## A PROGRESS REPORT ON OPTICAL AND RADIO ASTROMETRY OF HIPPARCOS INERTIAL LINK OBJECTS.

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ABSTRACT. The status of our longterm joint optical- and radio observing program for the establishment of a new inertial optical- and radio reference frame is described. A special attempt is made to provide a suitable number of extragalactic sources and radiostars for an inertial HIPPARCOS reference link.