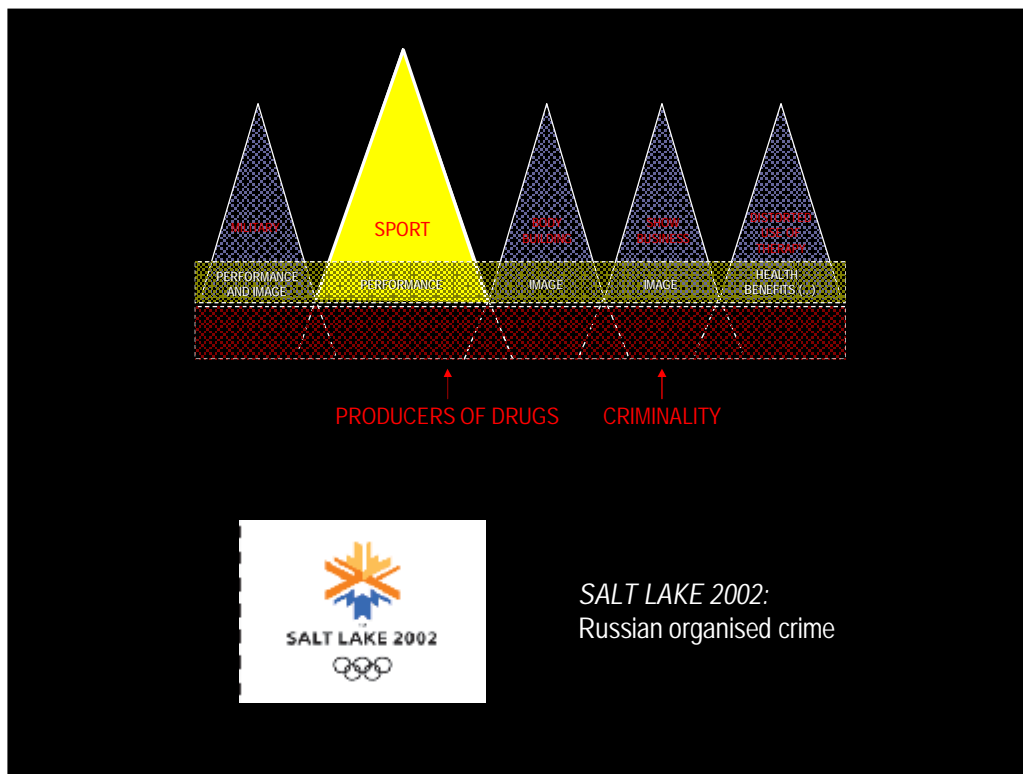
EPO, or erythropoietin, boosts the production of oxygen-rich red blood cells and is on the International Olympic Committee's list of banned substances for athletes.

Injected in synthetic form, EPO is undetectable using conventional doping tests and is believed to be the drug of choice in endurance sports including cycling and running.

Australian scientists have developed a blood test to detect EPO and are scheduled to present the test to the IOC's independent medical commission.

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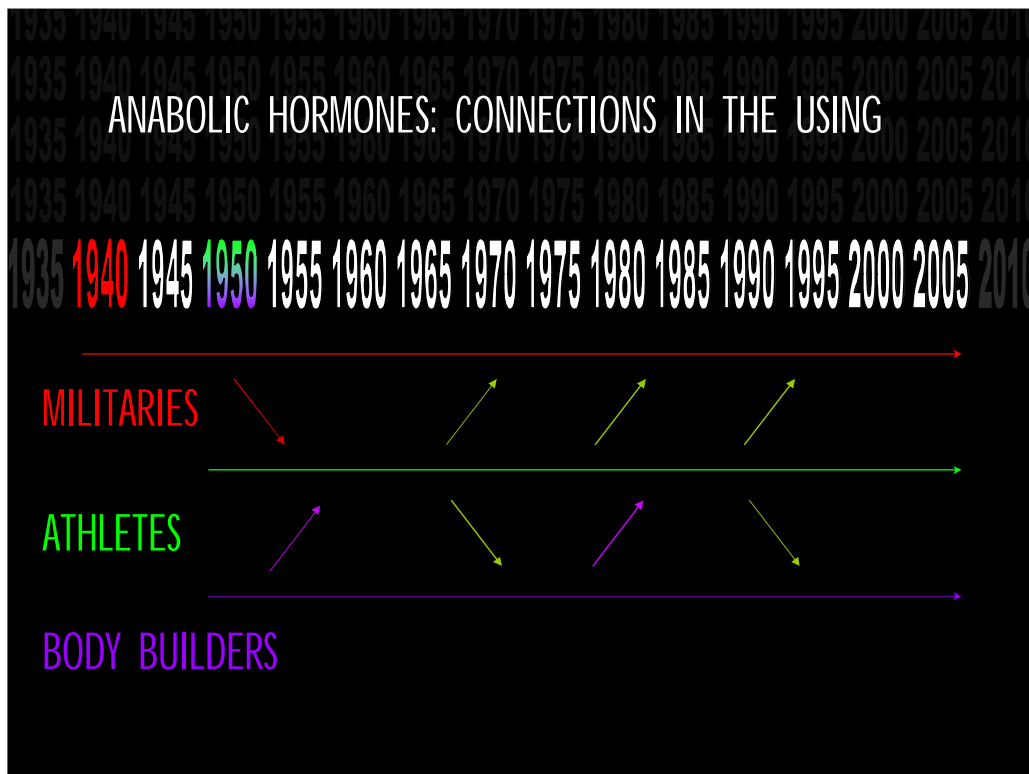


In December 2001, few weeks before the Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake, FBI stopped a Russian crime organization to steal a multimillion-dollar shipment of a human growth hormone in part destined to the athletes attending the olympic competitions.

The screenshot shows the America's Most Wanted website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'About AMW', 'Show Archive', 'Contact Us', and 'Advanced Search'. The main header features the 'AMW' logo and the title 'AMERICA'S MOST WANTED'. Below the header, there is a date '8/2/05' and a message: 'There are no AMBER Alerts at this time. | Past AMBER Alerts'. The left sidebar contains a 'FUGITIVES' section with options like 'Search Fugitives', 'Browse by Last Name', 'Browse by Geography', 'AMW Dirty Dozen', and 'FBI and Marshals Most Wanted'. The main content area is divided into tabs: 'BRIEF', 'ROLL', 'THE CASE', 'PROFILE', 'VIDEO AND PHOTOS', and 'EVIDENCE AND CLUES'. The 'THE CASE' tab is active, displaying a profile for 'Mikhail Drachev' with a 'REPORT A TIP!' button. Below the profile, there are links for 'Wanted For' and 'Complete Broadcasts'. The 'OVERVIEW #' section is titled 'Murder In The Desert' and contains a detailed account of the murder of Konstantin Simberg. A small photo of Konstantin Simberg is included. The right sidebar features a 'JOIN AMW.COM' section with a form for email and password, and a 'LATEST EPISODE' section.

