Luciana Duranti, Professor in the graduate archival programs at the University of British Columbia (UBC) School of Library, Archival and Information Studies (in the photo with UBC President Stephen Toope), has been honored with the Jacob Biely Faculty Research Prize and with the appointment to the Italian Supreme Council for Cultural Properties by the Italian government.

The Jacob Biely Prize is regarded as the UBC’s premier research prize and the top honor of its type in the province. It is awarded annually to a faculty member who has conducted outstanding research in any field. Duranti is being cited for "her enormous and outstanding research contributions to the field of archival studies."

The Italy Consiglio Superiore per i Beni Culturali e Paesaggistici (Supreme Council for Cultural and Landscape Properties) is composed of the presidents of scientific committees on archives, libraries, the arts (museums, galleries, etc.), architecture and landscape (elected by the members of the respective professions) and eight eminent personalities in the world of culture directly appointed by the government. The Council meets regularly to provide mandatory advice (binding for some matters) to the government of Italy on national programs and budgets, planning, international agreements and legislation related to cultural properties in general and the landscape.

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