The MAVATAR meeting in Vienna, May 22-25, was a very successful meeting that brought together potential future leaders in MSK radiology with established members of the ESSR. A current trend in medical education aims to focus on professional skills training (life skills and leadership, clinical reasoning, digital skills with issues of ChatGBT included, scientific literacy, medical history), and this is exactly what is achieved through the MAVATAR format.

The main objective of this course, i.e. to train the future supporters of our society, was clearly met as all participants were highly motivated to work as MSK radiologists in Heraklion, Lucerne, Munich and Rome.

As with all such didactic formats of professional development, this is an ongoing process and my personal reflection is as follows:

- Networking is important and the idea of organizing a MAVATAR meeting at the annual conference sounds excellent. The idea of a closer connection between MAVATAR and the Young Club is also an important one. Perhaps a larger number of participants could be proposed while keeping the size of the faculty the same (10 participants in 2 groups with parallel sessions).
- In addition to the existing learning objectives, these could be further detailed. It would help to select appropriate topics for the program as the field of professionalization has become very large. This is even more necessary as the discussions are usually both fruitful and time-consuming.
- For integration in our society, MAVATAR participants should be encouraged to present topics at the Annual Meetings and to be active on the ESSR social media channels as it was already done prior to COVID.
- An idea, discussed at lunchtime during the Vienna course was to give the MAVATAR project a subtitle for specifying the vision, a suggestion might be "MAVATAR ESSR leadership program".





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