Five people were accused of plotting the hijacking of \$ 3 million worth of growth hormone.

Three of them were also charged with kidnapping and killing 21-year-old Konstantin Simberg, a witness who was cooperating with authorities investigating the plot.



This could be a chronological scheme of the use of anabolic hormones among militaries, athletes and bodybuilders.

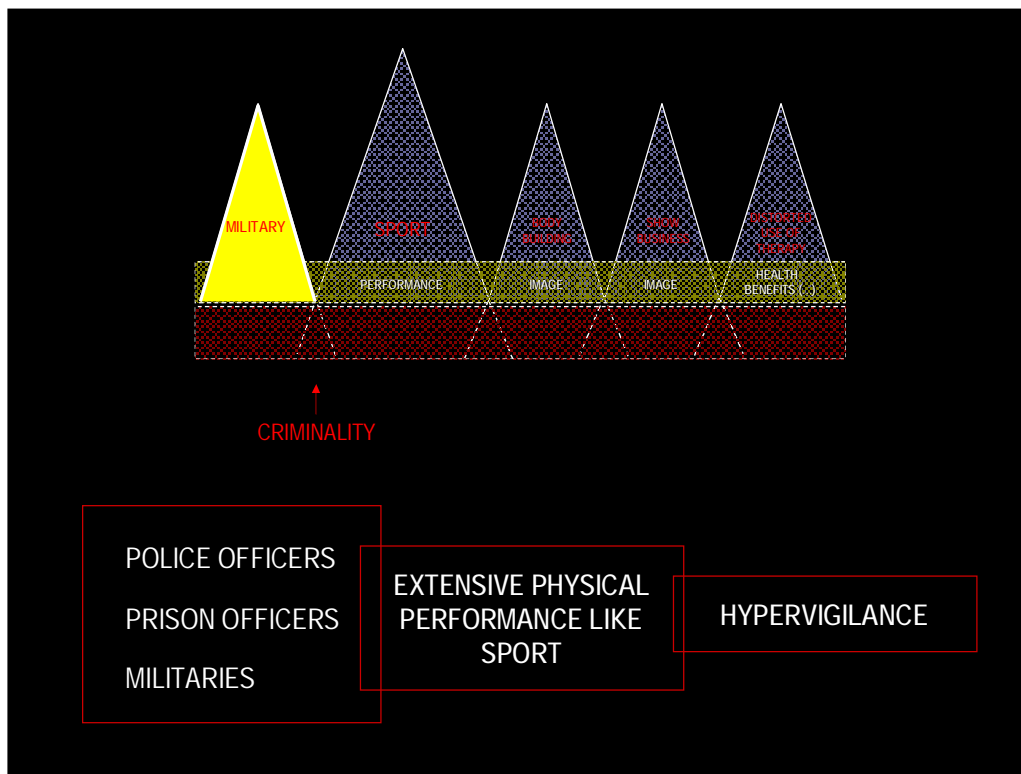
TASTO MILITARI

Some hormones like anabolic steroids and testosterone were first administered to soldiers and in a second time to the athletes.

TASTO ATLETI – BODY BUILDERS

TASTO CONNESSIONI

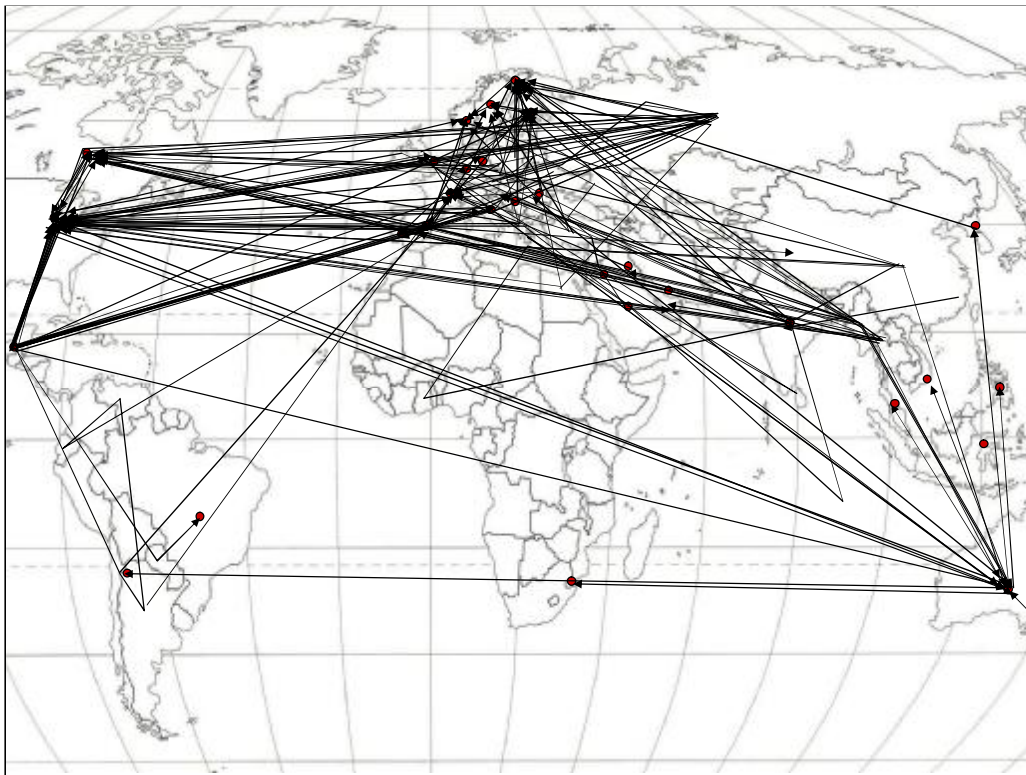
Among the 3 environments there were always close connections:
 a) first: just before the Second World War German pharmacologists conceived anabolic steroids for soldiers;
 b) second connection: in many countries, for long time, sport was above all military sport;
 c) third connection: in some cases, military and sport have a common masculine philosophy and a nationalistic imprinting;
 d) fourth, close connection is between sport and body building, especially about the strength development methods.



In my research I found many cases of steroid use by police officers, prison officers and by militaries. Some authors assert that this use is likely far more pervasive than known, and it will probably continue an upward trend. I also found a lot of cases of police officers associated with criminality for trafficking anabolic hormones.

