

**REQUEST BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION TO BE  
ACCREDITED TO ACT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE COMMITTEE**

**Deadline: 30 April 2023**  
**for examination by the Committee in 2023 and accreditation by the  
General Assembly in 2024**

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*Please provide only the information and supporting documentation requested below.  
Annexes cannot be accepted.*

**A. Identification of the organization**

**A.1. Name of the organization submitting this request**

A.1.a. *Provide the full official name of the organization in its original language, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section D.2. below).*

Uluslararası Mevlana Vakfı

A.1.b. *Name of the organization in English and/or French.*

The International Mevlana Foundation (IMF)

**A.2. Address of the organization**

*Provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone number, email address, website, etc. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled. In the case of internationally active organizations, provide the address of the headquarters.*

Organization:	The International Mevlana Foundation (IMF)
Address:	International Mevlana Foundation, Tesvikiye Neighborhood, Ihlamur yolu Avenue, Isik Han No. 13, Flat 2, Sisli, Istanbul, Turkey
Telephone number:	+905306648570
Email address:	umv@mevlana.net
Website:	www.mevlanafoundation.com/

Other relevant information:

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/uluslararasimevlanavakfi/](https://www.instagram.com/uluslararasimevlanavakfi/)

### A.3. Contact person for the correspondence

Provide the complete name, address and other contact information of the person responsible for correspondence concerning this request.

Title (Ms/Mr, etc.):	Ms
Family name:	Celebi
Given name:	Gevher
Institution/position:	International Mevlana Foundation / Board of Trustees member
Address:	Husrev Gerece cad. Umur apt. 54/8 Besiktas/Istanbul Turkey
Telephone number:	+905306648570
Email address:	gevher@mevlana.net
Other relevant information:	

### A.4. Country or countries in which the organization is active (Paragraph 91(b) of the Operational Directives)

Identify the country or countries in which your organization actively operates. If it operates entirely within one country, indicate which country. If its activities are international, indicate whether it operates globally or in one or more regions, and list the primary countries in which it carries out its activities.

- local
- national
- international (please specify)
- worldwide
  - Africa
  - Arab States
  - Asia and the Pacific
  - Europe and North America
  - Latin America and the Caribbean

Please list the primary country(ies) in which it is active:

Turkey (Istanbul office, Konya office), Switzerland (Internationale Mevlana Stiftung Schweiz), Colombia (The Mevlana International Foundation in Colombia), Germany (Internationale Mevlana Stiftung Deutschland), Netherlands (currently in process of forming legal entity).

## **B. Organization's competence, expertise, and experience in the field of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage (Article 9 of the Convention and paragraphs 91(a) and (c) of the Operational Directives)**

### **B.1. Objectives of the organization**

*Describe the objectives for which your organization was established, which should be in conformity with the spirit of the Convention. If the organization's primary objectives are other than safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, explain how its safeguarding objectives relate to those larger objectives.*

*Not to exceed 300 words*

The International Mevlana Foundation (IMF) was formed as the public and legal body representing the community which continues to practice the tradition of the Mevleviyye Sufi order and the teachings of its founder, Mevlana Celaleddin-i Rumi. Chief among these traditions is the recognized ICH, the Mevlevi Sema Ceremony. Creating this foundation was necessary due to the 1925 law declaring the closure of Sufi orders in Turkey. After this law, Mevlevi practitioners had to rapidly find new ways to continue the oral and written tradition of the Mevleviyye order while still respecting the law. The International Mevlana Foundation was formed as one such measure and quickly became a meeting ground for Mevlevi practitioners and those interested in the tradition.

Today, under the banner of the IMF, modern practitioners of the Mevlevi way impart knowledge of the music and performative rituals of the tradition while also teaching the specific way the Mevleviyye embodies the knowledge of Mevlana Celaleddin-i Rumi's teachings. The manner it does this both fits with the history of the tradition, while still having transformed to suit the modern age and Turkish law. The foundation also functions as the meeting ground for groups abroad that practice the tradition, making it function as an international network of practitioners.

### **B.2. Domain(s) in which the organization is active**

*Tick one or more boxes to indicate the primary domains in which the organization is most active. If its activities involve domains other than those listed, tick 'other domains' and indicate which domains are concerned.*

- oral traditions and expressions
- performing arts
- social practices, rituals and festive events
- knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe
- traditional craftsmanship
- other domains - please specify:

*Briefly describe below your organization's work in relation to the domains chosen (if your organization cuts all domains, explain how).*

*Not to exceed 250 words*

As mentioned, the main aim of the IMF is safeguarding the tradition of the Mevleviyye Sufi order by transmitting the tradition to the next generation through traditional methods and finding new ways to practice the tradition in the modern era to revitalize the tradition. Chief among the traditions of the Mevleviyye is the “Mevlevi Sema Ceremony,” inscribed to the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity List.

