The panel of judges for the 2009 Roger Cotton Histopathology prize met in London on 5th February 2010, under the Chairmanship of Professor Claude Cuvelier. Because of the high standard of published papers in 2009, we were faced with the same difficulty as last year, in that we were unable to reach a consensus on the best paper.

I am therefore delighted to inform readers that the joint winners of the 2009 Roger Cotton prize are:

Dr Monica Mannelqvist of the Gade Institute, Section of Pathology, University of Bergen, Norway for her paper ‘Importance of tumour cell invasion in blood and lymphatic vasculature among patients with endometrial carcinoma’ which appeared in *Histopathology* 2009; 54: 174–183. Her co-authors were Ingunn Stefansson, Helga B Salvesen and Lars Akslen.

Dr Oleksiy Tysbrovskyy of the Institute of Pathology, Medical University of Graz, Austria for his paper ‘Oncocytic versus mitochondrion-rich follicular thyroid tumours: should we make a difference?’ which appeared in *Histopathology* 2009; 55: 665–682. His co-author was Martina Rößmann-Tysbrovskyy.

The value of the prize is 10 000 Euros which will be shared equally between the two winners.

Many congratulations to them both.

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