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Kebekus**. *Families over special base manifolds and a conjecture of Campana.*

Campana defined the class of special log varieties (Y, D) , characterized by the fact that if $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \Omega_Y^p(\log D)$ is an invertible subsheaf for some p , then $\kappa(\mathcal{A}) < p$. Generalizing classical Shafarevich Hyperbolicity he conjectured that any smooth projective family of canonically polarized manifolds over a special base variety is necessarily isotrivial. I will report on joint work with Stefan Kebekus in which we prove Campana's conjecture for quasi-projective base manifolds Y° of $\dim Y^\circ \leq 3$. (Received August 11, 2009)