However, it also works to put forward measures to protect the tradition from uncontrolled commoditization. Firstly, it acts in an advisory capacity to the Turkish government and local governing bodies and also advocates for further legal protection of the recognized ICH. Secondly, it is very vocal in explaining the tradition to the wider public to gain public awareness of the necessity of the protection of this ICH. Thirdly, it assists in academic work on this topic by publishing new written sources about the tradition and creating partnerships between academicians and traditional practitioners.

### B.3. Primary safeguarding activities in which the organization is involved

*Tick one or more boxes to indicate the organization’s primary safeguarding activities. If its activities involve safeguarding measures not listed here, tick ‘other safeguarding measures’ and specify which ones are concerned.*

- identification, documentation, research (including inventory-making)
- preservation, protection
- promotion, enhancement
- transmission, formal or non-formal education
- revitalization
- other safeguarding measures – please specify:

### B.4. Description of the organization’s activities

*Briefly describe the organization’s recent activities and relevant experience in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, including those demonstrating the capacities of the organization to provide advisory services to the Committee. Relevant documentation may be submitted, if necessary, under section D.3. below.*

*Not to exceed 550 words*

General overview of recent or noteworthy activities;

#### **Activities focusing on education/transmission/revitalization:**

The foundation provides varied lessons almost every day of the week. Since the beginning of 2021, it has given over 390 online classes about topics such as close-reading Rumi’s written works, other Sufi literature traditionally read in the Mevlevi order and the traditions of the Mevlevi path.

Each sheikh in our board of trustees is training practitioners with traditional methods. Students learn rituals such as Sema and dhikr, some learn musical instruments, and all students receive training in Rumi’s teachings. For example: Sheikh Nadir Karnibuyukler at the Konya office of IMF has trained 51 people how to conduct Sema and has 20 musicians connected to him. He hosts weekly online meetings with 100-150 individuals about Rumi’s philosophy. Sheikh Gustavo Humberto Martinez runs a branch of the IMF in Colombia, where 10 students have been taught how to conduct Sema and 45 students have learned Sufi music. They also conduct Sema 3 times a year for the general public. In total, these various sheikhs have roughly 317 active semazens that they have personally trained.

Since 2016, music teachers have trained a total of 75 students in weekly Mevlevi music lessons at our foundation. Graduated students form the UMV Mevlevi Music Ensemble, which has given 8 concerts so far.

#### **Documentation/research:**

In 2022 the foundation joined the UNESCO Turkey National Committee's Memory of the World committee in preparing for the application of the Mevlana Museum Manuscript Archive. Trustee Dr Nuri Simsekler is an advisor on the project.

Between 2010-2018, member Huseyin Top completed a 12-volume Mesnevi commentary (traditionally read prior to a Sema ceremony) that translated the tradition into modern Turkish for a modern audience. It was published by the foundation.

#### **Preservation/Protection:**

In 2013, the foundation ensured that 9 phrases relating to the Mevlevi path were taken under state protection by the Turkish Patent Institute. The foundation continues to manually apply for the rejection of trademark applications containing relevant phrases. This is to ensure that the ICH is not overly commodified in touristic businesses.

The foundation submitted reports for the rebuilding of several historical Mevlevi convents (Mevlevihane): Gelibolu, Cyprus, Tokat, Bursa, Yenikapi, Kasimpasa, and Bahariye. It met with restorators and local officials and advocated that the convents were built and later repurposed in ways authentic to the tradition. Our foundation, in cooperation with the Turkish Ministry of Culture, applied for "Sema and Mevlevi Music" to be added by UNESCO to the list of "Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity" and its application was accepted. Afterwards, after much lobbying, the Ministry of Culture published a circulated letter in 2007 and 2017 on safeguarding this ICH.

#### **Promotion:**

Every year we organize The International Love Walk, a 5-day hiking trip that follows the path Rumi took to reach the city of Konya. Every year many children and adults join.

The foundation's official Mevlevi Sema Ensemble provides weekly ceremonies for the general public in Konya.

Since 1998, under the leadership of vice president Esin Celebi Bayru, the IMF has been continually travelling to give talks in Turkey and abroad. Abroad, we have visited over 21 countries to give talks. In Turkey, every year we visit approximately 25 schools, universities, municipalities, political parties, religious groups. We also make regular monthly TV appearances.

