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Name of the telescopes on La Palma

As La Palma staff will already be aware from the announcement by Patrik Moore, the 1 metre telescope has been named the Kapteyn Telescope after Jacobus Kapteyn, the Dutch astronomer. The name is appropriate since he worked on problems of galactic structure similar to those which the telescope is expected to attack while it is here on the Roque.

At the meeting of the Observatorio's International Scientific Committee on Tenerife on 25/May/84, Alec Boksenberg announced the above. He also announced that the interim name UK Optical Telescopes will be replaced by the name Isaac Newton Group. In the 1960's Britain's biggest telescope was named after the British Scientist most highly regarded in the world. Now in the 1980's, its best collection of telescopes continues to commemorate this man.

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