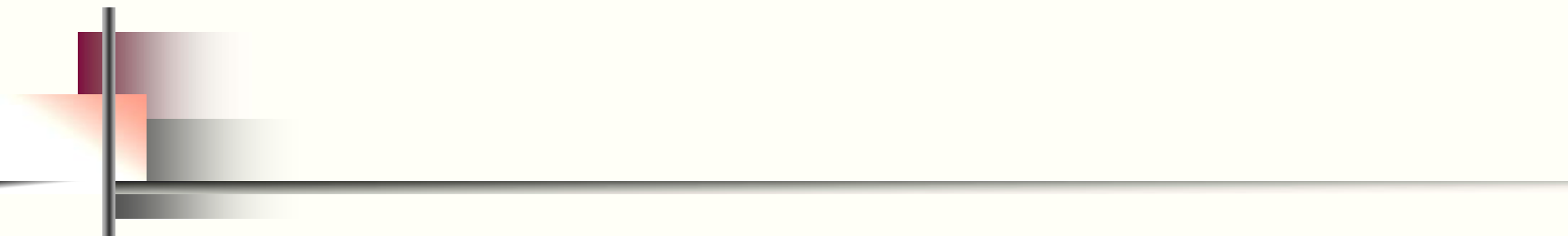


Food Law Enforcement Practitioners (FLEP)

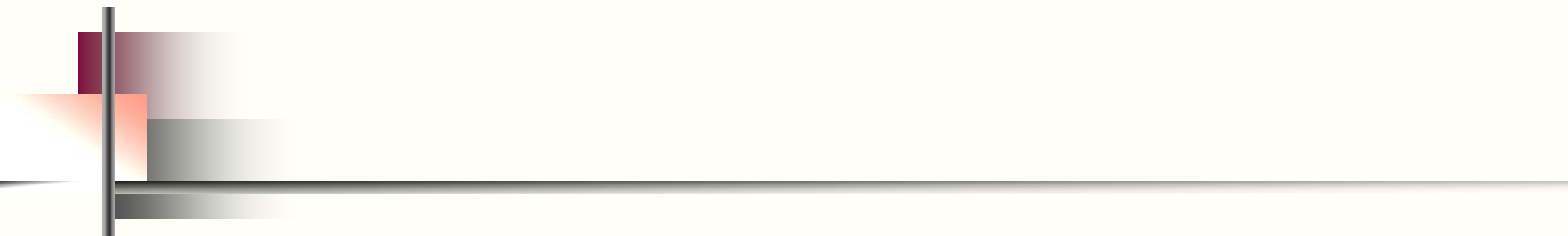
An Introduction

Jenny Morris (UK)



Who are we?

- An informal group of food control practitioners from across the European Union
- Established in 1990



What are our aims?

To improve food control by

- Sharing information
- Seeking solutions to common problems
- Spreading good practice
- Providing a practitioner perspective to policy makers

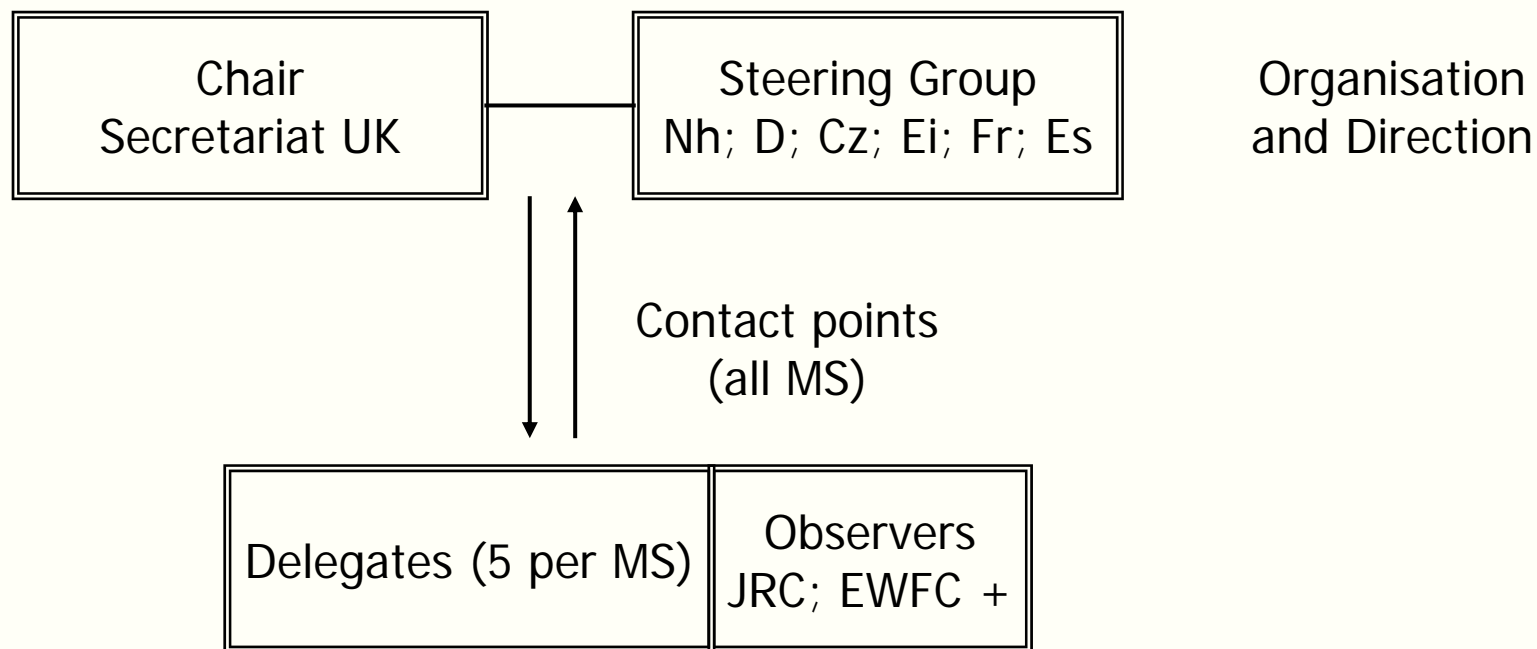
Who can be a member?