### **B.5. Description of the organization's competence and expertise**

*Provide information on the personnel and members of the organization, describe their competence and expertise in the domain of intangible cultural heritage, in particular those that demonstrate the capacities of the organization to provide advisory services to the Committee, and explain how they acquired such competence. Documentation of such competences may be submitted, if necessary, under section D.3. below.*

*Not to exceed 200 words*

Foundation personnel working with UNESCO Turkey National Commission: Board of trustees members Isin Celebi, Esin Celebi, Gevher Celebi. Academic advisors to the national commission: Kenan Gursoy, Nuri Simsekler, Adnan Karaismailoglu.

Mevlevi Shaykhs are elders of the tradition who are part of a traditional lineage of teachers. They train new practitioners of the ICH through traditional methods. In Turkey, the following sheikhs are part of the board of trustees: Faruk Celebi, Nail Kesova, Kadri Yetis, Nadir Karnibuyukler, Huseyin Erek, Mim Kemal Oke, Yilmaz Kafadar, Ahmet Sami Kucuk, Fahri Ozcakil. There are also foundation members leading groups abroad: Suleyman Bahn (Germany), Peter Cunz (Switzerland), Gustavo Martinez (Colombia), Yildirim Ekin (Netherlands).

An essential part of the recognized ICH is Mevlevi music. Many in our board of trustees are professional musicians trained in Mevlevi music who are also university faculty members: Hakan Talu, Serhat Sarper, Reha Sagbas, Celaledin Calisir.

Another essential part of the recognized ICH is reading Mevlana Celaledin Rumi's Mesnevi

through traditional methods. Academics specialized in Sufi literature actively volunteering as part of our foundation are as follows: Dr Ismail Gulec, Dr Cihan Okuyucu, Dr Dilaver Gurer, Dr Ali Temizel. Practitioner Mesnevi teachers are as follows: Huseyin Top, Nur Arttiran, Ibrahim Gamard.

### **C. Organization's experiences in cooperating with communities, groups and intangible cultural heritage practitioners (Paragraph 91(d) of the Operational Directives)**

*Briefly describe below how your organization collaborates with communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals that create, practise and transmit intangible cultural heritage.*

*Not to exceed 350 words*

As established in prior questions, the foundation has a large amount of Mevlevi practitioners that practice, transmit and transform this ICH in Turkey and abroad. As such, we will detail our work with groups outside our foundation.

Our foundation assisted in the creation of the following foundations in Turkey. We continue to work in close coordination with these groups and organize events together. Sivas: Sivas Mevlana Sufi Culture and Sema Foundation (SIMEDER), founded 23.11.2006. Manisa: Mevlana Studies Foundation (MEDAR), founded 29.02.2008. Mersin: Mevlana Culture and Art Foundation (MEKUSAD), founded 09.04.2009. Bodrum: Mevlana International Culture and Research Foundation (MUKAD), founded 03.12.2020.

Academic bodies:

The Kenan Rifai Centers of Sufi Studies Network. We currently have a 6-year project with Japan where we will facilitate meetings between students and practitioners. We recently published a book together.

The Mevlana Institute at Selcuk University. We jointly organized the International Mevlana Symposium until 2019. We now facilitate yearly talks from academics and practitioners at the institute.

We are also in close coordination with other safeguarding groups:

The Cenani Foundation, which focuses on the Rifai Sufi Order. We invited the head of the group to be a trustee and work with them to advocate the government for further safeguarding of Sufi ICHs.

The Turk Tasavvuf Musikisi ve Folklorunu Arastirma ve Yasatma Foundation focusing on the Halveti Cerrahi Sufi Order. We imparted knowledge of the Sema ceremony to the Cerrahis, who have integrated the Sema ceremony to their own rituals have trained hundreds of new Semazens. We also coordinate them for government advocacy.

UNESCO Turkey National Commission:

Our foundation was a member of the commission between 2014-2018. It attended commission meetings in 2010, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2022.

Turkish Government:

We are continually working with municipalities based in the city of Konya, both in an advisory capacity and co-organizing events together.

## D. Documentation of the operational capacities of the organization (Paragraph 91(e) of the Operational Directives)

### D.1. Members and personnel

*Provide proof of the participation of the members of your organization. It may take diverse forms such as a list of directors, a list of personnel and statistical information on the quantity and categories of the members; a comprehensive membership roster usually need not be submitted.*

*Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section D.1.'*

### D.2. Recognized legal personality

*If your organization has a charter, articles of incorporation, by-laws or similar establishing documents, a copy should be attached. If, under the applicable domestic law, your organization has a legal personality recognized through some means other than an establishing document (for instance, through a published notice in an official gazette or journal), please provide documentation showing how that legal personality was established.*

*Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section D.2.'*

### D.3. Duration of existence and activities

*State your organization's date of founding as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section D.2. above).*

The organization was established on March 14, 1996 in the Republic of Turkey and was registered in the Official Gazette of April 13, 1997. Please see the related Official Gazette in attachment D.2.

