

## **Public Information in Spain (Madrid)**

### **Open Public Meeting- November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The Madrid OA Intergroup held an open public meeting at which a National Television Station recorded with a view to broadcast nationwide, here is our experience....

- A TV Station in Spain saw in the OA Spain website that there was an Annual Convention and contacted the girl who was in charge of the PI mobile phone.
- The PI Committee spoke with representatives from the TV Channel about the possibility of recording both three members' personal stories and the open meeting; the effects on their families and anonymity, as the programme would be broadcast on Spanish television.
- Posters were displayed in hospitals, pharmacies and other public places with information on the open public meeting being held, advertisements were put in local newspapers. Our National Literature committee helped cover these costs.
- Prior to the open meeting, 3 people shared their story; their experience, strength and hope in OA with the journalist; their back was to the camera in order to protect their anonymity, representatives from the PI committee were present;
- The media also recorded the open meeting with questions afterwards, however only visual footage of members' feet and OA literature was recorded which made the people feel more comfortable.
- The meeting and the three members' personal stories were shown on the TV News both at 3pm and 9pm on the same day of the meeting, hopefully reaching suffering compulsive eaters all over Spain.