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**Biography:**

Dr Torsten Seemann is the Scientific Director of the Victorian Bioinformatics Consortium at Monash University, and a Senior Research Scientist at the Life Sciences Computation Centre in Melbourne. He originally trained as a computer scientist and did his PhD in image processing and data compression, but his first postdoc in 2002 saw him thrown into the middle of Australia's first large genome project, and he hasn't looked back since. He specialises in microbial comparative genomics, genome assembly, and genome annotation; and is a strong believer in writing high quality, useful software tools and contributing back to the bioinformatics community. You can learn more at his group website [www.bioinformatics.net.au](http://www.bioinformatics.net.au), his blog [TheGenomeFactory.blogspot.com.au](http://TheGenomeFactory.blogspot.com.au), and on Twitter [@torstenseemann](https://twitter.com/torstenseemann).