For documentation proving the IMF has carried out the appropriate safeguarding activities detailed in B.4., please see attachment D.3.

*If it is not already clearly indicated in the documentation provided under section D.2., submit documentation proving that the organization has existed for at least four years at the time it requests accreditation. Provide documentation showing that it has carried out appropriate safeguarding activities during that time, including those described above in section B.4. Supplementary materials such as books, CDs, DVDs or similar publications cannot be taken into consideration and should not be submitted.*

*Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section D.3.'*

## E. Membership in the ICH NGO Forum

*Indicate below whether your organization wishes to join the ICH NGO Forum. Please note that membership is contingent upon the accreditation of your organization by the General Assembly of the States Parties to the 2003 Convention.*

*For more information on the ICH NGO Forum and its activities, please see <https://ich.unesco.org/en/ngo-forums-00422>.*

Yes

No

## F. Signature

*The request must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization requesting accreditation. Requests without a signature cannot be considered.*

Name: Gevher Celebi

Title: Board of Trustees member, International Mevlana Foundation

Date: 25.04.2023

Signature:





## ITEM D.1. MEMBERSHIP AND PERSONNEL

### Summary of contents:

- 21 Academicians
- 15 Sheikhs
- A 30-man Sema ensemble
- 4 Mesnevi commentators (Mesnevihan)
- 11 Professional musicians trained in Sufi music
- 3 Professional artists
- 5 Advisors on Law and Government

### **INTERNATIONAL MEVLANA FOUNDATION (IMF), FULL LIST OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1. Faruk Hemdem Celebi, Foundation President, 22nd descendant of Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi
2. Esin Celebi Bayru, Foundation Vice President, 22nd descendant of Mevlana Celaleddin-i Rumi

### Sheikhs:

1. Huseyin Top, Sheikh, Mesnevi commentator
2. Nadir Karnibuyukler, Sheikh
3. Nail Kesova, Sheikh, Musician, Mesnevi commentator
4. Prof. Dr. Mim Kemal Oke, Sheikh, Professor of Communication, Istanbul Commercial University
5. Huseyin Erek, Sheikh, Imam
6. Kadri Yetis, Sheikh
7. Prof. Dr. Yilmaz Kafadar, Sheikh
8. Prof. Dr. Nasir Baki Baykara, Sheikh, Descendant of Yenikapi Mevlevihanesi, Istanbul
9. Ergun Erez, Sheikh
10. Sami Kucuk, Sheikh, National Sufi Music Ensemble Member

### Other scholars:

1. Prof. Dr. Kenan Gursoy, Specialized in Sufi Philosophy
2. Prof. Dr. Nuri Simsekler, Specialized in Persian Sufi literature, Previously Founding Director of the Mevlana Research Institute at Selcuk University
3. Nur Artiran, Mesnevi commentator and author
4. Neslipir Sayar, Editor of Huseyin Top's 12-volume Mesnevi commentary

### Musicians:

1. Reha Sagbas, Musician, Member of TRT (Turkish Radio and Television)
2. Hakan Talu, Musician, Member of TRT (Turkish Radio and Television)
3. Ahmet Calisir, Musician, National Sufi Music Ensemble Member
4. Semsi Susamis, Musician, National Sufi Music Ensemble Member
5. Celaleddin Çelik, Musician from a line of Sufi musicians

Semazen (dervishes who can conduct the Sema ceremony):

1. Nacit Dileme, Semazen of Peter Cunz, Businessman
2. Mehmet Emin Holat, Semazen, National Tasavvuf Music Ensemble Member
3. Abdulhamit Cakmut, Semazen, Organizer of intercultural Sema events

Advisors on Law and Government:

1. Prof. Dr. Isin Celebi, Politician and academician, Previous Minister of Economy
2. Yusuf Beyazit, Politician, Previous Head of the General Directorate of Foundations
3. Tahir Akyurek, Politician, Previous Mayor of Konya, recently Member of Parliament
4. Canan Sayar, Political consultant
5. Selin Ozkaramete, Lawyer

UNESCO coordinators:

1. Gevher Celebi, UNESCO coordinator
2. Yasemin Pacalioglu, Ph.D. student specializing in Sufism

Media coordinators and advisors:

