

ERSA 2010 Special Session:
Local and regional spillover from high technology manufacturing and
service industries: cluster and non-cluster views

This special session is open for various kinds of spillover studies focusing on high-technology industries and the service sector. Papers can focus on 'traditional' local or regional dimensions, but it is also important to develop new concepts, knowledge and models for international spillover going beyond the local dimension.

Spillovers are common means for researchers to explain the benefits of agglomeration, since a great deal of knowledge spread occurs in locally and regionally specialized geographically concentrated industries. Then we mostly aim at clusters, regional innovation systems and industrial districts. Interesting spillover can occur outside such agglomerations. International spillover helps us to explain dispersion of economic and industrial activities across nations and continents.

Spillover and diffusion can include codified knowledge through publications and patents, mainly based on formal R&D, but can also comprise large amount of tacit knowledge.

Various papers are welcome:

- * Empirical as well as theoretical (various methods)
- * Interesting case studies
- * High-tech industries: aerospace, artificial intelligence, electronics, software, new materials, biotechnology, nanotechnology, etc.
- * Service industries: finance, health care, logistics, tourism, wholesale and retail trade etc.

Abstracts for the special session should be submitted electronically to session coordinator Sören Eriksson, soren.eriksson@ihh.hj.se before **January 15, 2010**. Notification of acceptance will be given before March 1, 2010. Full papers should be submitted before **June 1, 2010**.