



OPERATOR WORLD CUP 2017

In 2017, NAPCON set out to find the world's best process operators by hosting the first ever Operator World Cup. The cup began with online qualifications, where operators from around the world tested their industrial distilling skills by playing NAPCON Games Distiller. NAPCON Games Distiller is developed for process operators to train for a basic distillation process in an oil refinery.

In the autumn, qualified contestants proceeded to semi-finals, which were arranged at several industry events in London, Houston, Dubai and Helsinki. Two teams, the best operators of Neste and MOL Group, made their way to the finals, which took place at the Operational Excellence event in Houston, on the 8th of February, 2018. Both teams consisted of three players, whose joint individual results were combined for the overall team result.

The players played one NAPCON Games Distiller mission each, at fourfold speed. In the end, the differences between the world's greatest operators were very small. After a close competition, the MOL Group operators won the Operator World Cup by 34,777 points. MOL Group's total score was 406,253 and Neste's 371,476 points. The winners received a license for NAPCON Games Distiller.



After the tournament, one of the OWC winners also conducted research with NAPCON Games Distiller at the Budapest University of Technology and Economics, and the University of Pannonia. Of the participating students, a total of 92 % expressed that, given the chance, they would be happy to play the game at home. Students also expressed that the game was enjoyable, and it was generally felt that it contributed to their professional development.

"Playing NAPCON Games Distiller is educational, but also engaging and fun. It also feels really nice to be one of the world's smoothest operators. This is an honor, and it's great that the work of operators gets recognized like this."

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