1. Azra Kumcuoglu, Social media coordinator
2. Pirden Aydın, Graphic designer
3. Dogan Hizlan, Journalist, Author of many books on art and culture
4. Osman Saffet Arolat, Journalist, Editor in Chief for "Dunya", the most prominent financial newspaper in Turkey

Financial advisors:

1. M.Celaleddin Celebi, Banker
2. Sukran Celebi, Businesswoman, project coordinator
3. Henza Colakoglu, Businesswoman
4. Esin Demiroren, Businesswoman
5. Berna Ceylan, Businesswoman

Other Mevlevi practitioners:

1. Osman Bayru, Descendant of Yenikapi Mevlevihanesi, Istanbul
2. Aylin McCarthy, Descendant of Yenikapi Mevlevihanesi, Istanbul
3. Emel Gursoy, 22nd descendant of Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi
4. Neset Celebi, 23rd descendant of Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi
5. Filiz Gungor, Project coordinator

### **NOTEWORTHY GENERAL MEMBERS:**

Academicians:

1. Prof. Dr. Cihan Okuyucu, Specialized in Turkish Sufi literature
2. Prof. Dr. Baha Tanman, Art historian specialized in Sufi convents, Restorator
3. Prof. Dr. Kayahan Turkantoz, Specialized in architecture, Restorator
4. Prof. Dr. Ali Temizel, Specialized in Persian literature

5. Prof. Dr. Safi Arpagus, Theologist focused on Sufism, currently serving as the head Mufti of Istanbul
6. Prof. Dr. Mahmud Erol Kılıc, Theologist focused on Sufism. He is currently the most renowned academicians of Sufism in Turkey.
7. Prof. Dr. Hulya Kucuk, Theologist focused on Sufi orders
8. Prof. Dr. Ismail Gulec, Specialized in Turkish Sufi literature and Mesnevi commentaries
9. Prof. Dr. Adnan Karaismailoglu, Specialized in Persian Sufi literature, currently serving as an advisor to UNESCO Turkey national commission
10. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Veysi Dortbudak, Specialized in Turkish Sufi literature
11. Prof. Dr. Emine Yeniterzi, Specialized in Turkish Sufi literature
12. Prof. Dr. Dilaver Gurer, Theologist focused on Sufism
13. Prof. Dr. Ahmed Guner Sayar, Renowned biographer of Sufi figures
14. Dr. Ismail Fenter, Previously a Divinity school scholar focused on Christianity, now specialized in Sufism
15. Prof. Dr. Ergin Ergul, Specialized in Human Rights Law. Wrote a noteworthy book on Rumi's celebration of human rights.
16. Prof. Dr. Yakup Safak, Specialized in Turkish and Persian Sufi literature
17. Prof. Dr. Aysenur Demiralp Laykin, Specialized in Sufism and English literature

#### Musicians:

1. Nebahat Konu, Vocals, Ministry of Culture Musician, IMF Konya office head teacher
2. Engin Baykal, Rhythm, Teacher
3. Muhammed Safa Polat, Reed flute, Teacher
4. Aytac Ergen, Vocals and rhythm
5. Ahmet Islam Toz, Reed flute

#### Sheikhs:

1. Peter Cunz, Also head of the IMF Switzerland branch
2. Suleyman Bahn, Head of the IMF Germany branch
3. Gustavo Martinez, Head of the IMF Colombia branch
4. Yildirim Ekin, Head of the IMF Netherlands branch
5. Fahri Ozcakil, Head of the Ministry of Culture's Konya Sufi Music Ensemble
6. Dr. Taha Hidayetoğlu, Konya

#### Other scholars:

1. Ibrahim Gamard, Mesnevi commentator

#### Select members of our foundation ensemble:

1. Mehmet Ali Ozdengul, Konya, Head Semazen
2. Ihsan Keleş, Konya
3. Hakan Elma, Konya
4. Kayhan Gonul, Konya
5. Emre Yılmaz, Konya
6. Furkan Damar, Konya
7. Mehmet Ozhan, Konya

8. Mustafa Infal Taha, Konya
9. Mehmet Erkmen, Konya
10. Serkant Dervisoglu, Istanbul, Teacher of Sema
11. Atakan Gurdere, Istanbul
12. Ridvan Talu, Istanbul
13. Timur Ahenk, Istanbul

Artists:

1. Hatice Demirel, Water marbling artist
2. Jale Saracoglu, painter
3. Nilgun Akder, painter

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. Faruk Celebi
2. Esin Celebi Bayru
3. Neslipir Celebi Sayar
4. Gevher Celebi
5. Sukran Çelebi
6. Nail Kesova
7. Caglar Değer
8. Serhat Sarpel
9. Azra Kumcuoglu

