



# UNAM Congress 2016 in Mexico City

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With the theme "Maintaining and extending long-standing friendships", many DGZI members of the board were invited to this year's congress of the National Autonomous University of Mexico in May. The university is among the oldest and greatest universities of the American continent. Members of the board Dr Rolf Vollmer, Dr Rainer Valentin, Dr Navid Salehi and international DGZI representative Dr Mazen Tamimi from Jordan followed the invitation to Mexico.

**Fig. 1:** Speakers of the UNAM Congress.

**Fig. 2:** Mexico's culture was explored for leisure.

Already for the second time was the DGZI present at the UNAM Congress in Mexico City. This is one of

the largest dental congresses in the Americas. More than 8,000 participants, among them students, dentists, dental technicians and dental assistants attended this year's event. The congress was paralleled by an extensive dental exhibition.

Implantological aspects were mostly covered by DGZI speakers. Mexico's DGZI Representative Dr Mario Rodrigues had organised an excellent programme. A special highlight awaited the participants at the first congress night. More than 100 participants and guests gathered to inform themselves about the DGZI. During the evening event, UNAM dean of the dental faculty José Aturo Fernández Pedrero thanked the DGZI for their impressive speeches. These gave insight to the latest implantological techniques and research projects, for example finite elements investigations at the University of Bonn, Germany, which had been funded by the DGZI.

The DGZI speakers agreed on supporting their Mexican colleagues in the future. Next year, a congress especially designed for younger members will take place in Cancun. Member of the board Dr Navid Salehi, who is among the representatives of the DGZI young implantologists, will be responsible for the congress organisation. Overall, the event illustrated the good positioning and scientific recognition of the DGZI worldwide.



**Fig. 2**