TASTO PER “CRIMINALITY”

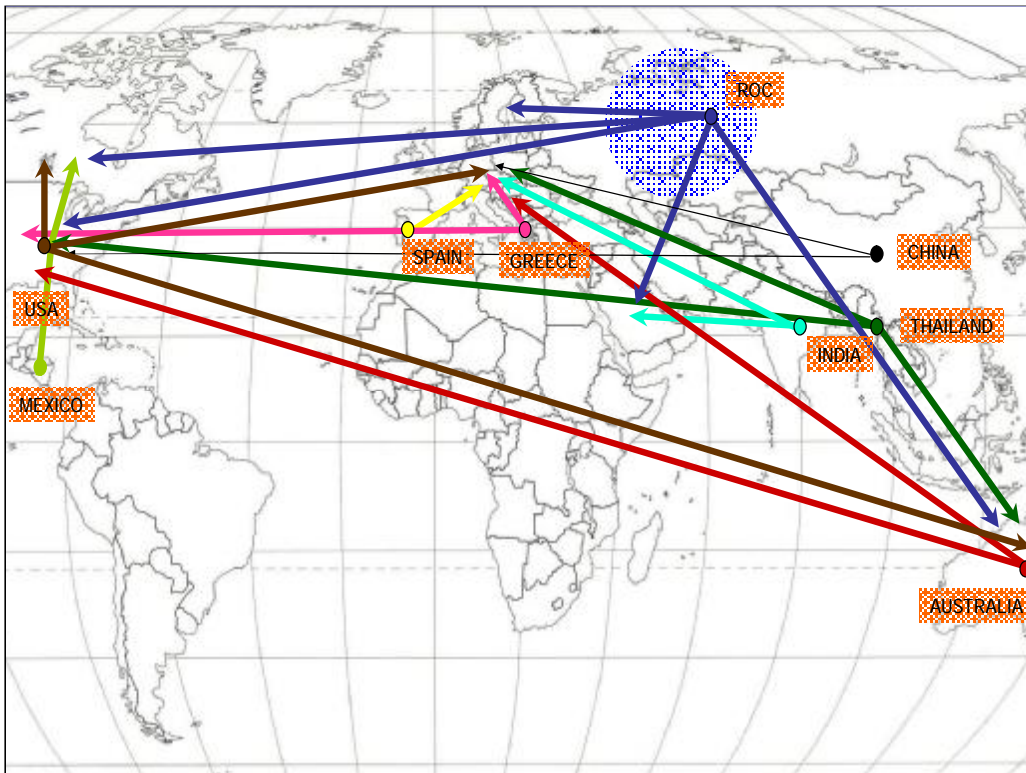
Policing predisposes cops to using performance-enhancing drugs, because it requires extensive physical performance like sport. Psychiatrists hypothesize that recurrent exposure to trauma in police and military work diminishes sensitivity to stress, establishes a permanent state of “hypervigilance,” and establishes adrenaline addiction. This addiction to the excitement of policing opens the psychiatric portal to steroid use, because testosterone and its derivatives directly ameliorate the recurrent stress to which cops are, necessarily, exposed, in the process enhancing, rather than impeding, performance. Situation is similar for soldiers, especially for soldiers engaged in dangerous environment.



In this picture I had summarized the routes for more than 350 international cases of traffic about doping drugs. It's a planetary traffic, always in transformation.

I will demonstrate that black market is totally controlled by the international organised crime and, in many cases, by stronger mafia families. We can observe that for criminality it's very easy to supply oneself with large quantities of doping drugs. It means that many pharmaceuticals industries are ready to supply: they're a party to a plot.

Step by step the traffic through internet is increasing and now represents 25% of the total. It's possible that in two years the percentage will arrive until 50%: from that moment the largest quantities of drugs will stay more sure in one place while now for the traffickers is much more dangerous because they must carry them by car, or by ship, or by train, or by air and police could intercept and seize the drugs.



These are the most important origins and the most frequent routes of the world-wide traffic.

TASTO THAILAND

TASTO INDIA

TASTO AUSTRALIA, especially veterinarian anabolic steroids.

TASTO SPAIN, his role in the traffic is decreasing.

TASTO GREECE

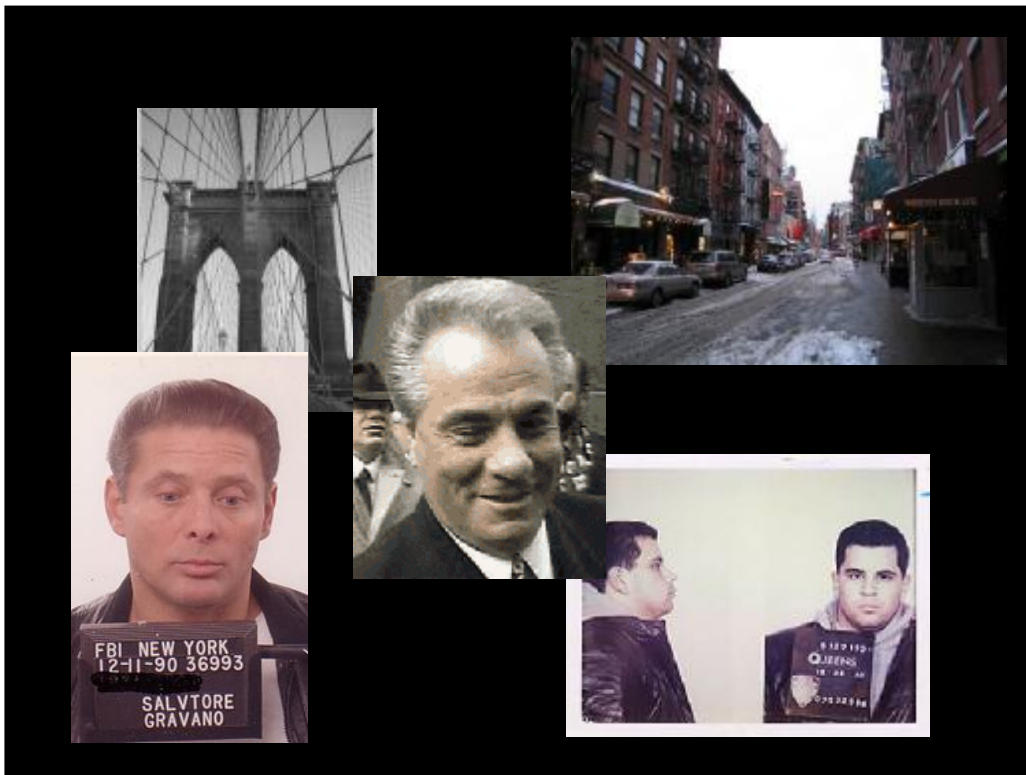
TASTO MEXICO

TASTO USA, often is a transit country

TASTO CHINA, his role in the traffic is increasing

TASTO ROC

These routes are controlled by ROC (Russian Organised Crime), a very complex and heterogenous criminal constellation (more than 70 mafia families). DEA affirms that ROC groups are very dangerous because they cooperate with organised crime groups from other countries.



Italian-American Mafia families, like Colombo, Gambino and Gotti, controlled during many years in US the traffic of the anabolic steroids and testosterone.

Ralph Dolls, a police officer married with a Gambino mafia family woman, was involved during many years in the using and in the selling of steroids to many other policemen; in 1995, he began to buy anabolic steroids from Russian Organised Crime, contributing to connecte this criminal organisation to Italian-American Mafia. In that period Russian Mafia was connected with Sicilian Mafia too. After 1995, progressively, the role of the Italian-American Mafia in the traffic of performance enhancing drugs decreased and the role of the Russian Organised Crime became predominant.