**PERSONEL**

Lale Alkan

## ITEM D.2. RECOGNIZED LEGAL PERSONALITY

The following is the Official Gazette of April 13, 1997 announcing the legal formation of the International Mevlana Foundation. The Turkish original can be found on page 2. The translation of the document is as follows;

### **From the General Directorate of Foundations:**

Name of Foundation: International Mevlana Foundation

Trustees: Nesip Mustafa Merter, Hüseyin Top, Fahrettin Nuri Sönmezen

Foundation Address: Istanbul

The name of the Court that Issued the Registration Decision of the Foundation, the Date of the Decision, and the Number: Istanbul 7<sup>th</sup> Civil Court on 12/12/1996, E: 1996/362, K: 1996/698.

The purpose of the Foundation: The purpose of the Foundation is to conduct research on the works and works of the great philosopher, scholar and poet Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi, to transmit Mevlana's ideas to future generations, and to assist both domestic and foreign studies in this regard.

Assets of the Foundation: 500,000,000 TL

Bodies of the Foundation: The Trustee of the Foundation, the Board of Directors

This body is declared according to the Turkish Civil Code's 13<sup>th</sup> article on the regulation of foundations.

**Vakıflar Genel Müdürlüğünden :**

Vakfın Adı : Uluslararası Mevlana Vakfı

Vakfedenler : Nesip Mustafa Merter, Hilseyin Top, Fahrettin Nuri Sönmezci

Vakfın İkametgahı : İstanbul

Vakfın Tescil Kararını Veren Mahkemenin Adı Karar Tarihi ve Nosu : İstanbul 7. Asliye Hukuk Mahkemesinin 12/12/1996 Gün, E: 1996/362, K: 1996/698 sayılı kararı.

Vakfın Amacı : Büyük mütefekkir, bilgin ve şair Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi'nin eser ve fikirleri üzerinde araştırmalar yapmak, Mevlana'nın fikir hazinesini gelecek nesillere aktarmak, bu konuda gerek yurt içi ve gerek yurt dışındaki çalışmalara yardımcı olmaktır.

Vakfın Mal Varlığı : 500.000.000,- TL. nakit

Vakfın Organları : Vakıf Mütevelli'si, Yönetim Kurulu

Türk Medeni Kanunu hükümlerine göre kurulan vakıflar hakkındaki tüzüğün 13. maddesi gereğince ilan olunur. 8608/1-1

Vakfın Adı : Erzurum İktisadi ve Sosyal Araştırma ve Yardımlaşma Vakfı

Vakfedenler : Ahmet Gümlüçay, Remzi Özçelik, Nurettin Boztaş.

Vakfın İkametgahı : Ankara.

Vakfın Tescil Kararını Veren Mahkemenin Adı Karar Tarihi ve Nosu : Ankara Asliye 13. Hukuk Mahkemesinin 25/2/1997 gün, E: 1996/777, K: 1997/99 sayılı kararı.

Vakfın Amacı : Ekonomik, sosyal, eğitim, sağlık, kültürel ve diğer konularda araştırmalar yapmak, uygulamaya koymak üyeler arasında yardımlaşma ve dayanışmayı gerçekleştirmektir.

Vakfın Mal Varlığı : 511.150.300,- TL. Nakit.

Vakfın Organları : Mütevelli Heyet, Genel Kurul, Yönetim Kurulu, Denetim Kurulu.

Türk Medeni Kanunu Hükümlerine Göre Kurulan Vakıflar Hakkındaki Tüzüğün 13. maddesi gereğince ilan olunur. 8607/1-1

Vakfın Adı : Bahçe Eğitim Vakfı.

Vakfedenler : Mustafa Başer, Hasan Başer, Bülent Başer, Ömer Faruk Sabuncu, Recep Çoban, Arif Yaşar Fettahioğlu, Abdullah Kalkan, Mehmet Dönmez, Ayşe Kılıç, Kemal Yağar, Mustafa Kenan Gönüleri.

Vakfın İkametgahı : Bahçe İlçesi.

Vakfın Tescil Kararını Veren Mahkemenin Adı Karar Tarihi ve Nosu : Bahçe Asliye Hukuk Mahkemesinin 15/7/1996 Gün, E: 1996/115, K: 1996/173 sayılı kararı.

