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## **ONLINE INTERNATIONAL RECOVERY RESOURCES GUIDE LAUNCHED**

### **Interview with Mr. Hossein Dezhakam, founder of Congress60, An Addiction Recovery Community in Iran**

(Washington, DC, July 8, 2011) – Faces & Voices of Recovery has launched the *International Recovery Resources Guide*, an online resource to foster the development of networks of support between recovery community organizations and allies in the US and internationally. The site launch features an interview with Congress60 founder Mr. Hossein Dezhakam of the Republic of Iraq.

Congress60, founded in 1998, “has a truly unique approach to integrating athletic activity, competitive sport, and the arts into the recovery process,” said historian William White. “There are many aspects of the philosophy and activities of Congress60 that are worthy of worldwide replication,” White commented in his introduction to the interview.

*The International Recovery Resources Guide* features interviews with recovery leaders worldwide; reports and web sites from recovery organizations; and will include a blog to connect the growing network of recovery advocates worldwide.

Advisory Committee members David Best (Australia); Thomasina Borkman (US); Keith Humphreys (US); Dr. Al Mooney (US); David Powell (US); Anne Marie Ward (UK); and William White (US) are guiding the site and encouraging submissions to build this new resource. *The International Recovery Resources Guide* can be viewed at [http://www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org/resources/international/International\\_Intro.php](http://www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org/resources/international/International_Intro.php).

“We are thrilled to be able to offer this resource to educate US recovery advocates about the advocacy and peer recovery support approaches underway globally and build our recovery movement internationally,” said Faces & Voices Executive Director Pat Taylor.

Faces & Voices of Recovery is a national nonprofit organization working to mobilize, organize and rally the 20 million Americans in recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs, their families, friends and allies in a campaign to end discrimination; broaden social understanding; and achieve a just response to addiction as a public health crisis. For more information, please visit: [www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org](http://www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org).