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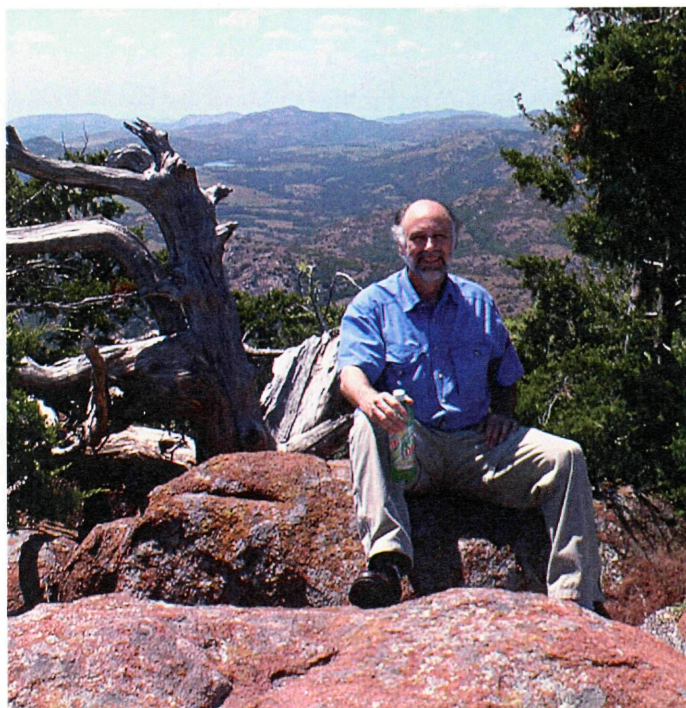
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Dear Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to comment on the Proceedings of UMAC's Third Conference. The Proceedings are a collection of international papers that are full of ideas, concepts, questions, studies, and lessons that deal with university museums. The authors are strong advocates for their museums, however, they also are proponents of engaging the community. The papers have relevance well beyond the collections and walls of the museums. University museums are emerging as institutions that are ideally suited to provide comprehensive interpretations of our world and participate in development of solutions to world problems. The strengths and resources of university museums make them highly qualified for a world leadership role, perhaps more qualified than many other social enterprises. It is a defining period for us all; what we choose to gain from university museums will transcend the years long after our conference.

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