## SOIA symposium Sudan

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**Dr Ahmed Fadl**, president of the Sudanese Oral Implantology Association (SOIA), invited participants from around the world to a symposium in Khartoum/ Sudan on 26 May 2016. The former DGZI master is now among the leading Sudanese implantologists. With more than 1,000 implants placed, Dr Fadl is one of the so-called "heavy users" in Sudan. His dental practice is equipped with modern technology, including dental lasers, CAD/CAM and CBCT and thus forms an ideal training facility.

Fig. 1: Dr Rolf Vollmer and Dr Ahmed Fadl looking forward to the symposium.
Fig. 2: Interested participants.
Fig. 3: Dr Rainer Valentin and foreign minister Prof. Dr Ibrahim Ghandour follow the presentations eagerly.

Friends, colleagues and acquaintances attended the symposium in order to catch up on activities and education concepts of the DGZI.

Being introduced to the Sudanese foreign minister, Prof. Dr Ibrahim Ghandour, who is both a dentist and implantologist himself, has been a special honour for the German participants. The foreign minister followed specialist speeches with great interest. Presentations by DGZI representatives Dr Rolf Vollmer, Dr Rainer Valentin and Dr Mazen Tamimi completed the programme and illustrated the state of the art of implantology.

Of course, Dr Rolf Vollmer did not miss the chance to invite his colleagues to the 46<sup>th</sup> International Annual DGZI Congress in Munich from 30 September to 1 October 2016. This implantological event will attract colleagues from around the world, especially because of the many international relations of the DGZI. The worldwide DGZI network has resulted in many friendships, for example between colleagues from Japan, the USA or Eastern Europe and Arabia.\_



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