

# Bi-Weekly News for KU's International Community

*The latest news, views and announcements*

## *In This Issue*

**Turkish Cure for Post-  
COVID Loss of Smell  
Gains Popularity** *cont'd p2*

**Ramadan Drummers of  
Istanbul Gear Up for Old  
Tradition** *cont'd p3*

**Highlights**  
*TPH and ICO interviews* *cont'd p4*

**Upcoming Events** *cont'd p5*



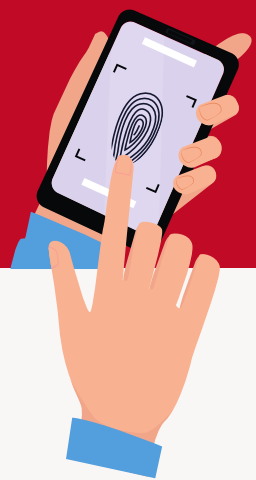
**Important Update on  
Residence Permit  
Procedures**

*cont'd p1*

# Important Update on Residence Permit Procedures

## Fingerprint scans have become mandatory

As of 28.03.2022, according to the new mandate by the Migration Directorate, all foreigners applying for a residence permit must be present at their appointment date to submit their application documents and provide their fingerprints.



## For Students

- Those who are done with their online SRP applications **before March 28th** will submit their application documents to us on **April 19th at Student Center, -3 Floor, Room B335 between 10 AM - 4 PM.**
- Those who will start their SRP applications **as of March 28th** are obligated to submit their application documents to the [Migration Directorate in Fatih](#) and provide their fingerprints at their appointment dates.
- ICO will still check the application documents and guide you in filing them from **Tuesdays to Thursdays between 2-4 PM.**
- **Make sure to read the announcement email and the detailed information on our updated [Student Residence Permit pages](#) before you proceed.**

# Turkish Cure for Post-COVID Loss of Smell Gains Popularity



A therapy method developed by a group of Turkish scientists to cure COVID-19 patients whose smell perception has changed is now being used in several clinics around the world. The therapy, published in a United States-based scientific journal last year, is now being used in several clinics for recovered coronavirus patients around the world, Professor Aytuğ Altundağ said.

The first step of the exercises involves what Altundag calls “classic” smells, from rose and lemon to eucalyptus. Based on the response of the patient, more smells are added, from jasmine to green tea. As the exercise proceeds, more “spicy” odors are introduced to the patient.



**“We conduct a smelling test with patients first and check their hedonic scale, as senses can vary for each person. Some people dislike the smell of eggs, while it is onions for others.” - Prof. Aytuğ Altundağ**

Source: [Daily Sabah](#)

# Ramadan Drummers of Istanbul Gear Up for Old Tradition

Thousands of Ramadan drummers in the metropolitan city of Istanbul gear up to be back on the streets next week to resume the ancient tradition of waking up residents for "sahur" — the last meal before the onset of the daily fast before sunrise.

Throughout the month, starting from Sunday, up to 3,300 drummers will roam across 963 neighborhoods in Istanbul, where more than 15 million people live.

Dressed in costumes dating back to Ottoman times, they recite short poems about Ramadan besides drumming. Tips are the only way drummers can make an income on the job.

**"Usually, the same people work as 'official' drummers every year, with some doing it for 30 years. Registered drummers are given official name tags." - Selami Aykut, Head of the Muhtar Federation**



Source: [TRT World](#)

# Highlights

## Turkish Practice Hours (TPH)

Join us if you wish to practice your Turkish conversational skill with native speakers!

**Beginners:**

Fridays, 1-2 PM

**Intermediate:**

Wednesdays, 2-3 PM



Interested in Joining the Sessions?

Visit our website: [ico.ku.edu.tr/get-involved/learn-practice-turkish/](https://ico.ku.edu.tr/get-involved/learn-practice-turkish/)

## ICO Interviews

We had the pleasure of conversing with our faculty member Michael Chouguill, lecturer at ELC, and his wife Fanny Carvajal this month. It is the first time we interviewed an international couple at KU!

Don't miss their experiences in Turkey, at KU, and their recommendations!

You can watch our interview by clicking [here](#).





# Upcoming Events

1-14 Apr 2022

---

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17

---

- Weds** TPH - Intermediate Session →
- Fris** TPH - Beginner Session →
- 31-1** Ghostly Kisses Concert →
- 2** DJ Seinfeld Concert →
- 6** Trivia Night by Yabangee →
- 9** Memento Mori Exhibition →



# KOÇ ÜNİVERSİTESİ

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY  
SERVICES OFFICE



**Student Center, B398**



**[ico.ku.edu.tr](http://ico.ku.edu.tr)**



**[ico@ku.edu.tr](mailto:ico@ku.edu.tr)**



**[icokocuniv](https://www.instagram.com/icokocuniv)**



**+90 212 338 12 99**



**COVID-19 Task Force:**

**[covid@ku.edu.tr](mailto:covid@ku.edu.tr)**