

# Forensic Science

On Monday and Wednesday this week the Commission sponsored full-day trainings at the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences in Houston by renowned cognitive neuroscience researcher, **Dr. Itiel Dror**. On Monday, Dr. Dror addressed over 486 Texas forensic analysts in-person and virtually in a general session on cognitive bias in forensic science decision-making. Wednesday's session was unique to Forensic Biology/DNA analysts and how cognitive bias can affect the discipline. Attorney **Robert Smith** attended the Monday session, and attorney **Leigh Tomlin** attended on Wednesday. Commission staff worked together to prepare for publication of a final investigative report concerning a Firearms/Toolmarks analyst who was the subject of a self-disclosure by the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas disclosing alleged professional misconduct by the analyst.

