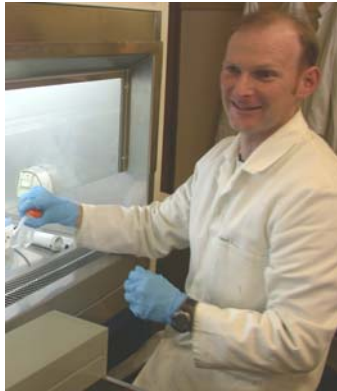


## Speaker Profile: Craig Billington



Craig Billington is a senior scientist in the Food Safety Programme at ESR's Christchurch Science Centre in New Zealand.

Prior to joining ESR Craig was involved in a diverse range of projects including epigenetic systems of *Escherichia coli*, inter-kingdom gene transfer via bacteria, food microbiology and genetic traits for food quality in livestock.

Since 2003 Craig has been part of the food microbiology team at ESR, where the focus of his research has been the investigation of biocontrol strategies, particularly bacteriophages, for the control of pathogenic and spoilage organisms in foods. He has published extensively in this area and has been successful in gaining research funding support from the food industry.

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