Now I will illustrate another example that should make us think about doping as a planetary issue. I found the news of this very important seizure in the official website for the Ministry of Information and Culture in the Arab Emirates.

TASTO NOTIZIA DUBAI

The fact is highly significant since it opens up an alarming scenario concerning Arab regions; up till now we knew nothing of their possible involvement in the use and maybe even the diffusion of doping substances,

TASTO MAPPA



A very significant amount, 2.700.000 doses of anabolic steroids (worth Dirham 27 million it means Euro 7 million), produced and coming from an East-European country were hidden in two trucks belonging to a non-existing Dubai transport company and travelled through Jordan.

TASTO PRIMO TRATTO

On the Syrian border the Jordanian police, who had been informed, seized the first truck on its way to Saudi Arabia

TASTO SECONDO TRATTO

and informed the Arab Emirates authorities that the second truck was travelling towards Dubai, where it was seized by the police.

TASTO TERZO TRATTO

The substances in the first truck were to be sold in Saudi Arabia, those of the second one in the Arab Emirates and in other Arab Gulf countries;

TASTO QUARTO TRATTO

Police authorities reported that it was an international gang involving nationals of different Arab states and nationals of the country where the substances had been produced; they added that other, similar, seizures had been performed previously.



Going still deeper and comparing with this seizures realised in 2005 (the yellow line), we discover that five years before, in August 2000, Jordanian police authorities seized an even greater amount (3.341.400 doses!) of the same substance, but they made some confusion, by thinking that the seized substances were stimulants and by evaluating that they came from Turkey, Syria and Lebanon

TASTO TURCHIA SIRIA LIBANO

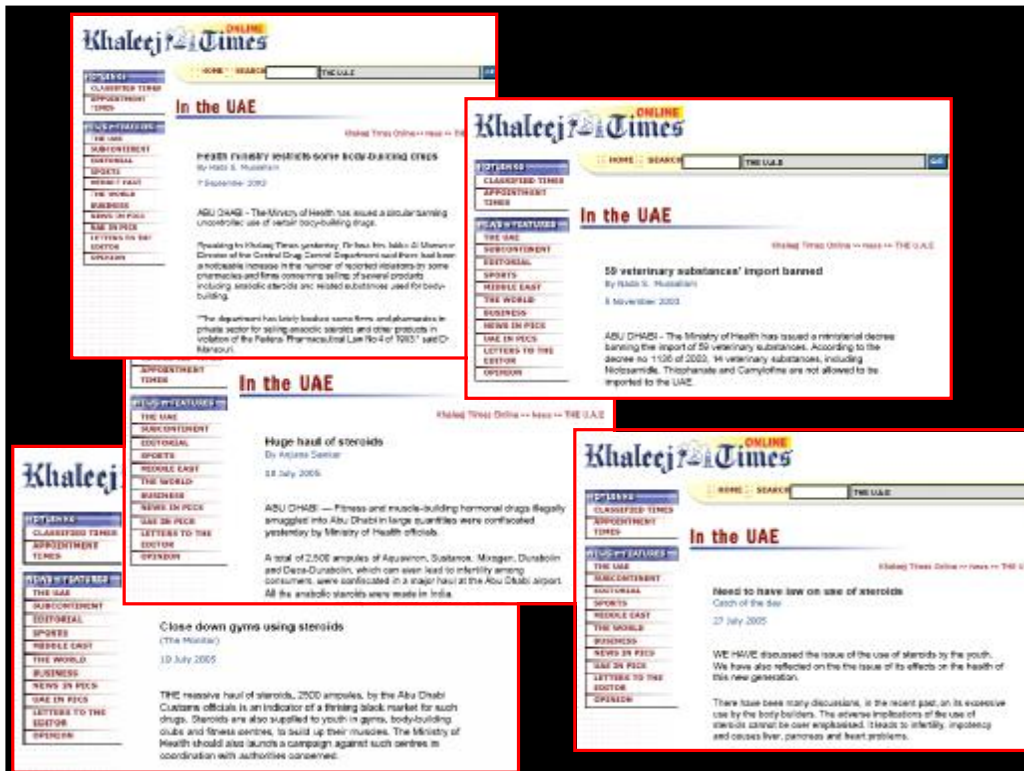
while, most probably, the substances only travelled through these countries

TASTO PARTE DEL VIAGGIO

during a journey that must have begun in an East-European country and must finish in the Gulf Arab Countries;

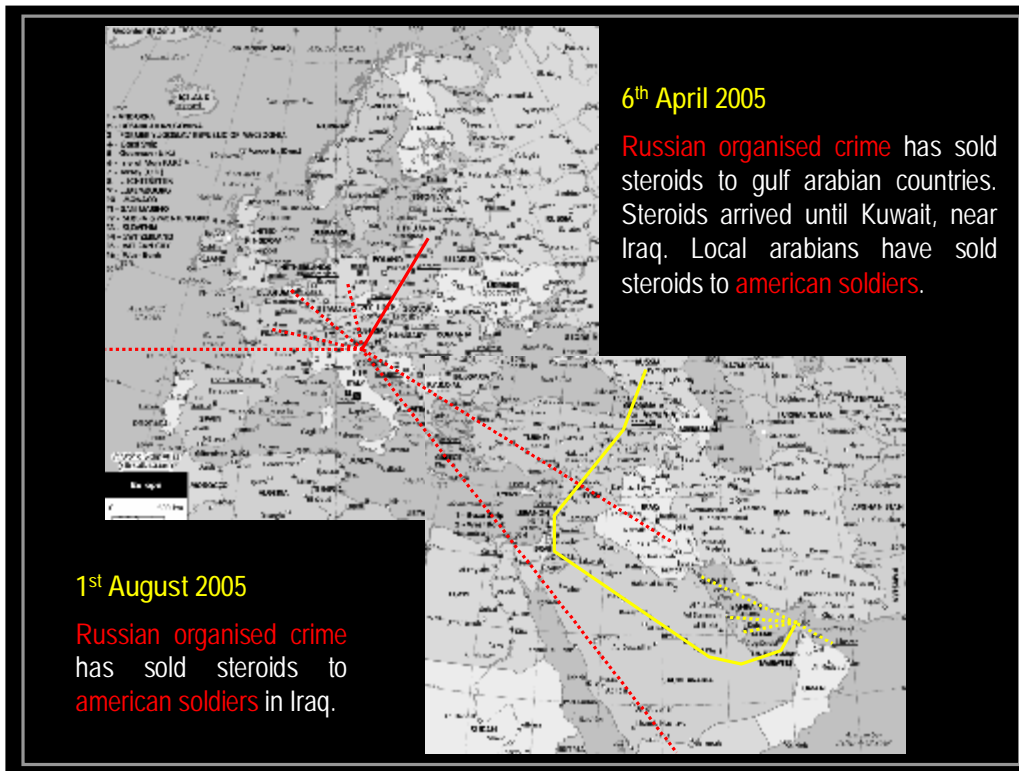
TASTO INTERO VIAGGIO

It appears obvious that between 2000 and 2005 other similar shipments of anabolic steroids were successfully delivered; assuming one shipment every two months for six years we come to at least 30-40 successful shipments averaging 3 million doses at a time; we therefore come to a total of 90-120 million doses peddled in the Arab Gulf countries between 2000 and 2005.



