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Workshop: Cognitive Factors in Forensic Decision Making

Where: 1301 Fannin St., 1st Floor, Houston, TX 77002

When: June 30 through July 1, 2015

Time: 8am to 5 p.m. each day

Cost: \$495.00 per attendee

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Full payment is required upon registration. *Cancellations will be handled as follows: cancellations made 30 days prior to the first day of class will receive a full refund; cancellations within 15-29 days will be refunded at 50% of the course cost, and cancellations made less than 15 days will not be refunded.*

Attendees will receive written course confirmation prior to course start date.

Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. reserves the right to cancel the above course due to unforeseen circumstances outside our control; we strongly encourage necessary travel arrangements to be made upon receipt of written confirmation.



**Cognitive Factors in Forensic
Decision Making
Dr. Itiel Dror**



Dr. Itiel Dror

Dr. Itiel Dror is a cognitive neuroscientist who received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1994 in the area of cognitive factors in human expert performance. Dr. Dror has continued his research in this area, and has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles specifically looking at cognitive factors that mediate human expert performance. His insights and understanding of the human brain and cognitive system underpin the workshop and lecture. Dr. Dror has a proven track record of successfully delivering workshops on this specific topic, including to the FBI, LAPD, NYPD, Kansas and many other forensic laboratories across the United States. His presentations have also been well-received internationally, including in Australia, Finland and the Netherlands. Professional bodies have recognized Dr. Dror's workshops and training on cognitive bias. In 2014, Dr. Dror won an annual award for excellence in training for his workshops on cognitive factors in forensic decision making. He has been extensively cited in the National Academy of Sciences Report on Forensic Science, and is the chairman of the OSAC Forensic Human Factors Committee.



COGNITIVE FACTORS IN FORENSIC DECISION MAKING

The Houston Forensic Science Center is proud to host a two-day workshop presented by Dr. Itiel Dror, a cognitive neuroscientist who is an internationally renowned expert on how cognitive factors can impact forensic decision-making. The workshop is geared toward attendees from a variety of forensic disciplines, and will provide in-depth information about the brain relating to bias and cognitive processing. It will then connect cognitive science to practical and specific issues in making forensic decisions. On the first day, Dr. Dror will provide background knowledge on the human mind and cognition, including how the brain performs and processes information, perception, judgment and decision making and the architectural constraints of cognition. Dr. Dror will explain how this applies to a variety of forensic comparison issues, such as confirmation bias, self-fulfilling prophecies and contextual influences. On the second day of the workshop, Dr. Dror will provide participants with more in-depth tools that will enable them to enhance and enrich their professional abilities. This discussion will address linear sequential unmasking, circular and backward reasoning and error management, detection, prevention and culture.

The workshop agenda is divided into specific topics and perspectives, however, the connections between them will be made throughout. The lessons will include specific issues and examples from a variety of forensic domains, from DNA and fingerprinting to forensic anthropology. In addition to the knowledge about the cognitive factors in making forensic comparisons, Dr. Dror will provide practical solutions to address weaknesses and best practices to enhance forensic practices.

For more information: <http://www.cci-hq.com/index.php?siteID=3>