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## **2014 F.G. BRESSANI LITERARY PRIZE WINNERS IN ALL CATEGORIES**

Vancouver, BC CANADA

IL CENTRO Italian Cultural Centre is thrilled to announce the winners of the 2014 edition of the biennial **F.G. Bressani Literary Prize**. The Bressani Prize includes four literary categories: poetry, fiction, short fiction and Italian themed publications.

The Prize was created to stimulate and enhance the literary production of works by Canadian authors of Italian origin or ancestry, to add to the richness of the Italian immigrant experience in Canada by celebrating its literary expression, and to honour and reflect aspects of Italian heritage and culture within our ethno-culturally diverse society.

The Prize is named after the Jesuit priest, Father Francesco Giuseppe Bressani, (Rome, 1612 - Florence, 1672) the first Italian missionary to Canada. Father Bressani published a significant book (*Breve Relatione*, «Brief Relation») which is considered to be one of the first Italian-Canadian literary work.

The 2014 edition of the **F.G. Bressani Literary Prize** are:

Michael Mirolla, *The House on 14th Avenue* (category: poetry)

Darlene Madott, *Stations of the Heart* (category: fiction)

Eufemia Fantetti, *Sweets* (category: short fiction)

David Macfarlane, *The Figures of Beauty* (category: Italian theme)

The winners of the 2014 edition of the Prize will receive their awards on **Thursday, November 6, 2014, at 7:00pm in the Museum at the Italian Cultural Centre** (3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver).

The jury for the finalists of the 2014 edition of the Prize was composed by Anne Giardini (author, Chancellor of Simon Fraser University), Anneliese Schultz (writer, Department of French, Hispanic and Italian Studies, University of British Columbia), Pasquale Verdicchio (PhD, Italian and Comparative Literature, University of California San Diego, poet and former winner of Bressani Prize), and Pietro Corsi (writer and novelist, former winner of Bressani Prize).

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