There are many other news about seizures of performance enhancing drugs traffics and alarms from the Ministry of Health of Arabian Emirates. These news confirm:

- 1) how doping has been diffused in this Country but also in other Gulf Arabian nations;
- 2) these news find out that organised crime from East Europe (in particular the Russian Organised Crime) and from Asia (in particular from Indian organised crime) have the full control of Arabian illegal market.



Slovenians received orders for anabolic steroids and other performance enhancing drugs on three Internet sites run by servers in Slovenia, Poland and Lithuania and sent the drugs to Trieste

TASTO PRIMO TRATTO

and to customers in Europe, North America and Australia.

TASTO TRATTI EUROPA NORD AMERICA AUSTRALIA

From Trieste anabolic steroids were sent to American soldiers in Iraq.

TASTO IRAQ

The police investigation in Italy began after a post office in Trieste, in north eastern Italy, reported that U.S. postal authorities in Iraq returned hundreds of packets of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs because they were improperly addressed. Associated Press realised an inquiry in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and Djibouti and discovered that the majority of drug-users are in their teens or early 20s, and sometimes get their drugs from local Arabian while on patrol.

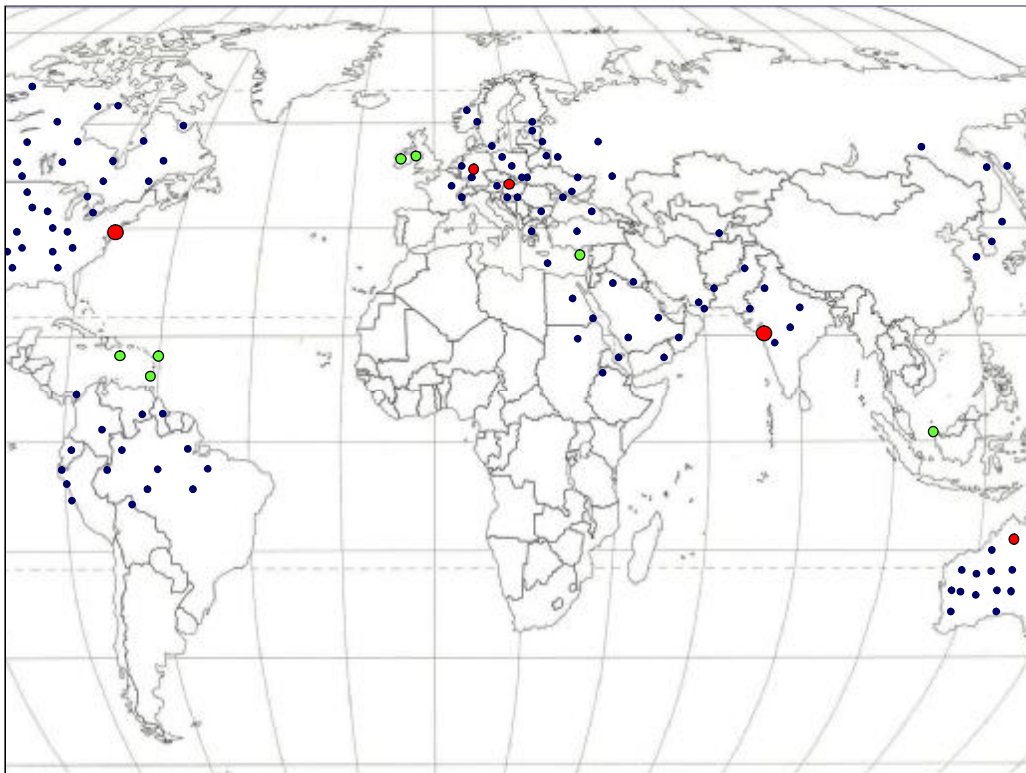
To better understand, we must remember the traffic of steroids from East European Country until Gulf Arabian Countries.

TASTO LINEA GIALLA

It means that American soldiers (but only American soldiers?) received steroids not only from Trieste but also from other different sources!

TASTO SINTESI 1

TASTO SINTESI 2



Few weeks ago, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) announced the results of Operation "Cyber Chase", a year-long Organized Crime Drug Enforcement investigation that targeted international Internet pharmaceutical traffickers operating in the United States, India, Asia, Europe and the Caribbean. These e-traffickers distributed drugs world-wide. There were many arrests in U.S. and in other countries.

Traffickers used more than 200 websites...

TASTO PUNTINI BLU

...to illicitly distribute pharmaceutical controlled substances. The DEA identified a Philadelphia-based...

TASTO PUNTI ROSSI GRANDI

...international Internet drug trafficking organization, allegedly headed by the Indian Bansal Organization.

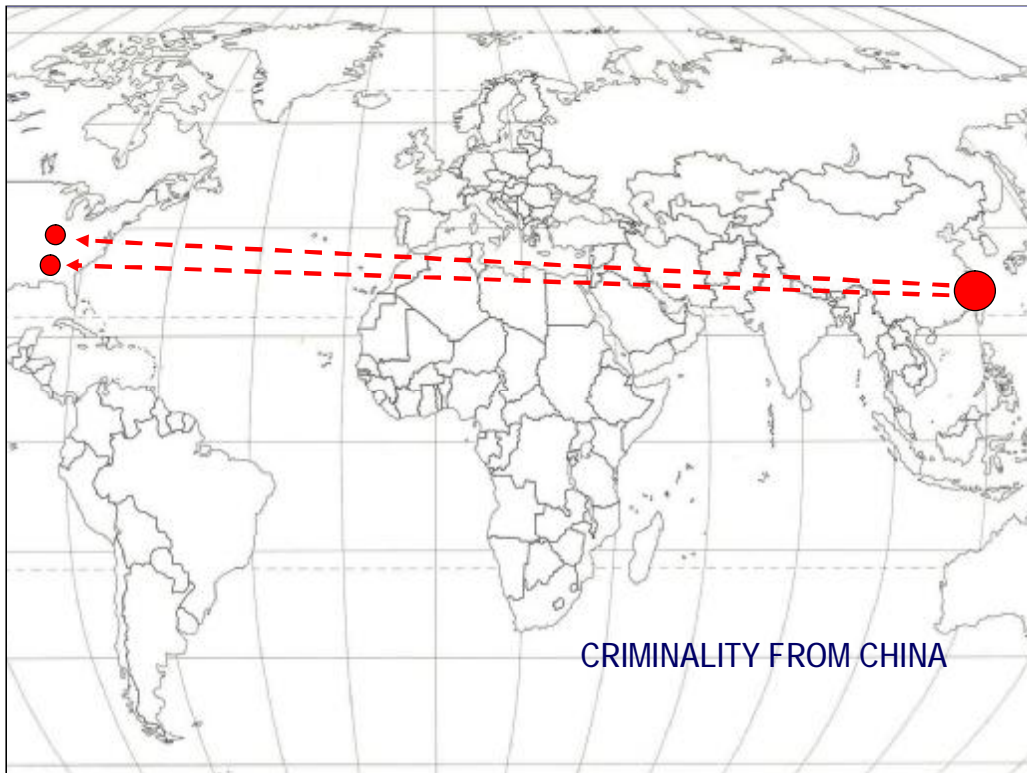
TASTO PUNTI ROSSI PICCOLI

They repackaged controlled substances smuggled into the United States from India, Australia, Germany and Hungary and distributed them throughout the U.S. and the world.