Vakfın Amacı : Kabiliyetli ve fakat maddi imkandan mahrum çocukların ve gençlerin, Türk Milli Eğitiminin genel amaç ve temel ilkeleeri uyarınca, tahsilin her derecesinde eğitim ve öğrenimlerini sağlamak için nakdi ve aynı karşılıklı ve karşılıksız yardımlar yapmak; barınma, beslenme ve diğer ihtiyaçlarına yardımcı olmak ve bu konuda sosyal destekler sağlamak; yurtlar, öğrenci merkezleri, okullar, kütüphaneler, kurs binaları, dershaneler bilimsel araştırma merkezleri ve beuzeri kuruluşlar açmak ve işletmek veya açılmasına ve işletilmesine yardım etmek; aynı gaye ile genel, özel ve katma bütçeli idare, kurum ve kuruluşların tesis ettikleri mümasil müesseselere nakdi ve aynı yardımlarda bulunmaktır.

Vakfın Mal Varlığı : 200.000.000,- TL. Nakit.

Vakfın Organları : Genel Kurul, Yönetim Kurulu, Denetim Kurulu.

Türk Medeni Kanunu Hükümlerine Göre Kurulan Vakıflar Hakkındaki Tüzüğün 13. maddesi gereğince ilan olunur. 8605/1-1

### ITEM D.3. DURATION OF EXISTENCE AND ACTIVITIES

Additional documentation to demonstrate the International Mevlana Foundation (IMF) has carried out the appropriate safeguarding activities detailed in B.4.

#### Activities focusing on education/transmission/revitalization:

The foundation provides varied lessons almost every day of the week. Since the beginning of 2021, it has given over 390 online classes about topics such as close-reading Rumi's written works, other Sufi literature traditionally read in the Mevlevi order and the traditions of the Mevlevi path. You can find select recorded lessons on our official Youtube and Instagram.

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/@UluslararasıMevlanaVakfUMV/videos>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/uluslararasıimevlanavakfi/?hl=en>

Each sheikh in our board of trustees is training practitioners with traditional methods. Students learn rituals such as Sema and dhikr, some learn musical instruments, and all students receive training in Rumi's teachings. For example: Sheikh Nadir Karnibuyukler at the Konya office of IMF has trained 51 people how to conduct Sema and has 20 musicians connected to him. He hosts weekly online meetings with 100-150 individuals about Rumi's philosophy. Sheikh Gustavo Humberto Martinez runs a branch of the IMF in Colombia, where 10 students have been taught how to conduct Sema and 45 students have learned Sufi music. They also conduct Sema 3 times a year for the general public. In total, these various sheikhs have roughly 317 active semazens that they have personally trained. These are informal but spiritual relationships not based on class, money, clothing, or titles; as required by Turkish law. Due to the nature of these relationships, we do not publicize them.

Events that gathered member sheikhs and dervishes:

In 2020: <https://semazen.net/sefik-can-dedemizin-aziz-hatirasina-ilk-defa-9-postnisinle-mevlevi-mukabelesi-yapildi/>

In 2022: [https://www.secure.instagram.com/p/CjGcUB\\_D9F0/](https://www.secure.instagram.com/p/CjGcUB_D9F0/)

Since 2016, music teachers have trained a total of 75 students in weekly Mevlevi music lessons at our foundation. Graduated students form the UMV Mevlevi Music Ensemble, which has given 8 concerts so far.

2023 Concert: <https://www.instagram.com/p/Cqj4jjJoXbG/?hl=en>

Current lesson program: [https://www.mevlanafoundation.com/activities\\_tr.html](https://www.mevlanafoundation.com/activities_tr.html)

Academic article on the topic: <https://www.ceeol.com/search/article-detail?id=816285>

#### Documentation/research:

In 2022 the foundation joined the UNESCO Turkey National Committee's Memory of the World committee in preparing for the application of the Mevlana Museum Manuscript Archive.

<https://www.unesco.org.tr/Pages/506/105/D%C3%BCnya%20Belle%C4%9Fi%20Program%C4%B1n%C4%B1n%2025.%20Y%C4%B1l%C3%B6n%C3%BCm%C3%BC%3A%20Uluslararası%20C4%B0%20C5%9Fbirli%C4%9Fini%20G%C3%BC%C3%A7lendirme%20ve%20Mevlana%20K%C3%BCllyat%C4%B1%20Ortak%20Dosya%20Haz%C4%B1rlama%20%C4%B0sti%C5%9Fare%20Toplant%C4%B1s%C4%B1>

Trustee Dr Nuri Simsekler is an advisor on the project.

<https://www.unesco.org.tr/Pages/1753/1335/Do%C3%A7.%20Dr.%20Nuri%20C5%9E%C4%B0M%C5%9EEKLER>

Between 2010-2018, member Huseyin Top completed a 12-volume Mesnevi commentary (traditionally read prior to a Sema ceremony) that translated the tradition into modern Turkish for a modern audience. It was published by the foundation.

