



Report: 1st Sudanese Implantology Symposium

On the initiative of Dr Ahmad Fadl, Dr Mazen Tamimi, and the Sudanese Oral Health Association, the first Sudanese-German Implantology Symposium took place during the 16th and 17th of December, 2006. About 200 attendants met in the perfectly technically equipped Friendship Hall, the first neutral meeting in Karthoum.

The number of female participants was remarkably high. Colleagues from Sudan explained on inquiry that the proportion between female and male dentists is about 80:20. The Implantology Symposium, which was mainly organized by the DGZI board members Dr Rainer Valentin, Dr Rolf Vollmer and Dr Mazen Tamimi from Jordan, covered a wide spectrum from the basics of implantology to modern advanced methods.

It became obvious that the interest towards den-

tal implantology is very high. In fact, this was proved by a visit to a private dental university during the next day. The modern equipment reached from units and intra-oral cameras to the possibilities of sterilisation and x-ray. The colleagues' thirst for knowledge was as remarkable as their politeness towards the foreign referees. This could also be recognized during the event of the evening which ended with a photo-shoot. Visiting the Minister of technology made a round finish.

At the end of the event, all participants agreed that the Sudanese Implantology Symposium should not remain the one and only event for Africa's most expansive country. Hence, the next meeting is planned for December 2007, a season which is considerably warm in comparison to European conditions.