Since July 2003, the Bansal Organization distributed approximately 2.5 million dosage units of anabolic steroids and amphetamines per month.

TASTO PUNTI VERDI

Other countries were involved in the traffic : Singapore, the Channel Islands, Isle of Man, West Indies, Antigua, Ireland and Cyprus...! Cyprus; you must remember that this country was involved in an enormous steal of epo phials.



Some months ago, a firefighter who is also a bodybuilder and moonlights as a stripper was arrested when Customs officers

TASTO PRIMA ROTTA

discovered a box from China containing 300.000 units of anabolic steroids and human growth hormone. Another example:

TASTO SECONDA ROTTA

some people were arrested by a task force of U.S. Postal Inspection Service and Iowa State Police on charges of conducting an ongoing criminal enterprise. They imported the human growth hormone through the Internet from China, via Express Mail and they conducted an ongoing criminal enterprise related to the misbranding and distribution of steroids and human growth hormone by counterfeiting of Serostim.

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Reports on the conference



I will talk about an event that occurred 12 years ago. Such significant event could have change the history of doping, maybe prevent or, at least, reduce its diffusion. Unfortunately it happened the opposit. Let's see together why.

US DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) had been aware for some time that illicit international traffic of anabolic steroids was becoming increasingly serious.



Over 100 delegates from 19 countries attended.

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Norway, Peoples Republic of China, Poland, Russia, Slovak Republic, Sweden, the UK and the USA.

LEGGERE SOLO IL COMMENTO!

The organization of the Prague Conference did not come as a surprise: US DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) had been aware for some time that illicit international traffic of anabolic steroids was becoming increasingly serious and had therefore contacted corresponding institutions in other countries on the subject of a large scale International Conference.

DEA REPORTED THAT:

1 Between 1991 and 1993, US authorities had seized over 6 million doses of performance enhancing drugs.

2 Eastern European and South American countries are the primary source areas for steroids entering the USA.

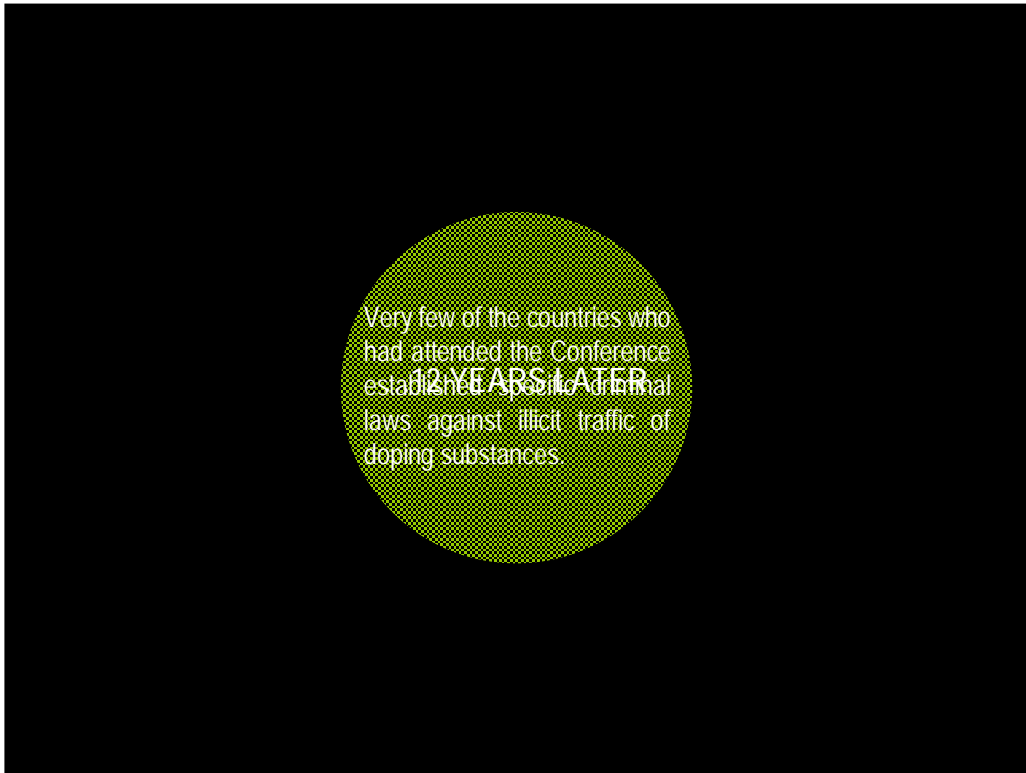
3 Many traffickers are involved with drugs other than steroids, especially cocaine, they are well organised at the highest level.

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4 "Governments should examine their national legislation with a view to strengthening controls over anabolic agents so as to curb their diversion into illicit traffic and also to identify manufacturers, quantities produced, imported and exported..."

5 The World Health Organization "should continue its analysis of global trends regarding the use and abuse of anabolic agents... Active cooperation and involvement of the pharmaceutical industry should be encouraged to discourage and combat the diversion of anabolic agents"