[https://www.amazon.com.tr/Mesnevi-i-Manevi-%C5%9Eerhi-Cilt-Tak%C4%B1m/dp/6055959674/ref=sr\\_1\\_7?qid=1682345892&refinements=p\\_27%3AH.+H%C3%BCseyin+Top&s=books&sr=1-7](https://www.amazon.com.tr/Mesnevi-i-Manevi-%C5%9Eerhi-Cilt-Tak%C4%B1m/dp/6055959674/ref=sr_1_7?qid=1682345892&refinements=p_27%3AH.+H%C3%BCseyin+Top&s=books&sr=1-7)

### **Preservation/Protection:**

In 2013, the foundation ensured that 9 phrases relating to the Mevlevi path were taken under state protection by the Turkish Patent Institute. The foundation continues to manually apply for the rejection of trademark applications containing relevant phrases. This is to ensure that the ICH is not overly commodified in touristic businesses.

In the news: <http://www.anadolutelgraf.com/haber/Mevlana-ismi-koruma-altinda/101213>

The foundation submitted reports for the rebuilding of several historical Mevlevi convents (Mevlevihane): Gelibolu, Cyprus, Tokat, Bursa, Yenikapi, Kasimpasa, and Bahariye. It met with restorators and local officials and advocated that the convents were built and later repurposed in ways authentic to the tradition. We are able to share the report for Cyprus Mevlevihane: <https://mevlanafoundation.com/Lefkose%20Raporu.pdf>

In 2007 our foundation created a comprehensive report on the intangible cultural heritage of the Mevlevi order.

<https://www.amazon.com/Mevlana-Mevlevi-Order-throughout-centuries/dp/6056007812>

Afterward, in 2008, in cooperation with the Turkish Ministry of Culture, it applied for “Sema and Mevlevi Music” to be added by UNESCO to the list of “Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity” and its application was accepted.

<https://ich.unesco.org/en/RL/mevlevi-sema-ceremony-00100>

After much lobbying from the foundation, the Ministry of Culture published a circulated letter in 2007 and 2017 on safeguarding this ICH.

2007: <https://teftis.ktb.gov.tr/TR-264305/mevlevilik-ve-sema-torenleri-hakkinda-genelge.html>

2017: <https://basin.ktb.gov.tr/TR-181001/bakanliktan-sema-genelgesi.html>

### **Promotion:**

The foundation’s official Mevlevi Sema Ensemble provides weekly ceremonies for the general public in Konya. In the summer months, we partner with the local municipality to perform them in the garden of Rumi’s tomb.

In the news: <https://www.dailysabah.com/life/travel/covid-19-friendly-whirling-dervish-ceremony>

Since 1998, under the leadership of vice president Esin Celebi Bayru, the IMF has been continually traveling to give talks in Turkey and abroad. Abroad, we have visited over 21 countries to give talks. In Turkey, every year we visit approximately 25 schools, universities, municipalities, political parties, and religious groups. We also make regular monthly TV appearances. Sample TV appearances:

Our upcoming event at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam:

<https://vu.nl/en/events/2023/international-rumi-year-love-in-times-of-crisis>

English language documentary with interviews from 4 foundation members:

<https://www.trtworld.com/video/news-videos/international-mevlana-foundation-culture-showcase/5bb1d4cf58cd863d6877077f>



Every year we organize The International Love Walk, a 5-day hiking trip that follows the path Rumi took to reach the city of Konya. Every year many children and adults join.

Webpage: <https://www.facebook.com/sevgivebarisyuruyusu/>

In the news:

[https://www.karamaninsesi.com/4\\_Uluslararası\\_Sevgi\\_Ve\\_Barıs\\_Yuruyusu\\_Yapıldı-h37850.html](https://www.karamaninsesi.com/4_Uluslararası_Sevgi_Ve_Barıs_Yuruyusu_Yapıldı-h37850.html)

Our foundation is continually putting effort into dialogue between religions.

We have an ongoing partnership with Santa Maria Draperi Church, and every year we perform a Sema ceremony on their premises:

<https://mevlanafoundation.com/IMF%20AT%20ST%20MARIA%20DRAPERI%20CHURCH.pdf>

We have an ongoing partnership with the Istanbul Committee of the Latin Catholic Church for Interreligious Relations. In 2020 organized an interreligious prayer project together:

<http://senpiyer.org/interreligious-prayer-and-sharing/>

2015, an ensemble led by Nail Kesova was invited to Rome. They later met with the Pope:

<https://www.gazetevatan.com/dunya/nail-dede-papa-nin-kabul-gununde-780249>