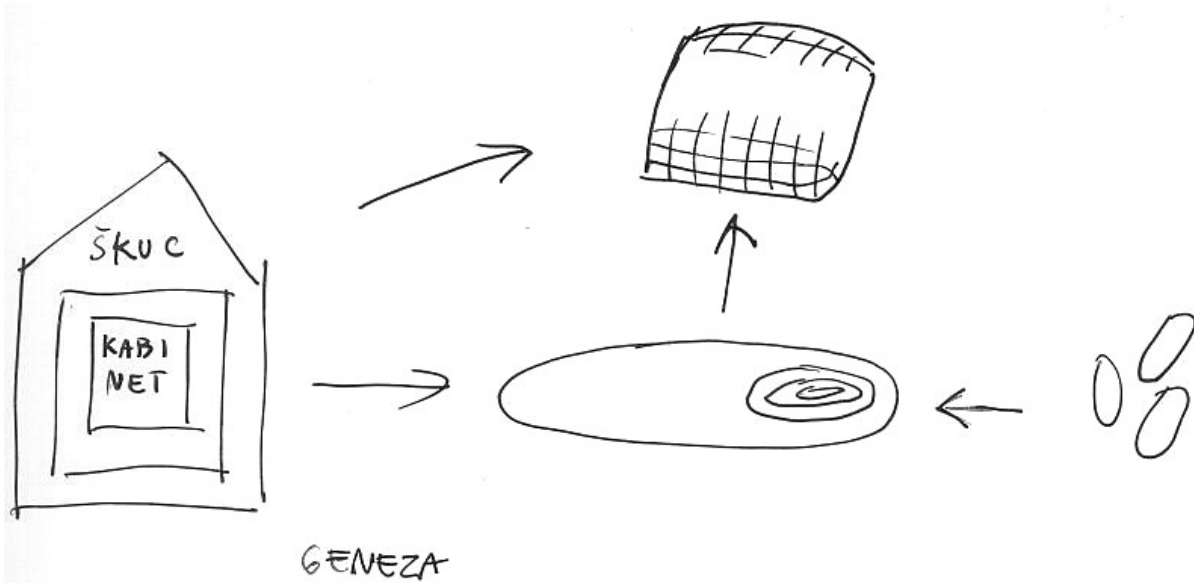


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Domestic Research Society was established by Damijan Kracina, Alenka Pirman and Jani Pirnat in 2004 to record, collect, research and present domestic phenomena. In 2005 they constructed the Cabinet, a modular and mobile display laboratory, based on the historical cabinets of wonders. In June 2007 it was offered to Irena Romih, a guest artist who explored its spatial potentials.

IRENA ROMIH: DISTENDED CABINET



About the project the author wrote:

"The title DISTENDED CABINET is intended to be a description of a feeling I am attempting to arouse by means of forms arching into space. With strips of plywood, I weave tense forms. They arouse associations of cocoons, bloated bellies, something that expands and overcomes space. The compressed, black, chamber space of the cabinet is the perfect breeding ground for this.

The form of arching is repeated in all the techniques I use. Years ago, I had an exhibition in Škuc where, through illusionism in a two-dimensional painting technique in egg tempera and wax, I did what I am now doing literally in three dimensions. This time, my tools are thin wooden strips that I weave into oversized and transformed domestic objects."

Irena Romih (1965, Celje) graduated in 1990 from the Academy of Fine Arts in Ljubljana under Prof Emerik Bernard. Between 1990 and 1994, she was a designer at the Rogaška Glassworks. She designed the packaging, for

which she received some awards. In 1994, she enrolled in post-graduate studies under Prof Metka Krašovec. Since 1997, she has mainly done book illustrations and traditional fresco. She explores the traditional fresco technique together with the base it is painted on – stone – to form an independent, transferable object. Through its form and tactile surface, it offers allusions to events or experiences from her personal life.

The exhibition was opened on June 29, 2007.

In July the Cabinet is opened between 5 and 8.30 pm (entrance through the ŠKUC Info Center). Till September 2007 the visit is possible also by appointment. Please, call 051 345 821, 041 922 782 ali 040 360 583 or write to info@ddr.si.

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