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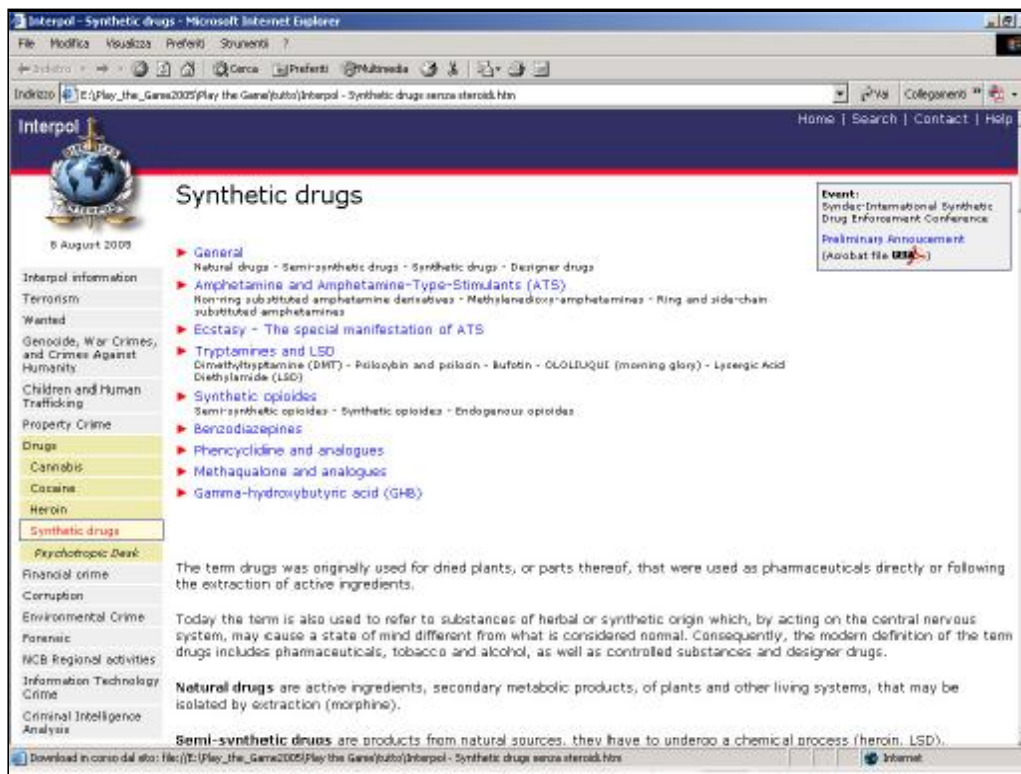


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In the following years, none of the international and US institutions who had attended the Conference (the International Criminal Police Organization (ICPO) / Interpol, the International Olympic Committee, the International Narcotics Control Board, the World Health Organization, the US Department of State, the US Food and Drug Administration) did in fact favour the creation of an international police and judicial body capable of dealing with this issue:

- the World Health Organization has never interfered with the pharmaceutical companies to regulate the conscious overproduction of drugs having doping potential, which is the origin of a large portion of illicit traffic;
- Interpol has not conducted operations to repress illicit international traffics, or if they have there is no mention of such operations in their annual Reports;
- DEA itself did examine the problem with more attention than others, but still insufficiently as we can easily deduce from the discontinuous and fragmentary references to doping in their annual Reports.

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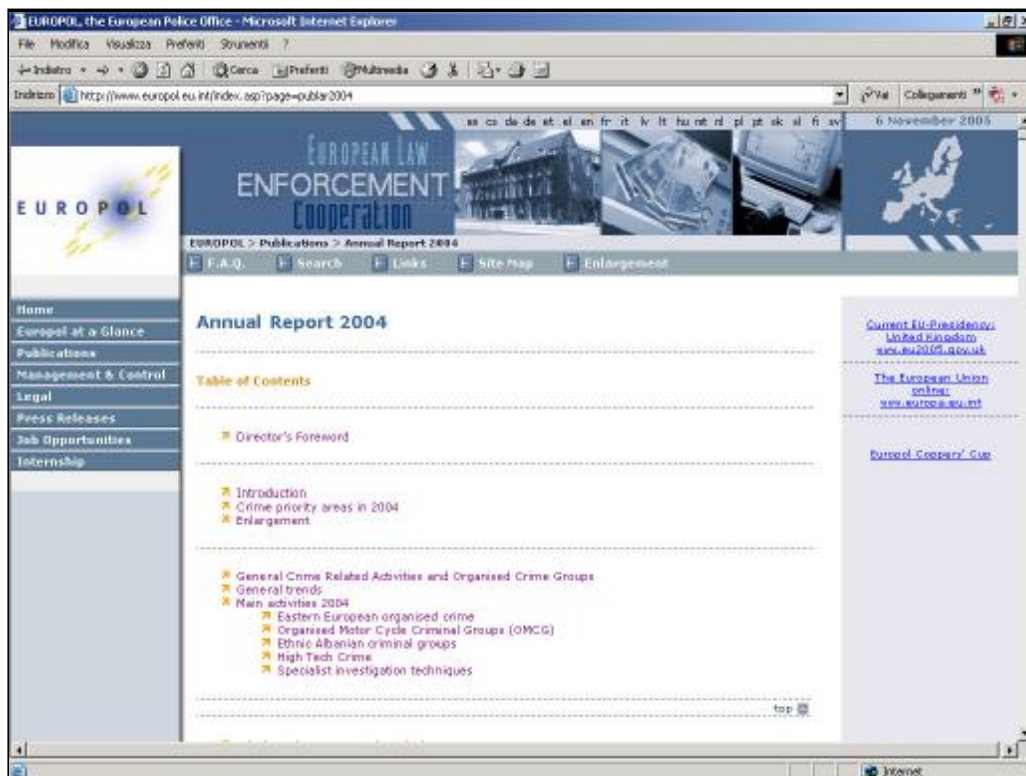


Interpol's annual reports never wrote about doping, except:

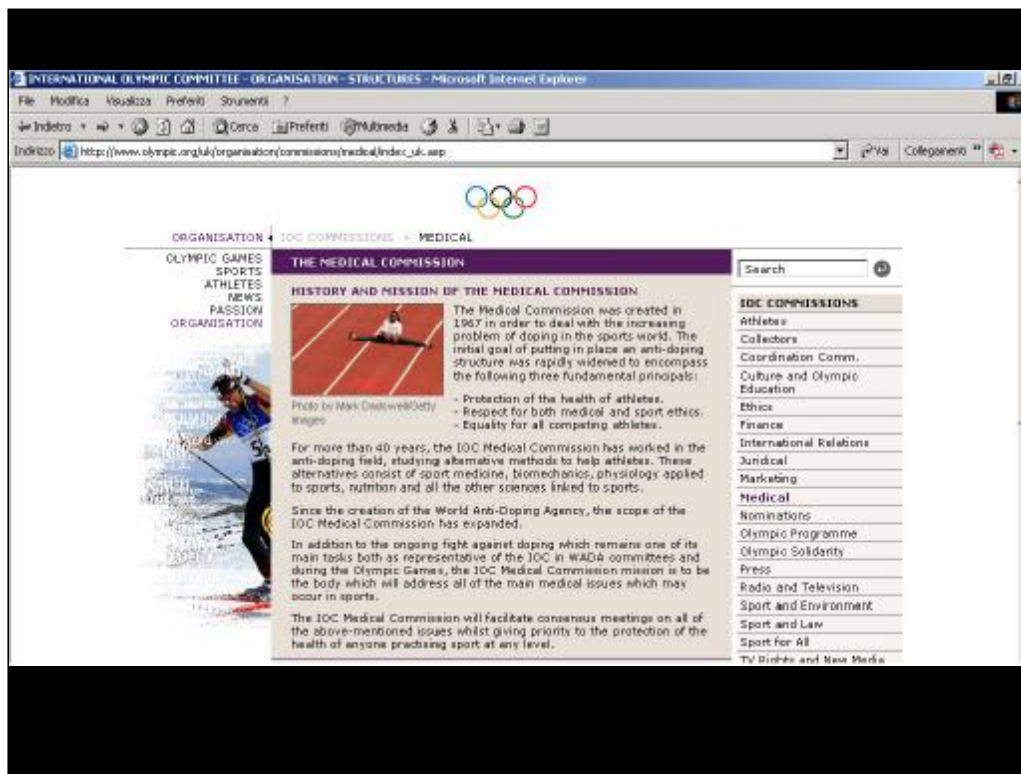
In 2000 annual report there is only this reference: "Interpol had launched a survey about doping substances amongst its member countries. Yet only 23 out of 178 answered the organisation's questions and Interpol is convinced that the traffic in doping substances is now on a par with that of certain so-called social drugs".

