THE INNOVATION SISTEM IN ITALY

ABSTRACT

Aim of the lecture is the introduction of a historical perspective and conceptual framework of technology transfer activities within national research and innovation systems, integrated with a view of current situation and perspectives in Italy. The presentation is structured in two parts.

The first part will deal with following issues:

a) a short description of the evolution of science and technology policies in industrialized countries as well as of trends in management of innovation in industrial companies;

b) the evolution of the concept of research and innovation system and the growing role of bridging institutions, i.e. the organisations characterised by the mission to facilitate relationships between public research and industry;

c) a zoom on current situation in Italy with particular reference to the recently established National Innovation Agency.

The second part of the presentation is devoted to the critical analysis of basic data concerning Italian research system.