

#01/14 – Resetting for the New Year

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Dear Friends of our Practice and of good Architecture,

For us, 2014 began with a good number of new year's resolutions and "full of beans". We have wrapped some things and unpacked others; we have addressed good wishes and bid farewell.

Wishing you a beautiful spring!

Yours,
Wilford Schupp Architects

Topped out

After just nine months of construction Aesculap's new Innovation Factory has reached the next milestone in early February: Construction workers, structural engineers, architects and Aesculap staff have been recognized for their efforts during the topping-out ceremony last Thursday. Thanks to the time schedule and mild winter weather the construction process is right on time. Foreman Ralf Weber (Stumpp Company) encouraged the whole team to carry on the same way in order to create a "masterpiece". Following the traditional blessing ceremony he threw his wine glass from the top of the factory.

[>>Read article in detail](#)

Wrapped!

A recent view of the University for Music in Stuttgart: No, it wasn't Christo who wrapped the organ... but the organ builder!

The renovation of the University's cafeteria has started. For that purpose the precious instrument ("GlatterGötzOrgel") had to be sheeted and partly deconstructed.



Continued planning

After having reported on the project earlier, we are now happy to see further progress of the Music School project in Bernhausen near Stuttgart: The preliminary draft was approved and the team is now working on the design of the building.

Architecture Worldwide (part 3): B. Braun Vietnam Strives to be Best Employer



Lunch Break of a Truck Driver



Vietnamese Cookshop



B. Braun F.I.V.E. Factory in Hanoi

Out of the four production buildings proposed by our masterplan, one has already been built in Hanoi, Vietnam. Prior to the planning we had conducted an employee survey and gained valuable insight about the life of the employees and the Vietnamese culture. Certain needs were identified and then offered by the client: Outdoor activities for lunch breaks, recreation in the park, corporate medical care and a canteen that is opened from dusk until dawn make B. Braun “best employer”.

The survey also showed that the traditional Vietnamese extended family ceases to exist. Young parents have to go to work in the mornings without breakfast and work late in order to manage their family life. We have pled for the opportunity for employees to have a quick breakfast in the mornings, consisting of the popular Vietnamese soup dish “Pho Bo”. The documentary video by Deutsche Welle (link below) shows that people greatly appreciate working for B. Braun in Vietnam. We are happy to play a role in making the world a little better. Currently a sequel to the masterplan is being developed.

[>> Deutsche Welle on B. Braun Vietnam’s factory \(German\)](#)

Unpacked!



What a joy! The bikes collected in Stuttgart-Degerloch have finally reached their destination in South Africa. From now on they will roam the streets in Plettenberg. Manuel Schupp and the Rotary Club Stuttgart International say “Thank You” to all of the donators.

Operating!

Since early 2014 a new building embellishes the Malaysian island of Penang, incorporating the colours of the island's nature. The building (B10) provides a total of 31,000 m² of new spaces, as well as 420 parking lots for cars and 480 parking lots for scooters. Client B. Braun AG has already moved into the building. The middle segment of the building houses a new canteen and kitchen on 2,600 m².

Further Wilford Schupp buildings are still under construction in Penang: A production building (B 11) on Campus 2, and an ensemble of administration building (B 8), canteen (B 5) and production building (B 9)

on Campus 1.

[>>Slideshow Malaysia Projects](#)

Converted

The renovation of a historic building in the Stadtwald Park of Melsungen has recently started. Simultaneously the planning for the project is proceeding. B. Braun Melsungen AG has owned the building since the 1970s. It had originally been built as a sanatorium and is currently used for office and research purposes. The existing building will be complemented by a new addition. 200 working spaces and a canteen will be created. Milanese architectural practice "ilprisma" has designed the building, cooperating with Wilford Schupp Architekten for the implementation planning and permissions.

Changed

Michael Wilford and Manuel Schupp announce the cessation of their partnership in Wilford Schupp Architekten GmbH as of the 31st December 2013. Michael Wilford will no longer be a shareholder and leave the company management. He will continue to be a consultant to the practice within selected projects.

Recension: „Where children sleep“ von James Mollison

Dear Bibliophiles,

Time and time again we meet people in everyday life who seem to forget how blessed they are; that goes for us as well. The wealth of our prosperous society causes us to lose sight of this. That's why I strongly recommend this excellent book! The photographer James Mollison made pictures of children's rooms all over the world with portraits of the children from USA, Mexico, Brazil, England and Italy. Based on photographs and text he presents a number of destinies of children with a short view in their rooms or dwellings. We hear e.g. from the story of "Prena" from Kathmandu, Nepal who helps with an income of 6.50 \$ for the family's livelihood and who lives in a hole on a landing. On the other hand there's the story of four-year-old Jasmine from Kentucky, whose bedroom resembles that of a princess living in a fantasy kingdom. Jasmine spends her week-ends taking part in beauty contests; her success is shown in an exhibition of crowns in her room. This highly recommended coffee-table book, with its world-wide spectrum, triggers mixed emotions.

Best Wishes,
Manuel Schupp and Team

[>>Link to the English Book](#)

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