In the following Reports, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 Interpol wrote nothing about the result of the study and about doping problem!

In the Web Site there is not reference to doping substances.



In the European Organised Crime Annual Reports 2002 and 2003 there is nothing about doping substances! In the Report 2004 there is only this reference: "*In France the number of incidents involving the illegal trafficking of anabolic and doping substances more than doubled from 65 in 2002 to 136 in 2003. A large part of these substances are discovered in mail and express freight. Sweden also experienced an increase in the seizure of doping preparations with the Baltic States, Thailand, Greece and Spain being the main suppliers*". Nothing about the other European Countries!



Six years after the Prague Conference, IOC Medical Commission asked to European Union a financing for a "Project" about the doping problem. This was the IOC's "analysis" of the traffic: *"(interests around the sport) attract dubious characters and mafia-style gangs, who then take over trafficking in doping substances. The cases recently brought to light by legal authorities (1998 Tour de France, Chinese swimmers in Australia, etc.) seem to point to the existence of international networks involving health professionals (doctors, pharmacists, trainers), lawyers and athletes"...*

After this "profound analysis" IOC Medical Commission presented (for diplomatic reasons? Or for simple ignorance of the real, heavy, increasing of the traffic?) his commendation to the whole police in the world: *"The police have succeeded in demolishing networks for the traffic of medicinal substances – intended for livestock or produced in clandestine pharmacies – that were distributed to bodybuilders in gyms".*



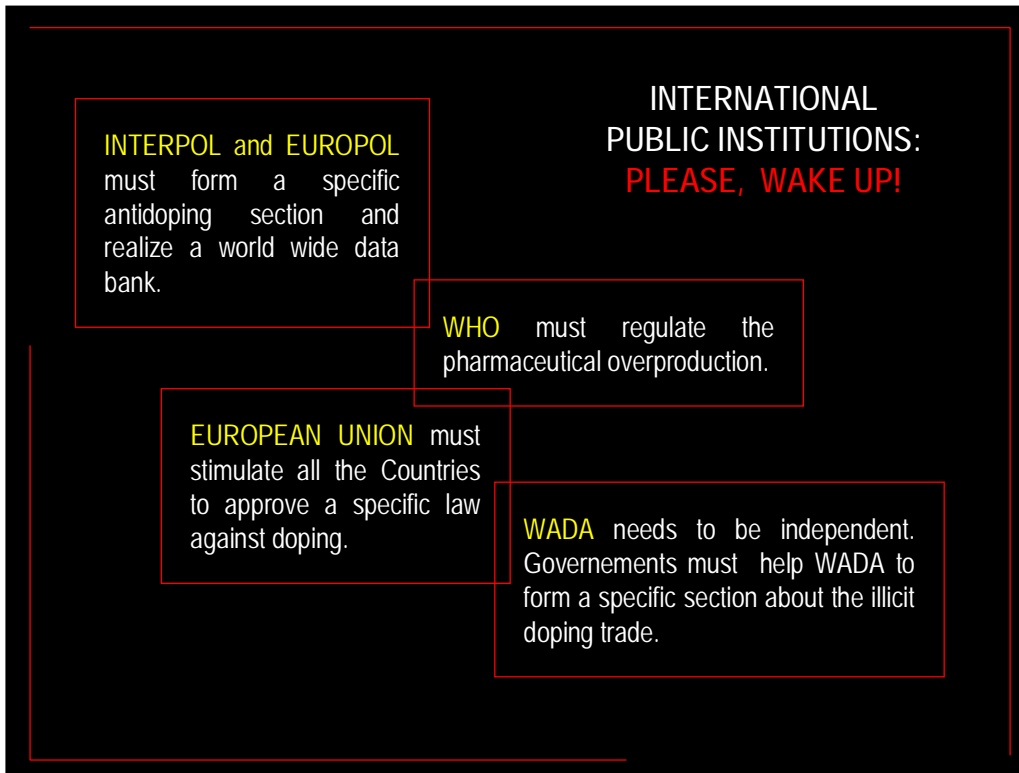
WHO has never put in practice the conclusions of Prague International Conference. In their Reports there are not references to the doping substances and to the central pharmaceutical industry problem of drugs overproduction.

TASTO COLLEGAMENTO HEALTH TOPICS

Even in the glossary of their web, words like "doping", "anabolic steroids", "performance enhancing drugs" are absent! In their website there is only one recent specific reference in which WHO has resumed a report of other International institutions about counterfeit drugs and counterfeit steroids and other hormones too. WHO could begin to understand the problem of doping by reflecting about this document!



In some national annual reports about the organised crime there is a specific part for doping substances. That's true for Australia, USA, Canada, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden, UK. For many of them doping drugs are prevalently seized by customs but there are very few real investigations inside the country. Moreover the analysis of the origin of drugs is limited to a national point of view. My motivation to realize a world-wise analysis is originated from this deficiency.



TASTO INTERPOL - EUROPOL

Interpol and Europol are international public Institutions; their mission is to fight criminality, especially the international organized crime; in the fight against doping they're very late: the urgent first step for them is to form a specific antidoping section, second step is to realize a worldwide data bank. DEA, Interpol, International Narcotics Control Board, must convince themselves that International Sport Institutions are not motivated and experienced in the fight against doping diffusion, they're only interested in antidoping urine analysis for top athletes: a limited and very expensive method.

TASTO WHO

WHO should fight against the pharmaceutical overproduction of drugs usable for doping.

TASTO EUROPEAN UNION

European Union needs to complete his theoretical-declarative phase and to become active by stimulating all the European countries to provide themselves with a national specific law against doping or to integrate their law against narcotics.

TASTO WADA

IOC regularly gives his share of money to WADA while many governments don't give. After few years of life it's clear that WADA is an apparent advanced Agency interested about top sport, behind WADA the conservative IOC lives more quite. Governements must give their share of money and invite WADA to form a specific section about the illicit doping trade, too. From that moment, for WADA there could be a greater independence, a real mission and a future.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!