- Representatives of nominated food law enforcement organisations
 - from within the European Community
 - within the European Free Trade Area
 - EC accession States(Maximum of 5 per country)
- Observers approved by the Steering Group

How is FLEP organised?

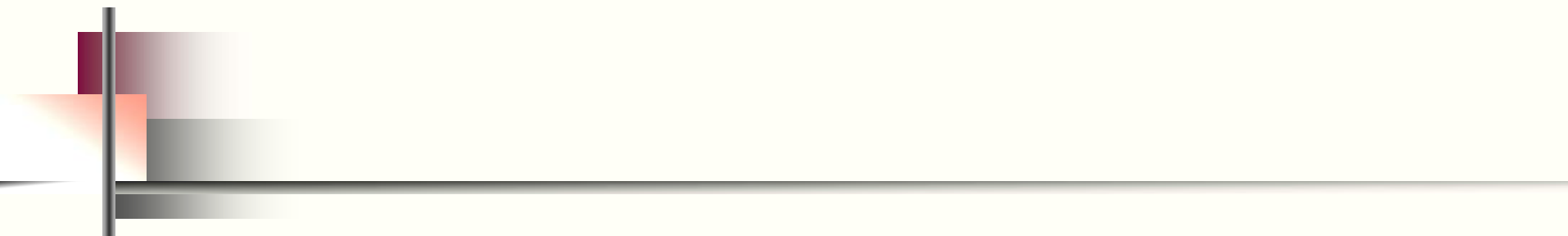
- Steering group – directs FLEP
- Contact points
 - Co-ordinate Member States attendance at meetings
 - Provide first point of contact for other Member State queries
 - Co-ordinate representation in working parties
- Secretariat
- Members
- Observers

How is FLEP organised?



How do we operate?

- Forum meetings (every 8 months)
- Working group meetings
- Focused seminars



Forum meetings

- 1.5 days (focus on non-animal origin food control)
- External speakers
- Workshops
- Working party reports
- Networking/social events

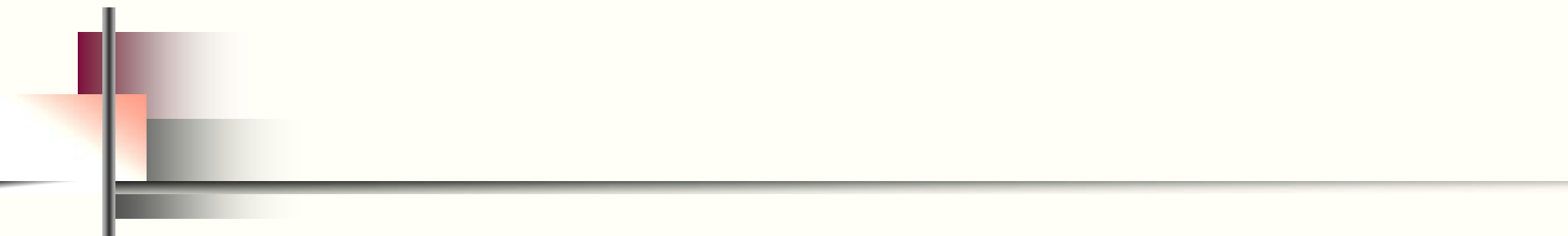
Current working parties

- Managing on effects
 - Identifying good practice in achieving compliance
- Import controls
- Benchmarking laboratory provision
- Implementing HACCP in small business
- Inspector training

Previous reports

Some examples:

- Acrylamide
- Food authenticity
- Gluten
- Food labelling

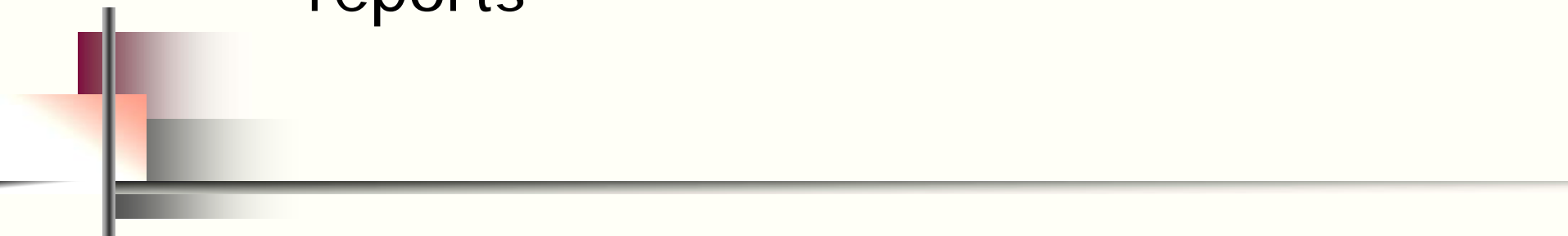


Who benefits from FLEP?

- Members – old and new
- Policy makers, eg new legislation assistance
- Food safety authorities
- Trade and industry
- Consumers

What is FLEP planning next?

- Meeting – November 2006 in Ghent
 - Regulatory reform; implementing the hygiene package
- Transparency workshop
- New working groups and finalised reports



How can FLEP be contacted?

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Grazie mille

We hope to see you at
the next meeting

Arrividerci!

