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Ian McLean (b. 1949) has been a leader in astronomical instrumentation for four decades, through his work at the Royal Observatory of Edinburgh (Scotland), the Joint Astronomy Centre (Hawai'i), and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). He founded the UCLA infrared laboratory in 1989, a facility that has produced instrumentation for Lick Observatory, W.M. Keck Observatory, Gemini Observatory, and NASA's Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy. His leadership roles include chair of the Keck Science Steering Committee, Associate Director of UC Observatories, Vice Chair of UCLA Physics & Astronomy department, and chair of many international conferences. He has trained two generations of astronomers and instrumentalists through his university courses, seminars, articles, and books. He is a scholar, a gentleman, and a role model for scientists worldwide. The naming of this asteroid is on the occasion of the Scientific Detector Workshop 2013.

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