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**Biography:**

Mik received a BSc (Hons) in statistics from the University of Canterbury, MSc (mathematical statistics) and; PhD (statistics) from Purdue University. After completing his PhD in 2002, Mik returned to New Zealand to work as a lecturer in the Department of Statistics at the University of Auckland. An ongoing involvement in a number of Dunedin-based collaborative genomics projects resulted in a move to the University of Otago in 2006. Mik's research focuses on the development and application of statistical methods for the analysis of data from genomics experiments, with a particular emphasis on human disease. Mik is also heavily involved in two major initiatives designed to put in place sustainable national research infrastructure for NZ: NZGL (New Zealand Genomics Ltd) for genomics (where he was the interim Bioinformatics Team Leader during 2012-2013), and NeSI (New Zealand eScience Infrastructure) for computing/eResearch.